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Hospital District Redevelopment: Get Involved

By Lisa Bingham

The redevelopment at 9th & Colorado has been the topic of much debate over the course of the summer. In June, Fuqua announced that Wal-Mart would be the anchor tenant for the mixed-use retail development, sparking an outcry from neighbors on both sides of Colorado Boulevard.

The Colorado Boulevard Health District (CBHD) has been involved with the project since the beginning, working with Shea Properties, then Sembler, and now Fuqua to try and come up with the best development for the site. CBHD is a group comprised of representatives from each of the area hospitals, as well as the neighborhood organizations. Since Sembler first presented their proposed site plan, we have been aware that the site would have a much larger retail component than the Shea plan, including a large-format retailer.

The site poses many challenges for a developer, including the demolition of several buildings, site remediation, and the reintroduction of the street grid. To help cover these costs, Fuqua was seeking Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

When the developer's contribution and traditional market financing (i.e., bank loans) can't cover the full cost of a development, TIF is a financing mechanism that can help bridge the gap. Bonds are issued to provide up-front financing and are repaid using the net new tax revenues generated by a project. Urban renewal plans have

to be approved by City Council, the DURA board, and the planning board has to approve the development.

While a Wal-Mart store is an acceptable use based on the project's zoning, many neighbors felt it was not the right fit for the community. A vote held by Congress Park Neighbors on August 15, demonstrated a strong opposition to TIF funding for the site and the inclusion of Wal-Mart in the tenant mix. Other neighborhood organizations also opposed the inclusion of Wal-Mart. A group called Stop Walmart Colorado formed to coordinate efforts to keep the chain away from Colorado Blvd.

On September 21, Councilwomen Robb and Susman released a statement in which they announced that they would not support TIF bonds for the site. They felt that the development had become strongly skewed toward a retail development rather than a true mixed-use site as it had originally been proposed, and that the inclusion of Wal-Mart was the "tipping point" for a review of the project. They also said that "[o]ur constituents have made their concerns about the current proposal known, and we respect their views."

In a response issued by Jeff Fuqua, he states: "We have a number of options available to reconfigure the financial structure and composition of the development plan.

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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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You are interested in maintaining 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. We're 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 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 to express your interest in volunteering. Not sure? Email Wendy Moraskie at wendyrich@msn.com to hear more.

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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 of each month 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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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 Historic Speakers Series 2013

By Carolyn Van Sciver

The CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee presented its tenth season of the Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series May through October. This year's topics included....

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. What topic is your house begging you to learn about? Tell Carolyn Van Sciver what you need to know and if you know of a good speaker on the subject at 303-377-4913 or cvansciver@earthlink.net. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact her, and make sure to sign up to help take flyers around before the talks.

The 2012 schedule wrapped up with:

August 29: Architecture 101. Preservation historian Brian Shaw described what features make a bungalow a bungalow, and a Denver Square, a Denver Square. He showed us how to decode our old houses' styles with examples from around the neighborhood.

September 26: Designing Period-Sensitive Additions. Architect Paul Bohrmann illustrated how we can get the additional space we need while maintaining the integrity of our original homes. He showed attendees how to improve the quality of life and maximize the investment we make in our houses with pop-tops, additions and interior and exterior makeovers. He emphasized the value of curb-appeal projects.

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Links for Old House Aficionados

Do you have an Arts and Crafts home design or a Bungalow? Maybe you believe that you have a Sears designed home? Congress Park Neighbors website has an extensive collection of web-links that can assist in the restoration and history of your home, from the interior to arts and crafts gardens.

We have links about everything from Aladdin Ready Cut Homes and Bungalow floor plans to the Roycrofter movement. Go to www.congressparkneighbors.org/other-links/arts-and-craft-homes/ and take a look under Arts and Crafts Homes.

The Congress Park neighborhood website has links to other topics under the Other Links page too; such as Museums and Institutions, News Organizations and Preservation Organizations.

If you have additional links that you think would be of service to others, please send them to us at webadmin@congressparkneighbors.org

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Teller Wine Tasting for Adults Benefits Kids

By Allyson Mendenhall

For the fifth year in a row, Teller Elementary in Congress Park hosted Taste for Teller on November 3. The annual fundraiser, popular with parents and Congress Park residents, benefits the school by providing funds for specials classes such as music, P.E., library and Gifted and Talented program. The event featured wine, beer and spirit tastings as well as a silent auction that offered an enticing array of goods and services. The event was held at Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church at 1100 Fillmore Street.



Teller received a variety of donations for the auction, including restaurant gift certificates, salon visits, mountain home getaways, hotel stays, tickets to Denver sports games, and memberships to area museums. New this year, the students in each classroom collaborated to create an original group artwork that was auctioned off at the event.

Marczyk/Fairfax Fine Wines annually anchors the wine tasting and this year presented a food-centric theme with individual tables showcasing wines that

pair well with: Hors d'oeuvres/Aperitifs; Shellfish/Seafood; Pork/Poultry; Lamb/Beef; and Dessert/Cheese. All wines were under \$20 with the average price point \$10-12. Back for a second year, Leopold Bros. offered spirit tastings. A few small local breweries participated also.

The 21+ event provided a festive occasion for parents to stock up on holiday gifts and also to take advantage of discounts on fantastic wines, at the same time benefitting Teller programs and student learning.

Sold in 2012 by Lisa Santos



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The View From East

By Jacqueline Kimmell

As a cool breeze sweeps down the Esplanade and snow blankets the "E," East High School is preparing for Winter. The election provided a lot of excitement to the school as the competing East High Forward Club (representing Democratic students) and the CLIR club (Conservative, Libertarian, Independent and Republican students) staged a debate about the pertinent issues in the election. The debate provided teenagers, some of whom are not yet able to vote, an opportunity to voice their opinions on the issues in an atmosphere of civility and respect, an atmosphere often missing in the country as a whole. The students who were 18 years of age by the election had myriad opportunities to register, as a table with a voter registration volunteer was a perennial feature in the school's lobby. Obama's appearance at City Park on October 24th, just blocks away from East, saw hundreds of students leave school early and go to the rally for a chance to be close to the President. Many students also drove up to Red Rocks to rally for Romney at an event there on October 23rd.

Seniors spent the Fall deluged by mail from colleges all across the country. The Winter, on the other hand, brings college application panic for those of us lucky enough to think about going to college. Each school requires lengthy essays, hefty fees, seemingly endless forms, and often a sweat-inducing interview. To use a seasonal example, the whole process is somewhat like a giant corn maze with a series of bizarre twists and turns and people who jump out at you to ask for money (between application fees and sending test scores, it can cost around \$100 dollars per college, or \$700-800 for the average applying student.) The January deadlines bring pure panic to the minds of many seniors who have to write supplementary essays in addition to the time devoted to schoolwork and extracurricular activities. But I'm sure all will be able to hear the sigh

of relief in mid-January when Congress Park seniors are finally done and then the sudden inhale of breath while they wait to hear back from the schools until the Spring. Juniors are also starting the college process as tests like the ACT and the SAT ferociously loom in their near future.

The cold weather was also a cruel backdrop to the East High boys soccer team who, after winning the 5A championships in 2011, fell this year in the quarterfinal game to Fairview. This was a particularly crushing defeat for the team which is composed primarily of seniors. The Constitutional Scholars team, national finalists last year, are gearing up, hoping to hold on to the district title in November and the State title in December. British accents and crazy costumes warmed up the auditorium as the East Theater Company put on Alice in Wonderland in their yearly production during the first week of November. The somewhat-bizarre play was brought to life by the cast who performed in a staggering seven shows despite the actress who played Alice developing a case of laryngitis. All residents of the Congress park neighborhood were invited to go to the shows which are incredibly professional for a high-school level production and only \$15 if one buys tickets at the door. If anybody missed the winter show, they are encouraged to go East's musical production of Beauty and the Beast in the Spring. Certainly things are heating up at East as the weather cools.



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Sharing helpful hints and home improvement ideas for our neighborhood.

By Glen Girard

Want to see what thermal comfort looks like at your house?

As with any home project, you need the right tool. In this case, we are talking about the use of thermal imaging to take infrared photos or video of your house. The image is generated by colors representing specific temperature readings across an object or structure. Darker colors, such as blue and purple are cooler temperatures and colors like red, orange, and yellow show hotter temperatures. A quick web search will show examples.

Thermal images provide a non-invasive method to analyze a home from the inside and out. For example, an outside image of the house will show where heated indoor air is escaping. Other images inside the house can reveal areas of moisture and hidden water damage without disturbing walls, floors, and ceilings. Window drafts, leaking door seals, and areas with missing insulation can all be identified and fixed. Images also have the ability

to show problem areas in your heating and cooling systems. Once the images are viewed you can easily identify projects that need to be addressed.

We will leave the project list up to you, but we are not done with our thermal imaging. Now you can see the difference. Once the project is ready, another round of matching images are taken. Comparing the images side-by-side will show the difference your project made or where more work needs to be done. This is extremely useful if you are hiring a contractor or verifying your own work.

So, where do you find a thermal imaging camera? Depending on your interests, a full range of models are available for purchase or thermal imaging companies can perform a home analysis. Some companies operate as independent inspectors and others also perform the needed home improvements in a package. The choice is yours, there are several ways to see your house through a whole new lens.

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Here's the Challenge: Increase Comfort, Improve Air Quality, Cut Energy Waste

By Julie Carlton, Denver's Energy Outreach Coordinator

Greetings Congress Park!

The Denver Energy Challenge is a free energy program provided by the City and County of Denver available to help residents and businesses cut energy waste, while saving money and increasing indoor comfort and air quality. Free energy advisors are provided along with access to exclusive rebates and financing when you sign up. A new low-cost energy loan will be available starting August 8th so call today to get signed up and see what energy saving measures are applicable to your property. To date over 4,300 residents and 940 businesses have taken the Challenge to cut energy waste here in Denver. Act now while these free resources are available!

Here is a great video you can link as well. It really helps tell the story of how this City program can help residents cut energy waste.
<http://youtu.be/dZvnQGtdyU>

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Save the Date
The annual meeting will be January 16, 2013; pizza and pop are on the agenda, and the location will be announced by email blast, so sign up for that at <http://www.congressparkneighbors.org/>

Your Name in Lights? Volunteer Opportunity: Newsletter Writer

You know what's going on around your block and at your favorite neighborhood businesses on Colfax and along 12th Avenue. Who better to write that up for the newsletter? Volunteer to write about Congress Park Neighborhood or get involved in another way. Call 303-355-3735 or email wendyrich@msn.com with "CPNews" in the subject line.

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New Program Helps Low-Income Coloradans with Health Care Needs

By Aubrey Hill

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 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. And you can find a list of Congress Park merchants on our website. Thank you, Maggie!

Going to the doctor can be expensive, especially when you don't have health insurance. But when you aren't getting regular check-ups and aren't keeping your chronic conditions under control, you can wind up in the emergency room where health care is much more expensive and difficult.

There is a new Medicaid program that might be able to help you get the health care you need if your income is very low and you do not have any dependent children living with you.

This new program established with the help of a new state law offers the coverage that will provide regular health care to keep chronic conditions under control and avoid the emergency room. Even if you are currently on CICIP, you should consider applying. You will get more benefits with Medicaid and have quicker access to health care services.

Medicaid benefits include (but are not limited to) coverage for: regular check-ups, prescription drugs, hospitalization, medical transportation, mental health, substance abuse issues, immunizations, lab and x-rays and more.

You should consider applying if you are:

- An adult without dependent children,
- Under age 65, and
- Are earning little to no income.

If you think you might qualify, you should apply today! There are several ways to do this, such as visiting your local county department (in Denver, the department is located on 1200 Federal Blvd., and open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or applying online via Colorado.gov/PEAK. You can also call 1-800-221-3943 if you have questions.

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Waldorf Eighth Graders Mentor First Graders

By Sydney Lewark

On the first day of school, there is an important event at Waldorf called the Rose Ceremony. Each eighth grader is paired with a first grader, the start of a friendship that will grow extremely strong throughout the year.

I became an eighth-grade buddy to an excited first grader, whom I had never met. All I knew was her name and that momentarily I would hand her a rose in front of the whole school in our auditorium, which has been bestowed with the name The Festival Hall.

I sat there trying to guess how many people would be staring at me. I was going to be second in my class to be introduced to their first grader. My class and I waited as the rest of the students and teachers filled up the room, parents finding chairs at the back or squeezing into empty spaces along the walls.

Two students from every class were called up to form an arch that the first grader and their eighth grader would walk through. At the end of the arch stood a senior with a rose that the eighth grader would receive and give to their first grader. When the room grew quiet, we stood up and waited for our first grader's name to be called.

I remember Paige, my eighth grader. At the time, she seemed extremely tall, taller it seemed than anybody I had ever seen. She laughed often and never said 'no' when I asked her to pick me up in the air. It was a very strange feeling to me now that it was my turn to be extremely tall, to laugh and to hold this young girl, a girl who would look up to me and eight years from now stand in my place.

My first grader's name was called, and I walked steadily across the floor. Megan looked so small and nervous standing there, floral dress neat and white socks pulled up precisely over her shiny shoes.

I smiled, got down on my knees and hugged her, feeling the hesitation and bewilderment that she felt as this tall stranger showed her this immediate sign of affection. We clasped hands and walked underneath the arch formed by the students. At the end stood a senior with a rose. I took it and passed it into Megan's small hands.

She cradled the flower in her arms, and for a moment I thought sadly of June when would come around and she would be moving on to second grade. She would give the rose back to me at another ceremony and we would part with memories of such a wonderful and unlikely friendship.

Sydney Lewark is an eighth grader at the Denver Waldorf School

District 3 Community Resource Officer is Tony Burkhardt.

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We very much appreciate Tony's care for our safety.

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By Rachel O'Bryan, Congress Park Crime Action Co-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*

Crime Action Volunteers

Rachel O'Bryan and Larry Goldman are our crime action committee volunteers and can both be reached at crime@congressparkneighbors.org

CPN is eager to revitalize our Neighborhood Watch program and if you would like to volunteer with Rachel and Larry, or learn more about Neighborhood Watch, please contact them.

In our last edition, I described Denver Police Department's new Crime Lab facility. This month I will tell you how DNA analysis performed by DPD solved a Congress Park burglary on my block.

It was a late summer morning. A new neighbor was preparing her children for daycare and getting herself ready for work. She heard a knocking at the back door. It was an unusual sound, but she assumed her husband had forgotten something and was coming back to get it before work. Unable to drop everything and not expecting any visitors, she made her way downstairs a few minutes later. Separated by just a few feet and her glass paneled back door, she was shocked to confront a man attempting to break in. When he looked up and saw her there he turned and bolted off the porch and down the street.

She called the DPD. An officer arrived to take her statement. Photos were taken and her front door was dusted for fingerprints. After he left and she was finally heading off to work she stepped onto her front porch and noticed a sticky liquid dripped on the floor. She knew it wasn't from her family and wondered if it was left by the investigating officer. So she called DPD again. They said not to clean it up; they would send a forensic team out immediately to swab for DNA. It was subsequently determined that the sticky substance was melted popsicle. That reminded her husband that he had picked up a popsicle wrapper in the front yard earlier that day, thinking it trash. The DPD asked for the wrapper, which was fished out of the garbage. Months later she and her husband were informed that the would-be burglar was caught and a DNA match was made from the wrapper that was critical to the man's conviction.

In the modern era of crime solving, DNA analysis is no longer the exception, but the norm – even for property crimes. For two years, from 2005 to 2007, Denver participated in what it called the "Burglary Project." The purpose of the study was to determine whether DNA analysis is a cost effective way to solve property crimes. The study concluded that cases that contained DNA evi-

dence resulted in more prosecutions, better pleas (to the top charge), three times more convictions, and longer sentences (from average 1.6 years to 16.1 years for a traditional home burglary). They quantified the benefit thus: for every dollar spent on DNA forensics, \$90 in property loss and police expenses are prevented.

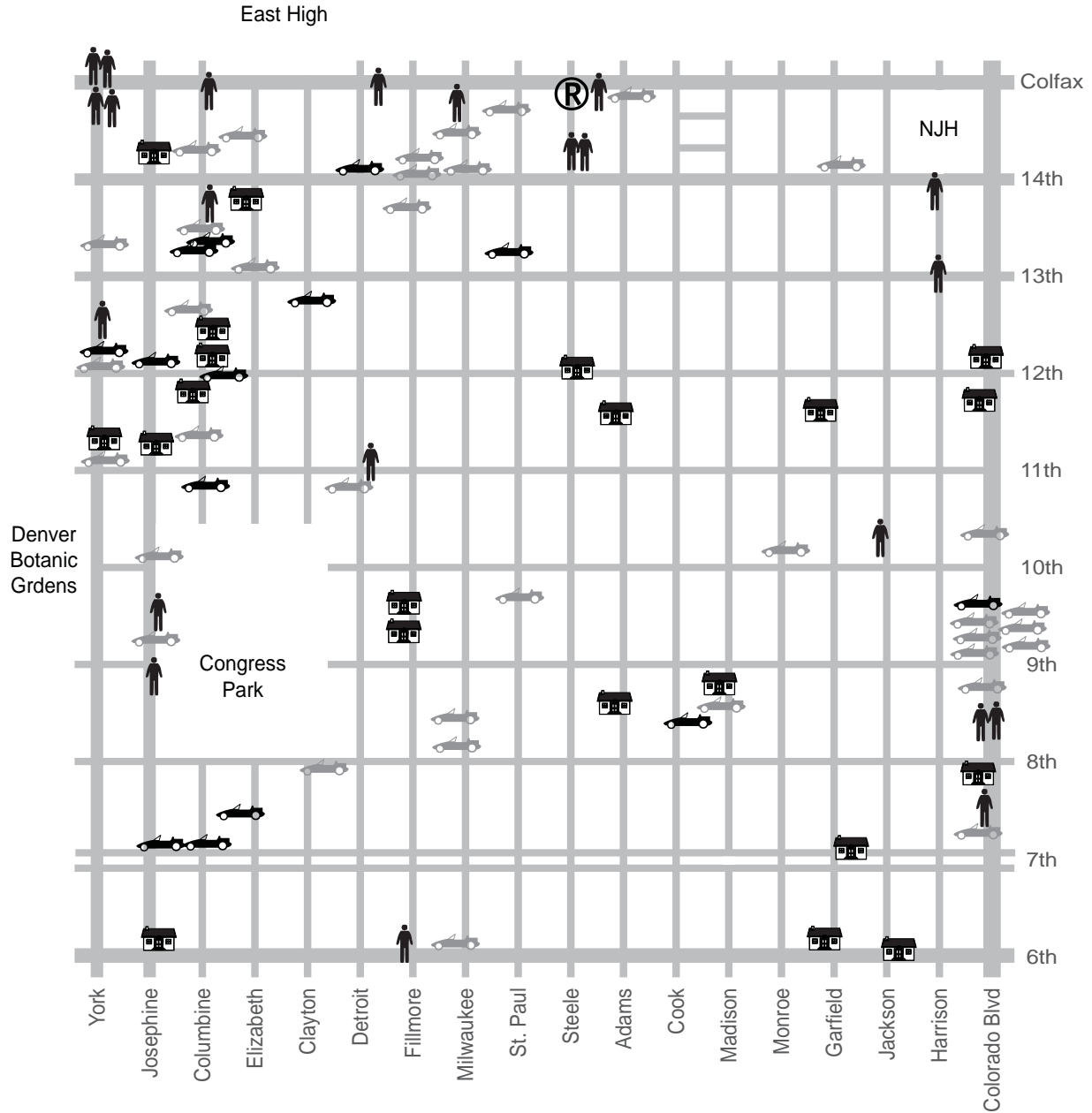
So the old adage "Don't touch anything before the police arrive" holds even more importance. According to Detective Tran who spoke one day at District 3 headquarters, DPD is more likely to obtain DNA than fingerprints from a crime scene. Despite how easy television shows make it look, latent fingerprints are hard to find, difficult to collect and often just yield a partial print.

DNA on the other hand can come from many sources. If glass is broken to gain entry there may be blood or skin cells left behind. Often a burglar will eat or drink something from the house and leave behind the can, bottle or wrapper with saliva on it. Or, he might relieve himself in your bathroom and hit the rim or not flush. Despite the yuck factor, urine can be a source for DNA. Another source is a cigarette butt dropped in a flowerpot or outside the door. Especially in the case of crimes against persons, hair that isn't the victim's can be collected.

In recent years, states and the federal government have begun to collect DNA samples from convicted felons. As the database of DNA profiles expands, cold cases are getting run through the national law enforcement DNA database - CODIS (COmbined DNA Index System) and matches are being made leading to arrests in decades old sexual assaults and murders. DNA extraction techniques have improved so dramatically that evidence collected before the science even existed can yield usable DNA.

Lucky for my neighbors, we live in a time where even the common house burglary warrants the CSI treatment.

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-  **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 in the third quarter of 2012. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.

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EXHIBITS & ART AT THE GARDENS

Denver Botanic Gardens is one of the premiere locations for world-class art, special exhibits and innovative programs. Exhibition details subject to change. Visit www.botanicgardens.org for details.

EVENTS

Cafeteria Man, Directed by Richard Chisolm
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6-8 p.m., Mitchell Hall
2012 CHIPOTLE SUSTAINABLE FILM SERIES

Cafeteria Man is a story of positive movement that shows what's possible in our nation's schools. It's about the aspiration of social activists and citizens coming together to change the way kids eat at school. It's about overhauling a dysfunctional nutritional system. And, it's the story of what it takes, and who it takes, to make solutions happen.

The feature documentary film chronicles an ambitious effort to 'green' the public school diet serving 83,000 students in Baltimore. Leading the charge to replace pre-plated, processed foods with locally-grown, freshly-prepared meals is Tony Geraci, food-service director for Baltimore public schools. A charismatic chef from New Orleans, Geraci's bold vision includes school vegetable gardens, student-designed meals, meatless Mondays, and nutrition education in the classroom. His mission is as audacious as it is practical.

Queen of the Sun – What are the Bees Telling us?
Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6-8 p.m., Mitchell Hall
A profound, alternative look at the global bee crisis from director Taggart Siegel. Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this engaging and ultimately uplifting film weaves an unusual and dramatic story of the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world. Together they reveal both the problems and the solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature.

2012 ORANGERY DISPLAY
JAPANESE-THEMED DISPLAY –
through November 18

Chrysanthemums, bamboo and character pines will be on display in our Orangerie. Come walk among the bright, warm colors of fall.

HOLIDAY DISPLAY – Nov. 21, 2012-Jan. 6, 2013

This holiday-themed indoor exhibit will feature various cultivars of poinsettias in our new Orangerie.

CONTEMPORARY TRADITIONS:
BOTANICAL ART AND ILLUSTRATION
Nov. 19, 2012-Feb 5, 2013,
Gates Garden Court Gallery

The Botanical Art & Illustration Certificate Program combines scientific exactitude and creative self-expression to produce beautiful and accurate plant portraits. Noted British botanical artist Ann Swan juries this year's exhibition, which includes calligraphy, bookbinding and papermaking.
Reception: Sunday, Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m.

MOMMY AND ME YOGA (DADDIES TOO!)
Monday afternoons
3 – 4:30 p.m.
Denver Botanic Gardens

Certified yoga instructor Chris Anne Coviello and her daughter will lead you and your baby in exercises, dances and relaxation movements that will allow you and your child to rejoice together. As your children stay by your side, you will move, breathe dance, stretch and strengthen. The children will then join you for their turn with movement, coordinated with songs, dancing and brain development exercises. Yoga is an excellent way for moms to get back into shape quickly, and for dads to stay in shape – and to meet other new parents.

Cost: \$12 members, \$14 non-members
Two-for-one class price applies (Mommy & Daddy or two Guardians and baby)
KUNDALINI YOGA
Monday evenings
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Morrison Center
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The ancient and sacred practice of Kundalini yoga is the oldest form of yoga, kept secret by advanced yogis until recently. From your very first class, you'll reap the rewards – including relief from back pain, stress, addiction, depression and insomnia, and weight control. Kundalini yoga promises you peace of mind. Elevate and experience yourself through this ancient science! All levels welcome; no experience required. Please bring water and a yoga mat.

Cost: Single session: \$8 member, \$10 non-member/drop-in rate. Instructor: Chris Anne Coviello

Visit the World-Class Gardens in Our Neighborhood, cont.

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HOLIDAY SALE

Preview Party: Thursday, Nov. 8
Friday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Denver Botanic Gardens' annual Holiday Sale will kick the holiday season into full gear with a wide variety of distinctive and handcrafted gifts that you won't find at malls. Unique items for sale include artwork, hand-knit clothing, handmade bags, natural skin and bath products, gourmet foods, jewelry and much more. Additionally, the Gardens' Guild will offer its popular assortment of homemade gourmet herbal vinegars made from herbs cut at the Gardens.

CAFÉ BOTANIQUE

Every First and Third Thursday
6:30-8 p.m.
Denver Botanic Gardens

This lecture environment provides an atmosphere where botanical science, research and the arts come together for academia, artists and the general public to enrich understanding of plants, art and people and engage in community dialogue. There is no admission fee and pre-registration is not required. Refreshments will be provided.

BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT – Lighting Up the City
Nightly, Nov. 30, 2012-Jan. 1, 2013
Denver Botanic Gardens

One million colorful lights draped in elegant designs will illuminate the plants and hardscape features throughout the Gardens. Romantic and popular kissing spots will return, as well as strolling choirs on select evenings, warm beverages and tasty treats and the popular HoloSpex glasses, which magically transform the lights into shimmering 3-D shapes. Guests will have a chance to get warm in Marnie's Pavilion and the Orangery.

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GARDENING HELP

Gardening Help is a joint program of Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and Denver Botanic Gardens. Colorado Master Gardeners have answers to your gardening questions! Master Gardeners are on site in November from 12-4 p.m. Access our experts in-person at the Gardens, by phone at 720-865-3575 and via e-mail at gardeninghelp@botanicgardens.org

Robocalls Verify Numbers for More Calls

Be wary of robocalls that instruct you to press "1" to reach a live operator, or press another number to be taken off the list. This is just a ploy to determine if the phone number is active. Punching ANY number will result in future robocalls. Robocalls are commonly associated with "spoofing", which is information that is falsified on a caller ID to make it appear that the call is from a legitimate business such as a bank, or a business known or solicited by the consumer. Fake caller ID's may also show the numbers 123456789, or the caller may appear as "unknown."

In response to the overwhelming number of robocall complaints that have been received by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), aggressive action is being taken to identify and shut down a number of businesses that have been in violation. Since 2010, the FTC has stopped over a billion robocalls, largely due to consumer complaints. Consumers can keep the pressure on by lodging a complaint with the FTC online at www.donotcall.gov or call toll free at 1-888-382-1222.

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Old Ploys – New Scares: “Tech” Age Scams Update the Old Cons

By Barbara Martin-Worley, Director, Consumer Fraud Protection
Denver District Attorney's Office

Scams of all kinds are on the increase, particularly pitches that come over cell phones, through text messages, fax machines and personal emails. Consumers across the state and U.S. are being bombarded with bogus winnings, offers of non-existent or malicious services, and scare tactics that are designed to steal personal and financial information. Unsuspecting victims who respond to these ads not only put themselves at considerable risk of identity theft; they are opening themselves up to other scams that may cause many other problems. There are virtually thousands of scams in circulation at any given time. Fortunately, the most effective mode of prevention is to just delete or hang up! The following are some of the more common ruses making the rounds:

Computer problem scam - A person purporting to be from Microsoft calls and exclaims that your home computer may be at risk of a serious security threat. However, the “problem” can be corrected over the phone. The caller then instructs you to perform certain computer functions, and by doing so, tricks you into giving him/her remote access to your computer. To “resolve” any future security problems, the fraudster may download damaging malware and then turn around and charge you a fee for this job.

Missed jury duty ruse - You receive a phone call, text or email message from an alleged court official who charges that you failed to show for jury duty. The problem is, you never received a summons to appear. To avoid legal consequences, you must clear your record by giving him your Social Security number and other personal information. Names of legitimate-sounding businesses are also used to perpetrate similar schemes.

Spoofing, smishing and phishing scams – You are asked to take a voter survey, which in turn qualifies you for a free vacation or a cruise. But first you must leave a credit or debit card number to cover the travel fees. Or, you receive a gift card offer from a retailer such as Walmart. To cash in on the offer, you must first leave personal information. When these scams happen over the phone, they are referred to as “spoofing” scams.

When received as a text message, they are called “smishing” scams; and if they come over email, they are referred to as “phishing scams”.

Just delete or hang up! Legitimate businesses don't notify their customers of problems over email, through texts, or over the phone!

Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179

Hospital District Redevelopment: Get Involved

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The current design plan gives the neighbors and the whole city of Denver a vibrant retail and community gathering space that will generate millions in sales tax revenues, and as such we want to build that plan.” This commitment to the project is a change of tone from earlier presentations by Fuqua, in which he stated that without Wal-Mart they would not get the TIF, and without TIF he would have to walk away from the project.

Since that time, there have been no new developments to share. CBHD meetings have been cancelled pending a new scenario that moves the project forward. From Shea to Sembler to Fuqua, getting a General Development Plan (GDP) approved and then amended, developing Design Guidelines—the former site of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center has seen a lot of talk and planning, but not a shovelful of dirt has yet been moved. With the delay in getting the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) approved and the departure of Wal-Mart, it looks like it will be a bit longer before that will happen.

Lisa Bingham is the Congress Park Neighbors representative on the Colorado Boulevard Health District board. Comments can be directed to cpn-board@congressparkneighbors.org.

What interesting things are your neighbors up to?

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on the agenda, and the location
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