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Congress Park Pool Refresh Moving Forward

By Myles Tangalin

The Congress Park Pool reconstruction is moving forward; design has been completed and construction will break ground in early 2021, with scheduled completion in early 2022. Project funding was voter-approved in the 2017 10-year \$937 mil. Elevate Denver General Obligation (GO) Bond, which provided \$8.3 mil. to replace our aging and leaking outdoor 1955 50-meter pool.

Denver Parks will redesign and enlarge the current playground and incorporate it into the new pool entry and parking lot water quality rain garden. The city would like your input on this project, and public meetings are planned.

Sign up for notices from Congress Park Neighbors at <https://www.congressparkneighbors.org/>, for links to this and other public zoom meetings.

CPN will also share notices of other project components, including:

- public art. The RFP for local artists will be released in the next few weeks.
- possible perimeter walks and bikeways, seen in the East Central Area Plan (ECAP)

The new pool house design includes a large wood-toned slightly sloped shed roof with large overhangs that covers both the staff building and the main pool house. Visitors enter between the two white concrete block buildings; gates and opening have wood toned accents. The style is a clean mid-century modern, described by the architect as “timeless.”

The new “L”-shaped pool keeps the 50-meter lanes residents requested and adds eight 25-meter league lanes. A larger children’s pool area has been added to the north with pool fencing now extending up the northern slope.

The pool house interior is also a modern layout based on new health requirements, according to the presenters. The changing rooms, showers and restrooms are designed as unisex.

The new larger pool area could accommodate 200+ users during league swimming. The focus group raised questions about the unisex design, and logistics of changing and showering during heavy use.

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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.

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 4,500 residents and businesses within the area bounded by Colfax Avenue, Sixth Avenue, York Street and Colorado Boulevard.

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During the Pandemic, Denver and Congress Park Neighbors Need You!

Opportunities to get involved in our city and our great neighborhood

After five+ months of avoiding large crowds and wearing masks while we're out, we've got the routine down. Now we're looking around at how we can help others, and your neighborhood needs your expertise.

The biggest, most urgent need is for people who have time to review the City's wide-ranging proposal for how Congress Park will be part of a vision for the City over the coming generations. Called the East Central Area Plan, it is a huge undertaking that seeks to create space for the projected increases in population over the next several years, among many other goals. If your brain cells are crying out for some exercise besides the next Netflix binge, please contact a board member below to find out how you can help.

Are you working at home and need to create a boundary between the end of the work day and the beginning of your evening? What are you interested in? Architecture? Open space? Trolley cars? Transportation and parking? Your volunteer neighborhood organization needs your talents and has a committee or a task that needs your expertise! Join CPN's Green Team or the Safe Streets or Historic Preservation committees. Help the neighbors who keep us all informed on city issues like Parks and Rec and Zoning.

Love to write fun stuff? We need your articles for the newsletter. Want to get more exercise? You can help deliver the newsletter and other meeting flyers as they come up. Contact any of the people in the list below, and let them know how you'd like to help.

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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!

And we thank these committed neighbors:

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All Congress Park Neighbors meetings are postponed until public gatherings are encouraged.

Sign up for CPN e-blasts to get current information.

Activate or Renew Your Membership

By Tom Conis, CPN Membership Chair

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., has been the Registered Neighborhood Organization for the neighborhood bounded by Colfax, 6th Ave., York St. and Colorado Blvd. for more than 30 years.

With an all-volunteer Board and more volunteers leading projects, our goal is to provide accurate information to neighbors about neighborhood issues that City government is deciding on and managing.

Your Board does not take a position at any City meeting on any issue without first polling affected neighbors to ensure true representation.

An RNO (Registered Neighborhood Organization) is not an HOA (Home Owners' Association). From the City's website: HOAs are generally paid membership organizations, mandatory with home ownership in certain housing developments, with one of its main purposes being to promote/enforce the development's covenants.

RNOs, by contrast, are generally larger groups of volunteer residents and property owners that represent significant geographic areas within the city. An RNO is generally an active membership, led by local residents and working within the intent of the ordinance to facilitate communication between the city and its members.

Making sure accurate information gets to the more than 5000 households in the neighborhood is not easy and we could use your help.

Our events and activities are made possible by the financial support of our members and the generous spirit of our volunteers. We invite you to join us and help our civic association thrive and add even more activities.

Your investment in and support of your Neighborhood Association is greatly appreciated!

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Congress Park Pool Refresh Moving Forward, continued

By Myles Tangalin

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Parking: The current lot would be restriped for additional spots and the entry road would be angled parking. Without sidewalks on the northwest edge of the park, the plans as they stand could create car/pedestrian/bike conflicts. This road is also designated in the ECAP as a future bikeway between Cheesman and Congress Park. Parks will need to find other funding for the entry road modifications or any other site improvements not within the pool's reconstruction envelope.

Detailed information on this project is scarce. I am only aware of a single illustrative overall graphic released publicly, and other meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19. More public and neighborhood engagement, with plans and details available for open discussion, should be part of an \$8.3 mil. design process. I think we can do better.



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Navigating High School During COVID-19

By Errin K

New Voice

Errin is one of our neighbors and a student at Teller Elementary. Welcome to the CPNews, Errin!

In January 2020, as I ventured into the second semester of my junior year at East, I was hesitant but looking forward to taking my upcoming SAT and AP tests. I also wanted to make the best of the year and go out with my friends and go skiing more. As I dove into my classes, I heard the occasional chatter around COVID-19 but nothing that seemed scary. In my health and medical class, we did a week-long study on infectious diseases, and I got a small glimpse into what was really happening in Asia. We started having cases in the U.S., but it still seemed so far away.

Then, the cases got closer, and there was slight talk that we would have an extended spring break but that it would be nothing to worry about—we would simply be using up our unused snow days.

However, as I went into my second week of spring break, I started getting emails from my teachers instructing me to begin doing some of the work they had wanted me to get caught up on by the day we would return.

Then, plans changed yet again and classes were moved entirely online. Everything seemed to be cancelled, and I wasn't sure when I was going to be able to take my SAT or if I'd get to go to prom. With every week that passed, the possibility of going back to school seemed less likely.

Although my teachers tried, I lost almost all of my previous engagement. Classes felt pointless and were mainly a review of topics we had learned before spring break. Weeks went by, the day of prom passed, and finals were approaching. Some of my class barely had a final and the others simply seemed less than important.

The only thing that still held its importance was my AP testing, and it went by in a flash. Preparing for those had to be the most studying I've ever done at home. Once those were done, I sat there and didn't know what to do. Online school (or the madhouse that it was) was over, and I was left with what seemed to be less knowledge and less motivation than ever.

Despite everything, I was still able to keep my grades up and found joy in my own exploration of topics in the subjects I gravitate towards. That and the prospect of summer, as always, kept me running. As for this fall, I am hoping East will return to a tiny bit of our old normal, but with the needed precautions to keep us all safe.



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Impressions From a Teller Elementary Student During the Pandemic

By Vera F

When we started the school year at Teller Elementary in the fall of 2019, everything was normal. There was no new coronavirus and everyone was together. At school we learned many subjects. For example, we learned about global warming and how it affects the planet. We learned addition, subtraction and made it halfway through fractions. There were big school events, like the Fun Run, the Talent Show and the 3rd Grade Concert. We even had big school gatherings when famous authors came and read parts of their newest books.

But then the coronavirus struck China. Everybody was talking about it. And one day, when I walked in the door after school, my parents told my brother and me to sit down on the couch to talk to them. I thought I was in trouble! But instead, my parents said, "School is going to be canceled for the next three weeks." And they explained that big gatherings could spread the coronavirus to other people, so to be safe, we needed to stay home.

Even though there was school the next day, my parents didn't allow me to go. I was devastated. I didn't get to say goodbye to my friends at school. I would miss one of my favorite classes, specials. Coronavirus had come to Colorado. After that, I occasionally saw my classmates biking, walking or running past my house, but besides that, I never saw them.

When we shifted to school at home, we were online most of the time, had meetings with my teacher at noon on Zoom, and my mom had to help teach me. It was harder for me than being at school because my mom had to help my brother too. One thing I did enjoy was my one-on-one meetings with Mr. Smartt, our school's restorative justice counselor. He asked me what I was up to and how everything was going at home. That made me feel like things were more normal.

Now in 2020, our school plans for the fall include being in the classroom five days a week starting in October, but we will have to wear masks and space our desks out, and lunch and recess will look different too. School is planning on starting online in August. I'm sad about doing school online because I won't get to see as many people

and have some time out of the house, alone with my friends and without my siblings. I feel worried about the way school will be in October because I like playing with my friends and sharing tables with them, and I am not sure how it will be when we have to space out and social distance.

It has been a hard year because this was my first year in public school and it is all new to me. I know this has been hard for other people in different ways, but this is how the school year went for me.

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COMPASS

COVID-19 and Stay-(Only)-at-Home-Parenting in Congress Park

By Alison S

No one with young children is living their #bestlife right now, not even in beautiful Congress Park. Every parent I know is struggling with the stress of being full-time caregivers and teachers, while also juggling the responsibilities of work and full-time doomscrolling. An isolated unit, my daughter, husband, and I feel like a solitary outpost on the modern prairie—but instead of cholera, we have Netflix and Amazon Prime. Things could be much worse.

Even with modern conveniences, raising a toddler during a pandemic is a horror movie. But instead of A Quiet Place, it's A Don't Touch Anything or Get Near Anyone Place. The villain is the asymptomatic super spreader, and all you can do is hope your character survives until the end because your toddler never listens to you (which, now that I think about it, is the real threat).

When I found out that I was pregnant with my second child in January, I imagined continuing to work my fulfilling research job until the baby was due. I imagined dropping my three-year-old off at

her preschool and going to brunch at Zorba's with my husband before OB appointments. I imagined shopping at Target for tiny little dresses, smiling at the cashier and telling him that I'm due in September with my second little girl (because he cared so much, I'm sure!).

Looking back, how naïve was I? There were clear signs that 2020 would be no time to bring a child into the world. But what can I say?! I must be an optimist (i.e., crazy).

The first warnings of impending chaos came from my dad, a doctor, who was closely following the outbreak. I remember him sharing a terrifying video from an overwhelmed hospital in Italy. After I watched it, I knew it was possible that it could happen here. Receiving notice that schools would be closing seemed inevitable, but I still was not emotionally prepared for it when it happened and brought an accompanying loss of identity. I took off my active professional working mom hat and put on my hermit hypochondriac stay-(only)-at-home mom hat. And let me tell you, one of those hats is covered

in crumbs and slathered in Purell.

As I have experienced it, here are five stages of quarantine grief for parents of young children in Congress Park: 1. Denial ("Our Montessori school is closing?! No way, I can't believe it! Surely only for a few weeks!"); 2. Anger ("I will break the T.V. if I have to watch Frozen 2 one more time!"); 3. Bargaining ("Please God, if you make this pandemic go away, I will join the composting program"); 4. Depression ("My children

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By Alison S

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have sucked the life out of me. My soul is drier and emptier than the Congress Park pool.”); and finally, 5. Acceptance (“Blue Pan is my emergency contact now.”).

I’m grateful that it was even possible for me to step back from work right now. This virus has made one thing clear—money buys not only happiness (currently in the form of big floral mumus from Etsy), but also relative safety during a pandemic. The virus is such an unknown for pregnant women and their babies; I still feel that I cannot risk having a caregiver come to our home so that I can work. I know that I am not alone in this level of caution.

Being pregnant incites a unique vulnerability along with a joyful and horrible responsibility for the baby inside—pandemic or no pandemic. But coupled with the loss of daily pleasures, the process feels especially animalistic. Having a babysitter come over for date nights? Sending my husband to 7/11 for Pringles at midnight? Big gender reveal party? No, no, and BIG NO (but mainly because it’s tacky). Might as well lock myself in a barn and come out when it’s all over, baby in tow.

This is not a plea for sympathy for my privileged Congress Park mama problems, but rather a declaration. This year I have given myself permission to grieve for the petty little things that make being alive pleasurable, and I would like to invite you to do the same. From the wise Aldo Carotenuto: “A sign of maturity is the acceptance of one’s pettiness and neediness.” This is my mantra right now. You are allowed to be sad that Sweet Cooie’s was closed for FAR too long.

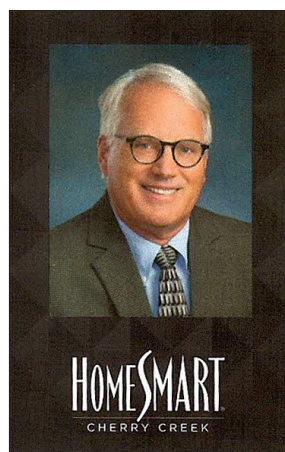
In grieving, you avoid resisting or outright rejecting the realities of the pandemic. You keep wearing your mask because you accept: that that this is a marathon, not a sprint (like drinking at Mardi Gras, people!); that we don’t know how long this will last; that we have to keep being as careful as possible for the sake of our healthcare and other essential workers like my dad, our elderly and at-risk neighbors, and other pregnant women like myself.

Instead of focusing my attention outward in the working world, my attention has turned inward, towards my home and yours. In the past four

months, I have probably scrubbed up dirt that dates back to 1880 from my floorboards. I will probably notice if you add a new flower pot to your front porch—not in a creepy way I swear, but simply because I’ve walked by your house so many times this summer. I’ve watched you grow more and more disheveled as the inability to get a haircut and the malaise of the quarantine joined schlubby forces. I’ve spied on you from behind the door while you have laughed at the Trump skeleton in our side yard (ohh, maybe I am a creep?).


On my daily walks, the vast majority of Congress Park residents have been incredibly respectful about giving me, and themselves, appropriate distance (except for you, young running jerk! You know who you are!). We are grateful to have made friends in the neighborhood who have become like family, putting our health in each other’s hands so that our daughters can play together.

What I’m trying to say is thank you, neighbors, for making Congress Park an airbag in the car wreck of 2020 (my apologies for this terrible metaphor). We are so privileged to live here, and I hope to get to know more of you in person when it is safer. Until then, on a far more serious note, sending sincere wishes for health to you and your loved ones.



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Green Tips Fall 2020

Congress Park Eco-Advocate Launches International Climate Action Challenge

By Barbara Rivera, Congress Park Green Team

"The Greatest Danger to Our Future is Apathy."

– Jane Goodall

What's Your Eco-Passion?

Do you have an idea for a team or project that you've wanted to start or expand? Now's the time to make it a reality! Registration for the Challenge is free and open through August 31, 2020. To register for the challenge or order the book, visit www.ClimateActionChallenge.net. Need some ideas and backup? Contact the Congress Park Green Team for support!

Joan Gregerson is a self-acknowledged "ECONUT" and a longtime Congress Park resident. The founder of the Green Team Academy and host of the Green Team Academy Podcast, she is an engineer, coach, speaker and author of a new book, "Climate Action Challenge: A Proven Plan for Launching Your Eco-Initiative in 90 Days." I have known Joan and helped her mother, Gerry, to organize Peace Walks for many years. Recently we talked about her upcoming book, the 2020 International Climate Action Challenge, and her journey as an environmental activist.

Joan's parents, Bob & Gerry Magnie, raised 8 children in their Congress Park home at 945 Detroit Street. "Both my parents grew up on farms. During the depression, mom's family lost their farm, and she was 3 when they moved to Capitol Hill where grandma ran a boarding house. People were much more inter-dependent then and took care of each other," she reflected. With such a large family, "we learned to save and share. We went out to eat once a year at Azar's Big Boy and were given a dollar amount we could spend."

Joan became an Engineer (CU Boulder) and raised 2 daughters. The family traveled in Central and South America for two years, where they lived simply and shopped for food at open-air markets. "That opened my eyes to what it like to eat local food that's in season and get to know the people that



Joan Gregerson

grow our food. That was a big change from shopping at grocery stores, as I'd always done before."

Later, while living in Longmont after the epic flood of 2013, Joan started an environmental non-profit, "Sustainable Revolution Longmont" and hosted 1,000 people at their "Youth of the Earth Festival." In 2015, Joan moved back to Denver to live in her childhood home with her mom. Joan noticed that despite the fact that Denver Water coined the term "Xeriscape" 30 years earlier and urging all residents to conserve water, the family home and many others still had huge lawns. Joan wanted to get involved in neighborhood sustainability, so she talked to Maggie Price of Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., the Registered Neighborhood Organization. Maggie encouraged her to start a neighborhood Green Team.

In January 2016, 14 people showed up at the first meeting and the Congress Park Green Team took off. The team organized Earth Day Events (2016/17) that involved 650 of our neighbors in learning, connecting and creating a greener community. The Green Team has evolved into eco-interest subcommittees that continue hosting events around four topics: Water Conservation, Waste Reduction/Recycling, Alternative Transportation and Home Energy Efficiency.

Joan tells the story of her experience with the Congress Park Green Team and founding the Green Team Academy in her new book, "Climate Action Challenge: A Proven Plan for Launching Your Eco-Initiative in 90 Days." The book outlines a step-by-step approach for community members to



Peace Walk with Gerry

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Green Tips Fall 2020, continued

Congress Park Eco-Advocate Launches International Climate Action Challenge

By Barbara Rivera, Congress Park Green Team

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convert their passion into action with their environmental projects, from starting farmers' markets and community gardens, to forming 'green teams' in their faith communities, neighborhoods and schools.

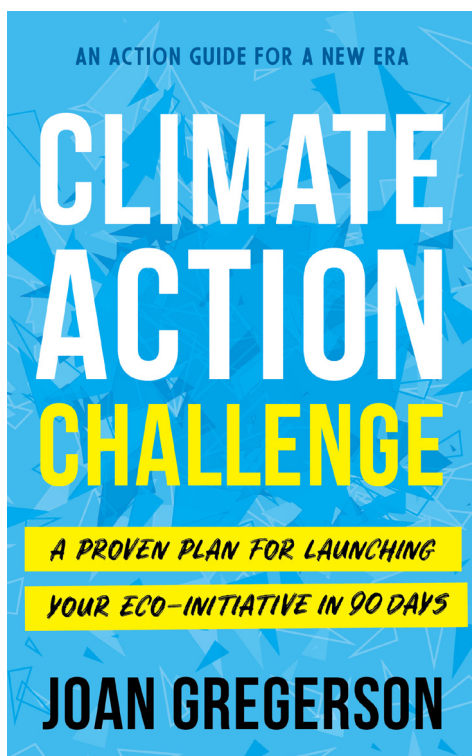
The book is being released in conjunction with her latest project, the 2020 International Climate Action Challenge. The goal of the project is to form a network of ambassadors and mentors around the world to help launch 1,000 eco-initiatives in 90 days.

"Climate change and the collapse of ecosystems are threats whose impact is likely to far outweigh even a pandemic," said Joan. "Just as the Congress Park Green Team has been doing all along, we want to show that by working together, anyone can make a difference!"

Thank you, Joan, for dedicating yourself to eco-activism and challenging and encouraging neighbors and partners around the world to "Jump-Start a Climate Action Movement!"



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Congress Park Follows Denver Crime Trends

By Stephen Eppler, Crime Action Chair

Like many urban areas where unlawful behavior took advantage of peaceful protest events, Denver has experienced an increase in violent crime and associated property damage. According to police records, murder, aggravated assault and kidnapping/abductions have increased this year by 56%, 25% and 29% respectively. A recent article in the Denver Post remarked the murder and aggravated assault rates are higher than any other year since 2015.

Chief of Police Pazen said that part of this increase is due to individuals released from jail because of their risk of contracting COVID and that 30% of homicide suspects under investigation this year would have been in jail or interacting with another part of the justice system in normal times. Crimes against property have also increased significantly including: arson 49%, burglary 33%, motor vehicle theft, 24% and theft from auto 14%.

Some types of crime in Denver have declined.

These include: drug related offenses -43%, DUIs -30%, hit and runs -27%, sexual assault -27%, domestic violence -17%, robberies -5%, and larceny/bike thefts -3%. However, despite these drops, overall the rate of violent crime has increased by 3% and crime against property has risen by 13%.

Congress Park has been affected by these trends. Compared to 2019, violent crime has increased by 79% (25 vs 14 by this date in 2019). Although only one more assault occurred, robberies increased to 8 from 3. Eleven of these crimes occurred in the northwest corner of Congress Park near the intersection of Colfax Ave and Josephine Blvd. Within 2 blocks of this intersection, 30 robberies and assaults have occurred in 2020. By comparison, only 9 similar crimes occurred around the intersection of Colfax Ave. and Colorado Blvd.

The number of burglaries in Congress Park has dropped by 13% to 47 (compared to 54 in 2019). Earlier this year there was an increase in the num-

ber of forcible break ins. However, recently, the trend shifted back to predominantly unforced entry. Other types of crime, including larceny (except theft from a motor vehicle), theft from a motor vehicle and auto theft have all increased by about 30%. Although bikes remain the common type of property stolen, the number of bike thefts has remained stable. Most reported crime continues to occur within three blocks of Colfax Avenue and along the York St. and Colorado Blvd. corridors.



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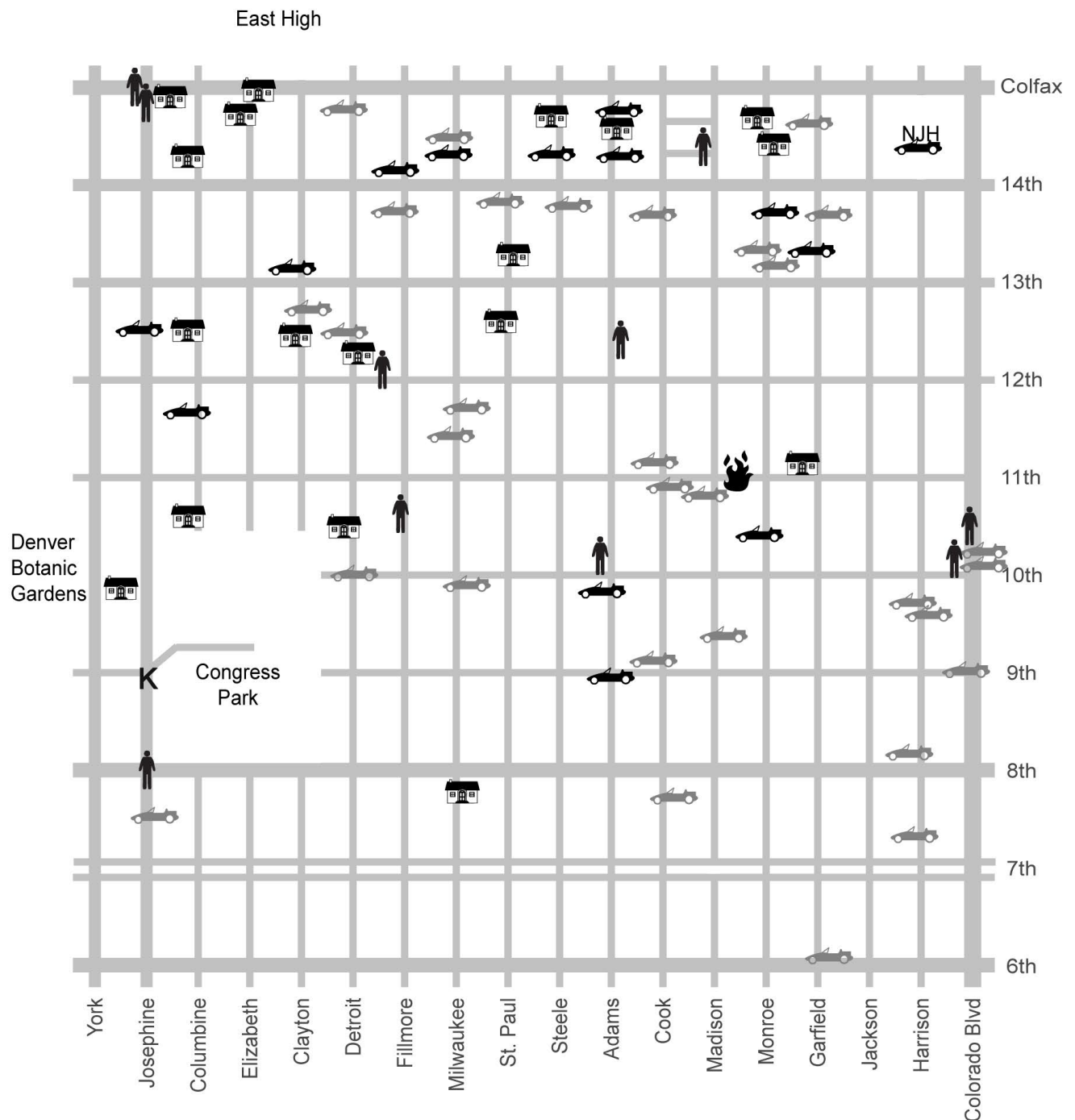
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-  Burglary
-  Auto Theft
-  Theft from auto
-  Arson
- K** Kidnapping

This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the second quarter of 2020. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics.

City Services Online; COVID-19; Census

Denver Parks and Recreation continues to offer free online programming to help keep you active and moving during the pandemic. Classes include barre, cheerleading, line dancing, meditation, and still life painting, among others. Be sure to check out their Youtube channel by searching for “DenverParksRec.”

Denver Public Library is now offering curbside pickup. For more information, go to: <https://www.denverlibrary.org/>

Denver Public Library is also offering virtual story times for children, tutoring for students, book clubs for adults, English conversation groups, interesting lectures, and other fun online programming. For more information, go to: <https://www.denverlibrary.org/engage-online>

You can still attend Denver City Council meetings online! Here is a link that lists all of the public meetings and corresponding Zoom information:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-city-council.html>

If you are looking for assistance during this challenging time, here is a link to community resources compiled by Chris Hinds and his team in District 10: <https://www.denverperfect10.com/2020/05/27/helpful-covid-resources/>

And another list of resources compiled by Candi CdeBaca and her team in District 9: <https://mailchi.mp/denvergov.org/d9covid19resources>

If you are facing an eviction, here is a link to a guide available through Colorado Public Radio’s website: <https://www.cpr.org/2020/07/16/colorado-evictions-faq-guide-what-to-know-coronavirus-pandemic-renting/>

Last month, Councilwoman Kniech, Mayor Hancock, and community partners announced a city investment of \$750,000 into a relief fund that will

aid Denver residents who’ve lost their jobs but do not qualify for other assistance amid the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The “Left Behind Worker”
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Fire Pits, Chimineas and Open Fires

By Tom Conis

Even though portable fire pits and chimineas are fashionable and widely offered for sale in garden centers and home stores, open burning of wood (or any products other than propane, natural gas, or charcoal briquettes) is outlawed in Denver without permits from the Denver Department of Environmental Health and the Fire Prevention and Investigation Division.

This regulation stems from the years of Denver's "brown cloud" and the area's subsequent efforts to maintain clean air standards. (Please note that home barbecues using propane, natural gas or charcoal briquettes, are exempt.)

If you would like to pursue open burning, you must obtain permits from two different agencies (special requirements for each agency will be listed on the permit itself):

- Fire Prevention and Investigation Division - please see Fire Safety Permits.
- Denver Department of Environmental Health - 720-865-5452

Open burning permits are rarely issued to individuals, and permits are never issued for chimineas. If you do obtain permits --for open burning in a qualifying outdoor fireplace for a special event-- the permits from both agencies indicating their approval must be posted on site and a variety of requirements must be met.

City Services Online; COVID-19; Census, continued

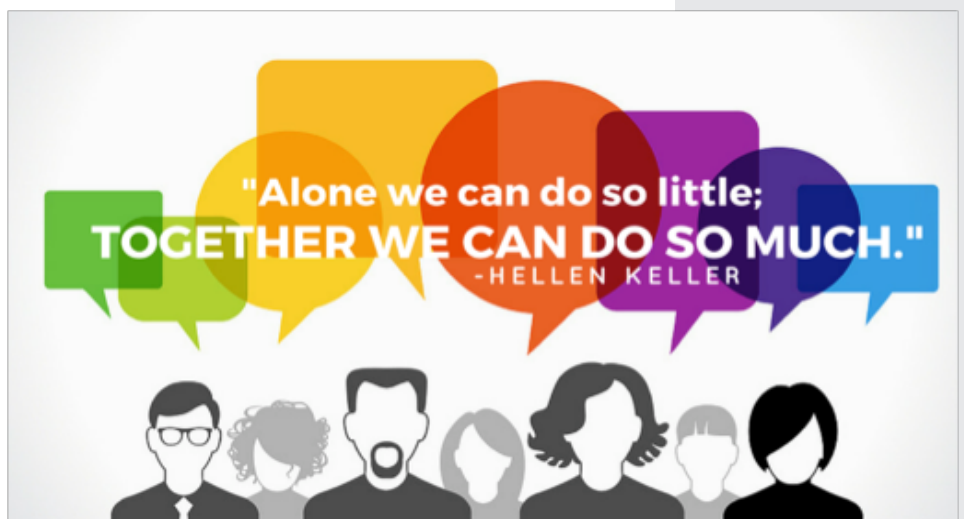
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Fund" is stepping into the gap to support workers who lost work and their families who did not qualify for Federal CARES Act payments or unemployment insurance. Consider donating to this fund here: <https://www.impactcharitable.org/workers-fund>

Don't forget to complete your 2020 census! Census data are used to allocate federal dollars for roads, bridges, schools and hospitals. Use the following link: <https://2020census.gov/>

Interested in learning more about COVID cases in Colorado? The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center have detailed COVID data available here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/case-data>

If you have appreciated the shared street on 11th Ave. in Congress Park and elsewhere in the city, consider signing the petition by the Denver Bicycle Lobby available here: <https://shared-streetsdenver.com/> Signatures will be given to each member of Denver City Council and the head of the Denver Department of Transportation & Infrastructure.



Owner of a Lonely Cart? (with apologies to Trevor Rabin/Yes)

Help Carts Return Home After Collection

By Ann Charles

Love your trash, recycling and compost carts—make sure you bring them home after collection days. Our refuse collection service was upgraded a few years ago, replacing most of the dumpsters with individual carts. The carts improve collection efficiency, decrease the quantity of loose trash in the alleys and reduce the energy it takes to provide collection services.

You can do your part by bringing the carts to the designated spot for pick up and taking your carts back to your property after collection service. Keeping the carts out of the collection space on non-collection days will help ease parking and traffic congestion in streets and alleys, discourage cart misuse and damage, and maintain our neighborhood's neat appearance.



Service Club Meeting

Zonta Club of Denver
303-355-3735
100 years working to improve opportunities for at-risk women and children. Monthly dinner, program & meeting on 2nd Thursday, \$35.
www.zonta-denver.org

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Volunteer Opportunities

Congress Park Neighbors
Meet new friends, share your expertise at neighborhood meetings and discuss issues that are shaping your neighborhood. In-person meetings are paused for COVID-19. Sign up for email blasts at www.congressparkneighbors.org

Worship

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

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September is Latino Heritage, Baby Safety, National Literacy, and Sickle Cell Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness, Adopt a Shelter Dog, Child Health, Disability Employment Awareness, and Fire Prevention Month

November is American Indian Heritage Month, World Communication Month, Great American Smokeout Month, Peanut Butter Month



Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.
 P.O. Box 18571
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www.CongressParkNeighbors.org



"Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."
 --Mattie Stepanek

Congress Park Neighbors Membership Form

Your neighborhood needs you! Join your neighbors today.

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

___ Member Name: \$20
 If household membership, other persons name:
 ___ Patron (receive 2 passes to the SIE Film Center!): \$30
 ___ Business or organization: \$40

(Circle amount enclosed)

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- ___ Historic Preservation
- ___ Newsletter writing/production
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- ___ Newsletter production
- ___ Newsletter distribution
- ___ Neighborhood Watch
- ___ Outreach
- ___ Membership
- ___ Social events
- ___ Graffiti abatement
- ___ Crime prevention
- ___ Safe Streets/Traffic/Parking
- ___ Zoning
- ___ Other

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc. is a non-profit organization with an elected, volunteer Board of Directors. Your tax-deductible annual dues support the newsletter, website (www.CongressParkNeighbors.org), mailings and fliers about hot issues, events like the ice cream social and ongoing activities to benefit the neighborhood.