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Congress Park Neighbors Keep Cool At The 18th Annual Ice Cream Social

Neighbors scooped and slurped at the Congress Park Neighbors 2011 Ice Cream Social Aug. 2 at the Congress Park pavilion. CPN Board members and volunteers served up 500 cones full of Daily Scoop frozen custard.



A small neighbor sports his new firechief hat and enjoys a scoop of Congress Park Blend

Many neighbors renewed their CPN, Inc., membership and received two tickets to the Denver Film Society's Film Center/Colfax as a bonus.



The centerpiece of the Ice Cream Social every year is, of course, the ice cream--er--frozen custard from our neighborhood shop, the Daily Scoop. If you're not sure of the difference, hie thee to 12th and Madison. For the eighth consecutive year, owner Wayne Evans brought cones, napkins, scoops and dry ice to keep the Vanilla, Chocolate and "Congress Park Blend" in prime "scoopable" condition. Scoop Coach Jeff kept the lines orderly, the scoopers gloved and the cones neat.

Neighbors got to talk to District 10 City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and At Large Councilwomen Robin Kniech and Debbie Ortega about council issues. District 3 Police Commander Kris Kroncke was on hand to share crime prevention tips and a Fire Department ladder truck delighted the kids between ice cream cones.



*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 4500 residents and businesses within the area bounded by Colfax Avenue, Sixth Avenue, York Street and Colorado Boulevard.

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Exhibits & Arts At The Gardens

Native Roots | Modern Form: Plants, Peoples And The Art of Allan Houser
Through November 13, 2011
Denver Botanic Gardens at York Street

Explore artworks by American modernist, Allan Houser (Warm Springs Chiricahua Apache, 1914–1994) in this outdoor sculpture exhibition at Denver Botanic Gardens. Through his sculpture, experience the artist's connection to the land and his pride in Native ancestry. Houser's work serves as a springboard for exploring the preservation of cultural and botanical heritage. Learn how this pioneering 20th century personality opened doors for future generations of Native artists. Guided group tours and audio tours are available.

Native Roots | Modern Form celebrates bonds between people and also presents American Indian uses for plants indigenous to the Rocky Mountains and the Southwest.

Programs for adults, families and youth offer fun ways to learn more about tradition and contemporary trends in Native American art and plant knowledge. Find more information on related exhibits, speakers, plant programs, guided tours, trips and much more at www.botanicgardens.org.



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

Your 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.

Denver Film Center Sponsors "Congress Park Neighborhood Night" At Henderson's Lounge

As part of CPN, Inc's August Membership Month, the Denver Film Society (DFS) is hosting a very special housewarming for their new FilmCenter|Colfax. On Tuesday, August 30 from 6 - 8 p.m., DFS is inviting Congress Park residents to "Congress Park Neighborhood Night" at Henderson's Lounge in the Lowenstein CulturePlex next to the Tattered Cover and Twist & Shout.

Come check out the new theater in the 'hood and learn more about joining or renewing your CPN, Inc. membership between drinks and snacks. FILM & FORK, a partnership between CBID and DFS, will serve up FREE appetizers from Pete's Satire Lounge, and Henderson's Lounge will feature CPN drink specials to quench your thirst!

During DFS's Congress Park Neighborhood Night, all new and renewing CPN memberships will receive 2 vouchers for 2 FREE screenings at the Denver FilmCenter/Colfax and your neighbors' gratitude for helping us share information about issues affecting your neighborhood.

Don't miss this very special night for all Congress Park residents!

**Congress Park
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Tuesday, August 30
6 - 8 p.m.**

Congress Park News is looking for a new volunteer who would be willing to write a quarterly column on "Going Green." Topics could include, but are not limited to, new Green technologies for homes, transportation ideas, recycling programs, travel, etc. If you are interested, please drop us a line at cpnnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org

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The CBHD: A Little History and Its Current Relevance

By District 10 City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

This past May, National Jewish Health (NJH) closed on the purchase, from Denver Public Schools, of the former Gove Middle School property between 13th and 14th Avenues on the east side of Colorado Boulevard. The purchase is still contingent on the rezoning of the property to a Campus Healthcare District (CMP-H and/or CMP-H-2). National Jewish Health would very much like to stay in Denver and expand in their current location at some point in the future. The sale and rezoning are part of their long-term planning.

Long before I was on Council, the Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District (CBHD) was created as a steering committee of neighborhood representatives

and hospital representatives. NJH, the University of Colorado (which still owns the former medical school campus at 9th and Colorado), Rose Hospital, the VA Hospital, Capitol Hill United Neighbors, Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., Bellevue-Hale neighborhood, Mayfair neighborhood, and the Hilltop neighborhood all sit at the table.

CBHD formed a subcommittee to discuss the rezoning and work with NJH representatives. (See Lisa Bingham's report on pages 5-6 for more details.)

The timeline up to this point has been:

- June 6–The CBHD subcommittee voted 6 in favor of the rezoning with 1 abstention and 1 opposed
- June 8–Congress Park Neighbors Assembly voted 11 opposed to and 7 in favor of the rezoning
- June 16–The CBHD district voted 12 in favor of the rezoning, 1 opposed and 1 abstention
- June 17–National Jewish Hospital filed a zone change application
- The next CBHD meetings are August 18 and September 8, 2011, at the Molly Blank Conference Center at NJH

The timeline going forward is:

- NJH will continue to meet with Ash Street neighbors to gain input on developing the site plan for interim use of the Gove site for parking
- Denver Planning Board–September
- Posting of the property–September
- Council's Land Use Committee–late September or early October
- City Council public hearing–late October or early November

If Council approves the rezoning, then NJH will begin long-range planning and fund-raising resulting at some point in a specific site plan. They will continue to meet and update CBHD.

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Hospitals Are Our Neighbors, Too

By Lisa L. Bingham

The Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District (CBHD) is a group comprising representatives from the nearby hospitals and neighborhoods. Public meetings are held throughout the year as a forum for these groups to work together to address issues that impact the hospitals and the neighborhoods.

University of Colorado

The UC medical campus at 9th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard has been vacant since the medical functions moved to Aurora in 2007. Shea Properties held a development contract and invested millions of dollars in rezoning, and worked with the CBHD in creating a General Development Plan (GDP) for a mixed-use, retail/residential development for the site. This past February, Peter Culshaw of Shea announced the termination of the contract due to the economic downturn.

At the April CBHD meeting, UC reported they had a new purchase agreement for the site with Sembler, a Georgia-based company (www.sembler.com). President Jeff Fuqua and his team talked about plans for the site and have attended subsequent meetings to keep us updated.

Sembler's plan will use current zoning, but with less density. (Go to www.denvergov.org, search for 9th & Colorado to see the plan.) The old Nurse's Dormitory, with its historic landmark status, will stay, as will the non-historic parking structure at 9th and Clermont, but everything else is slated for demolition, beginning in 2012. Project completion is estimated for 2014.

Sembler has presented some ideas for the site that include everything from "Big Box" to boutiques. The majority of the site will comprise a variety of small, 1 to 1 1/2 story retailers, with a small-scale natural grocer and some type of large retail facing Colorado Boulevard. A small portion of the site is slated for residential use. Other uses being considered include a movie theater and a fitness center, in addition to the "Restaurant Row" being proposed for 8th Avenue.

National Jewish - Gove School Property

In February, National Jewish entered into a purchase agreement with Denver Public Schools for the Gove School property. The school build-

ing will be torn down in spring 2012, and the site will be used for parking while planning continues. NJH intends to use the site for clinical, research, education and administration, but will need to raise funds before new construction begins.

Rezoning is a condition of the sale, from G-MU-5 (allows for multifamily housing up to 5 stories) to CMP-H (medical campus). The sale required rezoning by January 2012.

Under the proposed zoning, the Gove property would be rezoned as CMP-H from Colorado Boulevard east to the old alley line between Albion and Ash Streets. From the alley line east to Ash St., the property would be zoned as CMP-H2. CMP-H zoning is intended for the principle structures of the hospital and allows for greater density and heights. CMP-H2 zoning is meant to serve as a transition to lower density areas adjacent to the site with less density and lower heights.

- CMP-H: 200 feet maximum height, street setbacks range from 7.5–10 feet
- CMP-H2: 140 feet maximum height, street setbacks range from 7.5–10 feet; 40% open space
- Maximum height within 125 feet of a protected zone (i.e., residential) is 75 feet for both zones

The new zoning would place the denser development toward Colorado Boulevard.

A subcommittee was formed at the April CBHD meeting, on which I represent Congress Park. During these meetings, we discussed the zoning options open to NJH and how they could impact the surrounding areas.

The NJH parking lot on Harrison Street was suggested as a development site that could help shift more of the density away from Ash Street and toward Colorado Boulevard. The site would require rezoning before any new development. The Gove Gardens on this site would be protected via an existing agreement between NJH and Denver Urban Gardens, although it could be relocated. NJH currently does not anticipate any development on the Harrison lot over the next ten years.

Another Perk for Congress Park Members

In addition to the representation at City Council, newsletters, email blasts and general good stuff that CPN, Inc., members get, new and renewing memberships in August and September are even better this year. If you join or renew your membership at the August 30 CPN@DFS event or online during the month of September, you could receive two (2) tickets to the Denver Film Society's FilmCenter|Colfax. See www.congressparkneighbors.org for details, or ask at cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org.

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!

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Teller Contributes to Property Values

Why is it important to support your local public school? Because, along with all the other good things it does for society, a good school raises your property values, even if you don't have school-age children. And Congress Park's school, Teller Elementary, is a gem. Since Teller's test scores have been improving by leaps and bounds over the last several years, housing prices in Congress Park have stayed steady or increased. People want to buy houses in neighborhoods with good schools, and demand drives prices up, even while housing, nationwide, may be suffering in the slow economy. Thanks, Teller!

Hospitals Are Our Neighbors, Too, cont.

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Congress Park Neighbors held an assembly on June 8 to measure neighborhood support for the proposed rezoning of the Gove property and Harrison lot. Marcus Pachner of the Davis Partnership and NJH's Ron Berge attended to answer questions. Major concerns of those present were the potential building heights and the potential for increases in neighborhood traffic. By a count of 7-11, Congress Park Neighbors voted against the proposed rezoning.

At the June CBHD meeting, NJH presented their rezoning proposal to the group. The group voted to support the rezoning request by a vote of 12-1 (Congress Park was the one "no" vote).

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for August 18, September 8 and December 1 and are held from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at NJH's Molly Blank Conference Center.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me through Congress Park Neighbors at cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org or come to the monthly CPN meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., at NJH.

A Little Gem at Denver Public Library

On the sixth floor of the downtown library is an interactive exhibit: From Smoke to Text, What's Next. The Telecommunications History Group, Inc. (www.telcomhistory.org) and the Denver Public Library are presenting this exhibit until the end of September.

From Smoke to Text displays how telecommunications have changed our lives. The interactive displays include a telegraph sender and receiver, an early operator switchboard and outstanding old photos of the men and women who brought telecommunications to Colorado.

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Calum's Column: Curious George Goes to Children's Hospital

By (Almost-5th-Grader-at-Teller) Calum Abeywickrema

My neighbor Pam asked me a big favor: to be Curious George at The Children's Hospital. I thought it was a big honor to be asked. I got to dress up in a Curious George suit. It was really hot.

On the ride over to the hospital, I was very nervous about going there. This is because I was going to a hospital and thought I could get sick. But I didn't. I was also afraid I wouldn't know what to say to the kids.

When we got there we met a couple of kids who were very, very cute. There was a kid named Ethan and he was very funny. I put my hands on my head, and he did the same thing and people were laughing. There was another kid who walked right up to me, hugged me and put his head on my belly for at least one full minute. He made my day. The other cool thing was the Flight for Life crew wanted their picture taken with me.

Also, there were three girls who were scared of Curious George. One even burst into tears and seeing sick kids cry made me really sad.

On the way home, I felt so good about seeing the kids at Children's. Seeing kids who were sick and making them feel a little better made me feel warm inside. I am lucky I got the opportunity. Thanks Pam!

I am having a great summer. I have the best babysitter and his name is Louie. We go to the pool, to the library and to the park. We ride our bikes everywhere. I can't wait to play soccer at Congress Park in August. This year, I am going to try to be a referee.

Happy summer everyone. See you next time in Calum's Column. Rock on!!!

District 10 Office Moves To City-County Building

By Jeanne Robb

District 10 office has officially moved to the city and county building. As I mentioned in the last E-Talk, due to budget constraints I have moved the District 10 office to the City and County Building. Please note: Since the opening of the Justice Center in 2010, parking at meters surrounding the CCB has significantly improved, SO COME ON DOWN!

Constituent services have always been a very high priority to me. To facilitate easy interactions with District 10 constituents, I will be hosting office hours at four locations throughout the district every Thursday from 10am – 12pm. I'm looking for one in the 12th and Madison area, one in Cherry Creek, one on Colfax in Capitol Hill, and one further east near Bellevue-Hale.

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Your Congress Park Neighbor - 12th & Madison

Engines Off Denver

Black Walnut Help Center

A disease called Thousand Cankers has been found in Colorado and is proving fatal to all black walnuts infected. Denver Forestry anticipates that in the coming year or two, many black walnuts will begin to look unhealthy and eventually die in Denver.

See <http://www.denvergov.org/tabid/434665/default.aspx#notice> for resources where you can learn more about the disease, what to do if you receive a notice to remove a black walnut, how to hire a tree care contractor and about replanting programs.

Denver's "Engines Off Denver" initiative reminds residents that idling vehicles waste fuel and pollute our air.

While some vehicle idling is unavoidable at stoplights and in traffic congestion, most drivers voluntarily idle their vehicles at various times—in drive-through lines, waiting to pick-up their kids from school, while stopped to talk on the phone, etc. Voluntarily idling adds up to 5-10 minutes a day on average for typical drivers, and light-duty vehicles use between 0.3 and 0.75 gallons of gas per hour of idling. Consequently, most drivers waste one to two tanks of fuel per year idling.

Vehicle idling has been identified in the Denver metro area and elsewhere as a significant source of air pollution. An idling vehicle produces about 4.8 grams of carbon monoxide per minute. For comparison, there is about 67mg of carbon monoxide in the smoke from one cigarette—that means one minute of idling produces more carbon monoxide than the smoke from 3 packs of cigarettes.

In the Denver Metro Area idling is responsible for an estimated 40,000 tons of harmful air pollution a year and 400,000 tons of CO2 emissions—the result of over 40 million gallons of fuel wasted while idling—costing area residences and businesses over \$100 million dollars a year.

You can help take care of Denver's air and save fuel and money at the same time. Please visit <http://enginesoff.com/>

**One minute of idling
an average car
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packs of cigarettes**

The Law

Denver's idling vehicle (IV) ordinance limits vehicle idling to five (5) minutes in any one-hour period. The law applies to cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, and any other vehicle operating within the City & County of Denver.

The Exceptions

It is legal to idle for over five (5) minutes if:

1. It is less than ten degrees Fahrenheit (10°F);
2. It has been less than twenty degrees Fahrenheit (20°F) for the past 24 hours;
3. A vehicle is an emergency vehicle (as defined by the city);
4. A vehicle is engaged in traffic operations;
5. A vehicle is being serviced;
6. A vehicle must idle to operate auxiliary equipment including, but not limited to, pumps, compressors or refrigeration units; or,
7. A vehicle is stopped by traffic congestion.

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Looking East

By Jess Lindimore

As my last summer as a high school student draws to a close and decisions regarding college are being finalized, I can't help but be thankful that I have had such a wonderful and unique opportunity to attend East High School. I remember the first time I walked through the doors as a student. I was fresh out of private school, nervous and excited all at the same time. It baffles me to think how much I have grown in my three, soon to be four, short years at East High.

Freshman year I began writing this column to give the Congress Park Neighborhood a real perspective on the local high school. Coming out of a small private school and into a large urban high school I was asked about my choice and my answer was "I wanted something different."

My whole life leading up to attending East High I had gone to school with the same kids, all from the same neighborhood, all with parents very similar to mine. Most people would assume these are all good things, and for me, they would be wrong. Although I loved my years in private school there is nothing quite like attending a large, urban, diverse high school where the majority of students "choice in." This appreciation came quickly my freshman year as I bounced around from volleyball to cross country, to girl's golf, to various clubs and met people who have shaped the person I am today.

Sophomore year was not unlike freshman year, a year of change and new experiences. I joined Yearbook and Angels Against Abuse, two things I continue to be involved in. I also discovered a love of photography and became assistant photo editor for Yearbook. I would say that it was not until junior year that East High really inspired me. I joined Stagecraft and found a whole new group of people who were crazy and different and inspired me—an experience I couldn't have imagined for my junior year of high school. I branched out during my junior year and I truly believe that East High is one of the only places where it is possible to reinvent yourself every year and find inspiration no matter who you are. East is a special school, a school where there is a place for everyone and a place where intelligence and creativity are not only recognized but encouraged.

Entering into my senior year at East High I can only say that I feel fortunate to have been a part of such a wonderful place and will be sad to leave when May comes. Although it will be a very bittersweet day, I feel like I am ready.

During my time at East High I have grown not only academically but as a person. I value diversity in opinions, religions, ethnicities, and social classes. This is something that I will be forever grateful for because I will enter into my adult life as a much more accepting and successful person, and, something I wish every high school senior had heading off into adulthood. It is my firm belief after attending East High that diversity should not be something that separates people but rather something that unites a group of people through a common understanding of one another.

In a few short weeks, summer will end and I will once again be back at East High where I can say for the next short nine months, "I am proud to be an Angel." After those brief months I will say, "I am proud to have been an Angel." Just like every student who leaves East High, I will be changed for the better, forever.



Jess Lindimore is going into her senior year at East High and offering a Congress Park highschooler's perspective to the Congress Park News.

CPN Monthly Meetings Need You

The best part about the monthly CPN, Inc., meetings are the discussions that bloom between neighbors. Only you know what's happening on your block. Your seeds of information combined with your neighbor's may add up to something that, with cultivation, can nourish the whole neighborhood.

**Send us your ideas and suggestions to
cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org**

Criminals Have Gone "Phishing"

By Charlotte Bentley, Former Congress Park Crime Action Chair

Our new District 3 Community Resource Officer is **Cari Jimenez**. Phone: 720 913-1175

New Crime Action Volunteers

Rachel O'Bryan and Larry Goldman are our new 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.

Recently, I was sent an e-mail from what appeared to be a well-known bank, asking me as "one of their customers" to confirm some information. The instructions requested me to complete all fields containing an asterisk (required fields), such as name, type of banking, account number, ID and passcode, and social security number. The bank logo on the e-mail looked official—the same logo as the named bank uses; the one we see often in advertising. It looked like an official document.

The alert for me was that this was not my bank. Additionally, I know such scams are common on the internet, and that banks and credit card companies do not use this method to gather information—but had I not previously been alerted, I might have answered this e-mail, thinking it to be from my bank. The e-mail senders were "phishing."

Phishing is the act of sending an e-mail to a user, falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to convince the user to surrender private financial information. This can include bank, credit card, social security and personal ID information. The information is most often used for identity theft. Basically, the sender sets up a phony web page and asks you to send him/her your personal information.

Scammers may use e-mails purportedly from internet shopping sites, such as eBay, or Amazon. The e-mail might list an item you or someone in your household ordered, and give the amount being charged to your credit card, as well as an opportunity to cancel on a phony link if you did not place the order. This scam has been very suc-

cessful when victims believed a false order had been placed and they used the link to stop it. Unfortunately, by using the link to "cancel" the order, they were giving their credit card information to scammers! Similar scams are being run over the telephone, as well.

If you receive one of these e-mails or calls, the Denver District Attorney's office offers these pointers to protect yourself:

- 1) Don't panic. The sender wants you to respond without thinking. Check with the company, bank, or enterprise first, to see if they are in need of information from you. Remember, banks do not use e-mail to confirm personal information.
- 2) Never respond to e-mails or callers asking you to submit personal data.
- 3) If in doubt, call the Denver DA's Fraud Line, 720-913-9179, to seek advice on how to handle such solicitors.
- 4) Install a phishing protection browser and SPAM blocker for your computer. This will diminish, but may not eliminate, the number of attempts that are made on your computer. Although most identity e-mail scams occur through traditional methods, risks always exist when sending ANY personal information electronically over the Web. Be a savvy websurfer: watch for situations where your information would be vulnerable and don't take the bait from "phishers!"

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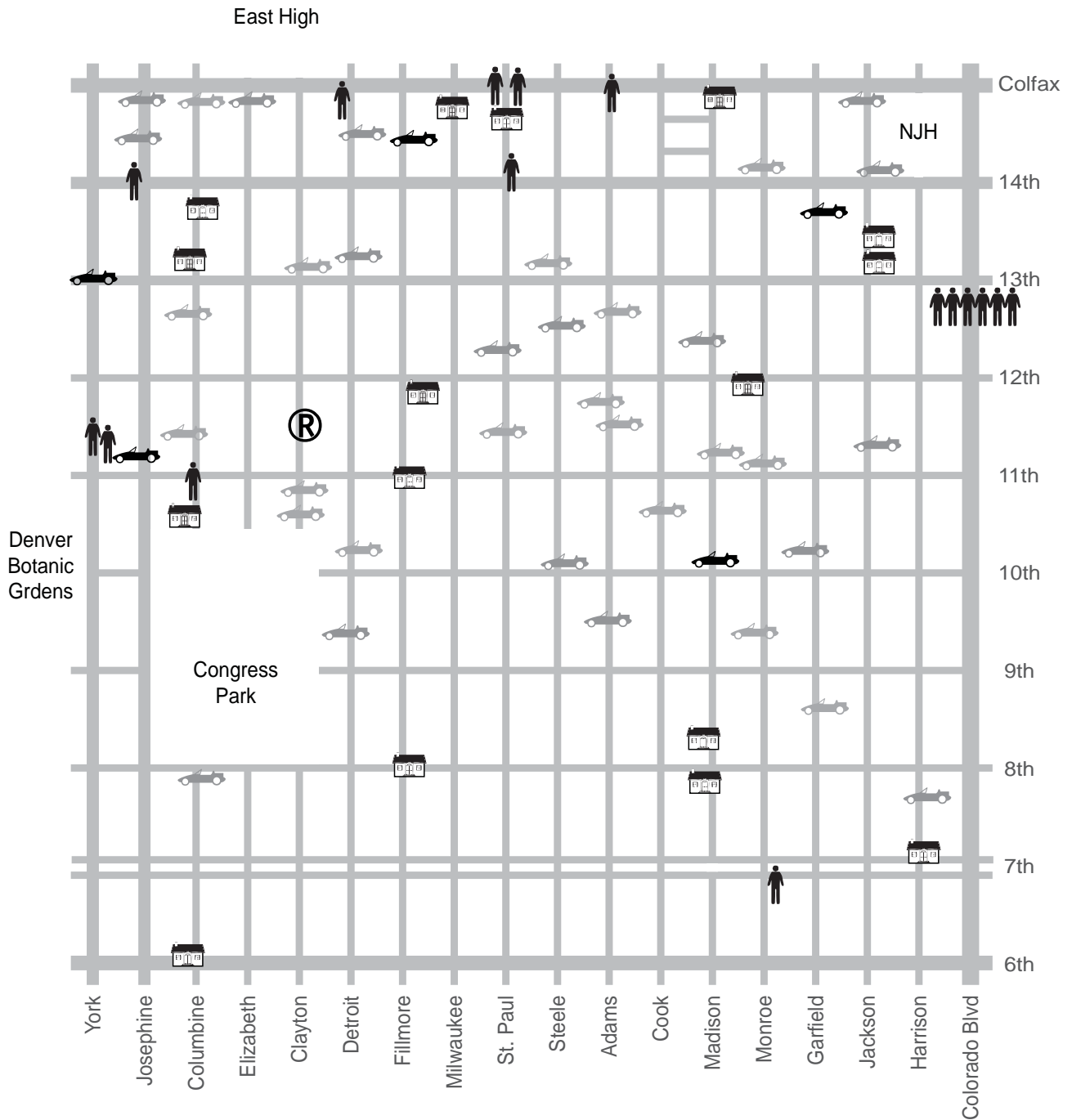
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CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES APRIL - JUNE 2011



- ® Sexual Assault
- Person icon Assault / robbery
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- Car icon Auto Theft
- Car with slash icon Theft from auto

This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the second quarter of 2011. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.

Bulbs, Plants And Free Gardening Advice At Denver Botanic Gardens' Fall Plant And Bulb Sale

By Will Jones

The Presenting Sponsor of the Fall Plant and Bulb Sale is Perry & Co. Real Estate Professionals

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The best bulbs and fall plants for local gardeners will be offered at the Gardens' Fall Plant and Bulb Sale on Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

October is a great time to plant for fall and winter interest. The sale will feature more than 10,000 bulbs, unique Grown at the Gardens plants and pansies. These fall-planted items acclimate in the ground through the winter so they are ready to burst forth often months earlier than spring-planted specimens.

The Gardens' horticulturists will be on-site to answer questions and provide expert gardening advice. Come learn which plant is best for your fall and winter garden, and how to plant your spring bulbs. Arrive early for the best selection; inventory sells quickly!

This event will take place inside the UMB Bank Amphitheater inside Denver Botanic Gardens York Street location. Admission to the Gardens and to the Mordecai Children's Garden on September 24 is \$6. Free admission for members. Members receive 10% off all purchases.



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Denver's Compost Collection Continues, But Not For CPN

By Wendy Moraskie

Have you heard that Denver operates a green-bin compost pick-up program, much like the purple bin recycling pick up? If not, it may be because Congress Park was left out of the pilot program.

Organic material like food, soiled paper and yard debris is the single largest category of stuff we toss in our landfills, and it is 100% compostable. Denver's compost collection pilot program was considered so successful that it is continuing in 2011 as a fee-based service. The base payment for this service is \$29.25 per quarter (3 months).

Unfortunately, only homes already in existing pilot program areas are eligible to participate. Portions of neighborhoods all over the city participate, including parts of Parkhill, Washington Park, Hilltop-Cranmer Park, Country Club & Speer, City Park West & Whittier & Five Points, Athmar Park, La Alma, Greater Marlee, Stapleton, Goldsmith & Hampden & University Park, Wellshire, Cook Park & Virginia Village, and Sloan's Lake.

Paying participants in the Denver Composts program receive a 65-gallon green composting cart and weekly collection. Organic material such as yard debris, food and soiled paper are all accepted in the program.

If you think Congress Park should be invited to join the city's composting program at the current fee structure, call 311, ask for Denver's Solid Waste Management office and request that the program be expanded to include Congress Park.



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As the result of a partnership between area animal welfare groups and Crime Stoppers, people in the eight-county metro-Denver area may now report animal cruelty directly to the Dumb Friends League at 303-923-0022 or at ddfl.org, and could be eligible for a reward.

Animals suffering from abuse, neglect or abandonment are benefiting from this new partnership. Together, the groups have launched a state-wide anonymous tip and reward program to make it easier for people anywhere in Colorado to report inhumane activities involving dogs, cats or horses.

Anonymous tips are passed to Crime Stoppers through a secure online system that protects a caller's identity. Crime Stoppers then routes the message to the appropriate agency for action.

Rewards of up to \$2,000 are available if the tip results in a summons or an arrest. Rewards are paid through a third party, thus further assuring anonymity. Funding for the rewards comes from a private donor.

Animal welfare agents and law enforcement agencies rely largely on tips from the public to investigate activities such as dog fighting or other acts of cruelty or neglect. But many people are reluctant to report what they witness because they fear retaliation. This new program allows people the protection they may require before coming forward.



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