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## "Different Feel" for the Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District

*Creative, respectful Union Station developer takes on 9th and Colorado project*

By Lisa L. Bingham

In March, Continuum Partners was selected as the new developer for the old health science campus. While this may feel like déjà vu—they are the fourth group to take on this project—there seems to be a renewed sense of confidence that they will succeed where others have failed.

Continuum Partners is a Denver-based company with a mission "to create sustainable human habitats of extraordinary character and enduring value." Past projects have included 16 Market Square in LoDo, Belmar in Lakewood, and most recently, Union Station. They specialize in large-scale, mixed use projects, and are bringing this vision to our own corner of Denver.

Partnering with Continuum is CIM Group, who will serve as the capital partner for this project; Zeppelin Development (known for the TAXI building, the Golden Triangle, and The Source); and John Huggins, an expert in economic development.

The Continuum project will have a very different feel from the designs put forth by Sembler and Fuqua. Some of the highlights of the project include:

- Phase I will focus on the northwest corner of the site at 11th & Colorado where they will refurbish the parking structure and add a five-story residential complex with first-

floor retail. A park will be added just north of 9th.

- In addition to the parking structure at 11th, they will be keeping the nurse's dorm and the bridge structure across 9th. Although they had initially planned to keep the biomedical research building, the cost of remediating this building was higher than anticipated and it will now be demolished.
- Ash Street will be extended all the way through the project. Albion Street will be extended as far as the garage at 11th, and then turn right to meet Ash. A pedestrian walk way will connect 11th and Albion. New Avenue (also known as 8 ½ Avenue) will be added from Colorado to the Alliance Residential apartments.
- They will be utilizing existing below-grade space that will be cleared after demolition to create a below-grade parking structure. The space above will be a retail plaza with a pedestrian focus.
- They are dedicating a minimum of sixty units each for affordable and senior housing.
- Traffic improvements will include the continuation of the left turn lanes from Trader Joe's through New Avenue and possibly 9th Avenue; turn lanes and a traffic signal at 8th and Ash; and additional turn lanes and a light at 11th and Colorado Boulevard.

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

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## Congress Park News Looking for Relationship

*Volunteer Opportunity: Newsletter Coordinator Needed by October 15*

**Y**ou 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 to other volunteers to be edited, laid out and approved at the printer.

The CPNews is looking for you to be its Volunteer 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. You'll help the CPNews inform Congress Park neighbors about neighborhood-related issues and work with the volunteer CP 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; keep current on issues germane 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? This sounds like a perfect match.

Email [cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org) to express your interest in volunteering. Not sure? Email Wendy Moraskie at [wendyrich@msn.com](mailto:wendyrich@msn.com) to hear more.

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

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

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

Send hints and help to  
[CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org)

Two slots are open for CPN members to represent the neighborhood on the Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Submit a letter of interest to [CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org).

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

## Congress Park Neighbors Celebrate Summer With a Night Out

*National Night Out started more than 30 years ago*

Many hands truly made light work at the Congress Park Neighbors 2014 Ice Cream Social August 5 in Congress Park. For the 10th year in a row, The Daily Scoop provided custard, cones, napkins, and dry ice to keep the Vanilla, Chocolate and the ever popular ‘Congress Park Blend’ frozen custard “scoop-worthy,” and Wayne and Jeff volunteered their scooping expertise.

CP neighbors chatted and slurped down more than 400 cones full of Daily Scoop frozen custard while City Council representatives and Police talked about upcoming issues and heard concerns. Fire Department staff with a ladder truck delighted the kids. Residents renewed their Congress Park Neighbors memberships and shared news with Board members and fellow neighbors.

Denver Public Library representatives signed up a couple dozen people for library cards and gave out balloons to the kids.

And once again, the kids received right-sized firemen’s hats because of a very generous anonymous CP neighbor.

National Night Out was begun 30 years ago “to celebrate the role of citizens and neighborhoods in preventing crime.” National Night Out’s primary focus is to heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

The first National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7, 1984. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states. National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states. It has turned into a celebration across America with activities including block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, safety demonstrations and seminars, in an effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.

Mark the first Tuesday in August on your 2015 calendar for the next National Night Out Congress Park Ice Cream Social. See you there!

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### City Councilwoman Robb Begins Final Year on City Council

*Work includes Road Paving, Storm Drains, Marijuana Ordinance*

From the office of Jeanne Robb, District 10 City Councilwoman

#### New Council Committee Structure:

On July 21, District 11 Councilman Christopher Herndon was elected the new president of Denver City Council for the 2014-2015 year and has reorganized our committees to six: Neighborhoods & Planning, Technology & Governance, Infrastructure & Culture, Business Development, and Safety & Wellbeing. In this, my last year on Council, I will no longer be chairing a committee but will be serving on the first three committees listed. Next week, at Neighborhoods and Planning Committee, I will be sponsoring an ordinance which will essentially apply the limits on growing marijuana plants at home to any residential property with former Chapter 59 zoning.

#### Road Construction and No Parking signs:

Lots of construction projects are underway in District 10. Thanks for your patience as Denver improves. Street maintenance and utility repairs often mean no parking, and we often get calls from constituents wanting to know why the signs have been placed on their block and how long they are likely to be there. Without real-time up-

dates linking city permits to city maps, you might try this:

- look for the vehicles working in the area and get a company name or phone number, or
- call the barricade company phone number on the back of the signs. They should know exactly who they are providing the signs for. Inquire by "block" rather than "address," such as, "can you tell me who you provided the barricades for in the 300 block of Franklin?" When they give you the company name, then you can follow up with them.

#### Congress Park Neighborhood Paving:

Denver Public Works has contracted with a Hot-In-Place-Recycle (HIPR) crew to pave the Congress Park neighborhood from 6th Avenue to Colfax and Josephine to Steele. Hot-In-Place-Recycle heats the top inch of existing asphalt pavement and mixes this with new asphalt. This process is less expensive and more environmentally friendly than mill-and-overlay and provides a pavement that will last 8 to 10 years. Work began the last week of July.

Visit <https://www.denvergov.org/streetsandsidewalks/Street-sandSidewalks/Street-MaintenanceImprove-ment/Paving/AnnualPavingPlan/tab-id/437917/Default.aspx> for more information and to see Public Works' Annual Paving Plan schedule and map.

City Council committee meetings air live on Denver 8 TV <http://www.denvergov.org/>

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### Ask Questions. Think Hard. Grow.

*Teller Elementary: New Year, New Mission*

By Principal Jessica Downs

As I write this article there are only 33 short days before we get to see our Tiger families back for an exciting 14-15 school year. As staff members work to plan for a fun, challenging year of learning, we wish the days would go faster. We can't wait to see our scholars back in the building on August 25, the first day of school.

We have some exciting new beginnings this year. First, we have worked all year long to refine and re-define the mission of our school. We are a uniquely diverse community of learners. We crafted our mission to reflect our strong values of high expectations and student growth. Who are we?

First of all, we would like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Sabrina Bates. Ms. Bates joins the Teller family from Park Hill Elementary where she completed her Principal Licensure under the supervision of Dr. Tonda Potts. She served there as both the primary Teacher Leader for all grade levels, but was also the Program Liaison and mentor teacher for pre-service teachers from both the University of Wyoming and the University of Colorado. She is passionate about empowering and motivating new teachers for excellence.

Next, we are thrilled to add two new roles to our talented Teller Instructional Staff. Jenna Nelson and Dawn Folliard will be joining our team, not only as co-teachers in our 3rd grade classroom, but also in a unique teacher support role called Differentiated Roles funded through a Bill and Melinda Gates grant to Denver Public Schools. This unique teaching duo will share their instructional expertise with 3rd grade scholars, Ms. Nelson in Math and Ms. Folliard in Literacy, as well as supporting teacher teams in continuing to refine instructional practice to help all students succeed.

Ms. Nelson has been guiding students to success in Denver Public Schools for 7 years. Most recently she lead a lab site classroom and served as a teacher lead, curriculum de-


veloper and mentor in Far Northeast Denver. Ms. Folliard has been supporting students in the district for the past thirteen years. Some of her experiences include classroom instruction, coaching and administration.

I have never been more excited about combined knowledge and expertise in our building to ensure that our students succeed. How many days? Too many, for sure. We can't wait to get started.

**Teller Mission 2014**  
Teller Scholars are problem solvers. They ask questions, think critically and grow through personal, social and academic challenge. Our scholars are resilient, independent learners who persevere to college success and beyond.

**Happening at Teller**  
Check out the calendar at <http://teller.dpsk12.org/calendar/>

**Congress Park Historic House Talks  
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## Neighborhood Briefs

### CPN Board Needs Your Expertise

Serve on the zoning, membership or other committees. See [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org) or page 2 of this issue to find out more.

### Josephine and 16th Recycling Drop-off Center Reopens

The Josephine and 16th recycling drop-off location reopened on Saturday, August 16. Hours of operation for the drop-off site remain the same:

- Wednesday from 3-6pm
- Saturdays from 9am-noon

“For the past three years the drop-off recycling site has helped meet the needs of apartment and condominium dwellers on Capitol Hill who have very few options for recycling,” said Councilwoman Jeanne Robb. “We are grateful to the wonderful volunteers who have stepped up to help monitor the site during open hours.” More volunteers are welcome.

The drop-off site accepts all of the items listed on the City’s “Trash and Recycling” webpage. Contact Susan Scott at [susan.scott@denvergov.org](mailto:susan.scott@denvergov.org), or call 720-337-7710 to volunteer to help monitor the site.

### East High Farmers’ Market: You just want to Eat it Up!

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

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

### Historic Design Guidelines Nearly Complete

This summer the Landmark Preservation Commission held a public hearing on proposed new design guidelines for all historic properties in the city. The guidelines were developed by landmark preservation planners following several months of input with historic district residents and property owners.

If approved, the guidelines will go into effect October 1st, 2014 - replacing the current guidelines, written in 1995. Learn more at Denver’s Landmark Preservation website.

Updated guidelines outline a “how to” approach and provide easy-to-follow charts and graphs so that property owners and design professionals can more easily navigate through the design review and permitting process.

### Denver DMV Introduces Innovative Solution to Increase Mail-in Renewals

Effective with August renewals, the City and County of Denver’s Motor Vehicle division will be using a data mailer solution versus the current reminder postcard for license plate renewals. Denver DMV has been promoting the three self-service renewal options in an effort to decrease the number of customers visiting branches each month to renew their license plates. You can “skip the trip” and renew in the convenience of your home by choosing to renew by mail, phone (311) or online [www.colorado.gov/renewtags](http://www.colorado.gov/renewtags).

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### Parks and Rec Taking Recreation Online

With District 10 getting its own Rec Center soon near the Esplanade, you might be eagerly anticipating stepping up to the desk (once there is one) and getting your membership. Why wait? There are 27 rec centers already out there that you can try out, and you don't need to find a counter first. Sign up for your Denver Recreation membership on line and see what's already available, while we wait for ours to sprout at Colfax and Josephine.

### Keep Electronic Waste Out of Landfills

Whole Foods Electronic Waste Collection: Saturdays, 10:00am - 2:00pm:

- \* 1st Saturday of every month - Capitol Hill Whole Foods, 900 E. 11th Ave.
- \* 2nd Saturday of every month - Wash Park Whole Foods, 1111 S. Washington St.
- \* 3rd Saturday of every month - Colo. Blvd. Whole Foods, 870 S Colo. Blvd.

For more information: Denver electronic waste collection <http://www.sustainability-recycling.com/#!/event-calendar/c1vud>

### SCFD Free Days around Denver:

- <http://scfd.org/p/free-days-calendar.html>
- \* Denver Art Museum <http://www.denverartmuseum.org/visitor-info/free-days>
- \* Denver Botanic Gardens (York St.) <http://www.botanicgardens.org/plan-your-visit/visitor-information/free-days>
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- \* Clyfford Still Museum <https://www.clyffordstillmuseum.org>
- \* Denver Center for the Performing Arts <http://www.denvercenter.org/main.aspx>

### A Surfeit of Squash?

Are you expecting to be overrun by zucchini again this year? Produce for Pantries was begun to help balance the preponderance of highly processed food that food pantries receive. Consider donating your surplus to Produce for Pantries, [www.ProduceForPantries.com](http://www.ProduceForPantries.com).

### Travel to the Tattered Cover

The TC's Travel Lovers Book Club meets every 2nd Monday at 5:30 at 2526 E. Colfax.

### What's there to SIE?

SIE Film Center, 2510 E. Colfax, [DenverFilm.org](http://DenverFilm.org)

### SCFD Free Days

Scientific and Cultural Facilities District fees result in free days at Denver's cultural institutions. Check the SCFD website, <http://scfd.org/p/free-days-calendar.html> or the institution's site for the next free day at the Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Over 1000 free days are offered each year around town.

### Learn to Compost!

In partnership with Denver Recycles, Denver Urban Gardens offers free classes in composting several times a month from April through October. All public compost classes are hosted at the compost demonstration site at our Gove Community Garden, located at 13th and Colorado in Denver. Find your class at <http://dug.org/compost/>

Each compost class is a two-hour, hands-on workshop in the basics of backyard composting. Worm Workshops are special classes that cover vermicomposting techniques. Build-A-Pile Workshops are special classes in which participants help to build an entire compost pile, and receive hands-on experience in incorporating different materials into a compost pile, chopping ingredients, watering, and turning the pile.

### Congress Park Neighbors Meetings Feature Speakers

For each neighborhood meeting, the Congress Park Neighbors Board will try to feature a speaker of general interest to neighbors, or a specific presentation about a current issue. What would you like to hear about? Email [CpnBoard@CongressParkNeighbors.org](mailto:CpnBoard@CongressParkNeighbors.org) to make suggestions and keep an eye on the website, [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org) to see what topics are spotlighted. Meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of the "even" months (February, April, June, August, October and December) in Heitler Hall at National Jewish Hospital. Thanks go to National Jewish for offering the space for the meetings.

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## Sewall Replaces Waldorf on Fillmore

*Reimagining Excellence for All in a Community with Heart (REACH) charter school opens this fall*

In response to community and Sewall alumni family demand, REACH will expand Sewall's education model of 100% inclusion to an elementary school. REACH is a high-quality public charter school with individualized attention for ALL learners including special needs, gifted and talented, and twice-exceptional students.

Doors at 940 Fillmore Street will open to Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Graders in Fall 2015. By adding one grade per year, REACH will grow to serve Preschool through Fifth grade by 2019. For more details, visit [www.Sewall.org/REACH](http://www.Sewall.org/REACH).

Principal Christine Ferris will oversee the fully inclusive classroom model which has worked for Sewall for 70 years. The REACH Charter School will eventually impact more than 300 students, with special education teachers, occupational physical therapists, and speech therapists working with classroom teachers in a team approach.

## Join our team!

### Immediate openings:

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## Creating Livable and Diverse Neighborhoods for All Denver Residents

By Laura Brudzynski, Aide to Councilwoman Robin Kniech

As just one piece of Denver's affordable housing strategy, Councilwoman Robin Kniech has been working over the last year and a half with a broad coalition of stakeholders to update and improve outcomes from the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO). By balancing affordability with wealth creation, the ordinance helps to foster vibrant communities through mixed-income homeownership opportunities.

Originally passed in 2002, the ordinance requires for-sale housing developments of more than 30 units to make 10% of their homes affordable to families of 1 to 4 members earning between \$42,950 and \$61,350 annually.

Guided by an economic study of Denver's housing needs and best practices across the nation, the proposals for a revised ordinance would recalibrate the developer requirements based on the diverse economics of Denver's neighborhoods, to help build more homes and to work in closer partnership with developers on a range of flexible options for doing so.

While the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance is just one small tool capturing a little bit of market-rate home development, the city has many other strategies and still needs other tools to address affordable rental, supportive housing for the homeless, senior housing, etc. Although a revised IHO can provide some homeownership opportunities for moderate income families, and the preservation of existing units could stem the loss of affordable homes we face, a more consistent, local source of revenue is the key to a robust strategy for mixed-income housing. Similar cities around the country have created Housing Trust Funds that supplement state and federal dollars, using small impact/recording fees or property tax levies to raise significant amounts for a broad spectrum of housing needs. The \$3 million dedicated to afford-

able housing in Denver's 2014 budget is a good start, but Councilwoman Kniech is working with colleagues on Council and the Mayor's Office to find a long-term and sustainable funding source to fully implement our Affordable Housing Plan. For more information on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance revisions and other affordable housing initiatives visit [www.denvergov.org/robinkniech](http://www.denvergov.org/robinkniech).


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## Community Isn't Just a Place; Grassroots Democracy Is a Participatory Sport

By Wendy Moraskie

Wash Park Profile publisher Paul Kashman recently wrote, "Community does not come prefabricated; you need to work to make it grow." He went on to observe that people can live in the same proximity and some can be involved members of the community while others just have similar addresses. In his August "View," he asks, "What about you?"

Betsey House started Citizens Climate Lobby, something way "outside her comfort zone," because she "needed to act on her responsibility as a citizen in a democracy."

You may not want to take on that size of a challenge, but you have a unique talent or skill to offer right here in the neighborhood. Your neighborhood needs your participation at the bi-monthly meetings (February, April, June, August, October and December), in special projects and in learning the issues and representing the neighborhood at various meetings around the city.

We are always very glad to see a large number of neighbors attending meetings addressing critical issues of development or zoning happening on their block or nearby. The city needs to see that these same people (that would be all of us) are concerned about those kinds of issues when they happen-

ing anywhere in the neighborhood. We don't want anyone thinking they can divide and conquer Congress Park by saying something "would only affect Colorado Blvd.," or "would only affect Colfax."

So, how can you get involved? Remember that your neighborhood Board and your City Council person can't represent you if they don't know what's important to you. Pick what fits into your life now and dig deeper when you can. Join your neighborhood association and sign up for email blasts about neighborhood issues. Send issue information to the webmaster for distribution. Sign up to deliver the newsletter to your block. Inform yourself about the plans to re-develop the land at 9th and Colorado, and upgrades to businesses on Colfax.

Voice your opinions when you get the email blast about a change to a nearby liquor license. Attend the bi-monthly and annual meetings of the neighborhood association. Volunteer when you have time. Model "engaged" and "responsible citizen" for your children and your neighbors. Write up what concerns you and submit it for the newsletter. Become an expert on your neighbors and if an issue calls for an engineer, know who that is on your block so you can get her drawn in to share her expertise.

As Principal Jessica Downs says on page 5, "Ask questions. Think Hard. Grow." Good advice at any age.

*"My experience ... reminded me that as a citizen, I have a voice and a responsibility to use it," Betsey House.*



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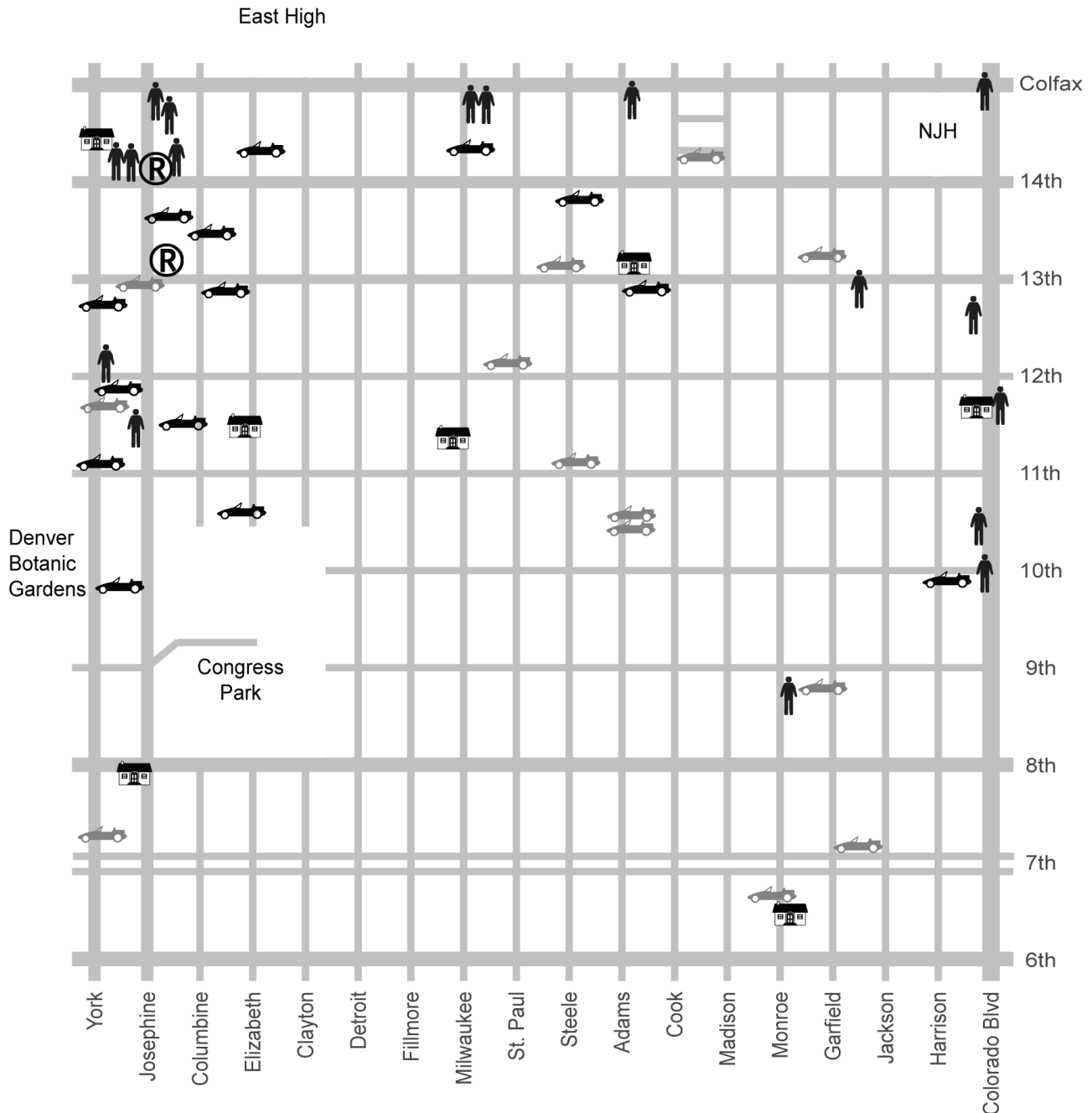
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- Sexual Assault
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- Burglary
- Auto Theft
- Theft from auto

**This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the second quarter of 2014. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.**

## Council Overwhelmingly Supports Access to Fresh, Healthy Produce

By Laura Brudzynski, Aide to Councilwoman Robin Kniech

In July, City Council passed the Fresh Produce and Cottage Food Sales Ordinance, amending the Denver Zoning Code to allow for the sale of raw, uncut fruits and vegetables and low-risk value-added “cottage foods” as a residential home occupation. The amendment expands access to fresh, healthy produce, allows residents to earn a little extra cash, strengthens connections among neighbors, and supports Mayor Hancock’s citywide Sustainability Goals to source more food locally and to foster food security for Denver residents, especially low-income communities with little access to quality grocery stores.

In the process of passing the ordinance, Councilwoman Kniech’s office reached out to more than 23 registered neighborhood organizations, including

CHUN, and corresponded with many individual residents. The ordinance is based on the state of Colorado Cottage Food Act, which was carefully vetted by public health experts. Uncut fruits and vegetables are very low risk foods (especially compared to food travelling internationally or being processed in industrial farming operations). The key is to wash, wash, wash. Sellers of low-risk, prepared foods that don’t require refrigeration are required to take food safety education classes, label their products, and follow traceability rules.

All sellers are required to have a permit, which is available for \$20. Any concerns about compliance with zoning limitations or food safety can be reported to 3-1-1, which has a robust data collection process to report trends back to council after the law has been in effect for one year. Information about the permitting process, rules and regulations, and more can be found at [www.denvergov.org/homebusiness](http://www.denvergov.org/homebusiness).

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## Art Show to Benefit Local and International Anti-Violence Efforts

Zonta Club of Denver Hosts 2nd Annual Event to Raise Awareness of Gender Violence

When: November 8, 5-8 p.m.

Where: Posner Center for International Development  
1031 33rd Street, Denver 80205

Front Range Zonta Clubs will unite again in November with Zonta Clubs worldwide to mark the Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence with an art show. Learn more at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action>

The event will feature local and international artists’ work and display the efforts of local organizations working to end violence against women. Organizers are accepting donations of art, time, food, beverages and funds. See the Zonta Says No site at <http://zontadistrict12.org/ZontaSaysNo/> or call Wendy at 303-355-3735. For more information about Zonta, see the international website at <http://www.zonta.org/> or local <http://www.zonta-denver.org/>

## Denver Dumping the Dumpsters, Converting to Carts

In 2014, Denver Public Works will begin the first phase of a plan to move the City of Denver to automated cart trash collection. Several neighborhoods in Denver are being converted over the next few years, but Congress Park is not part of the first wave.

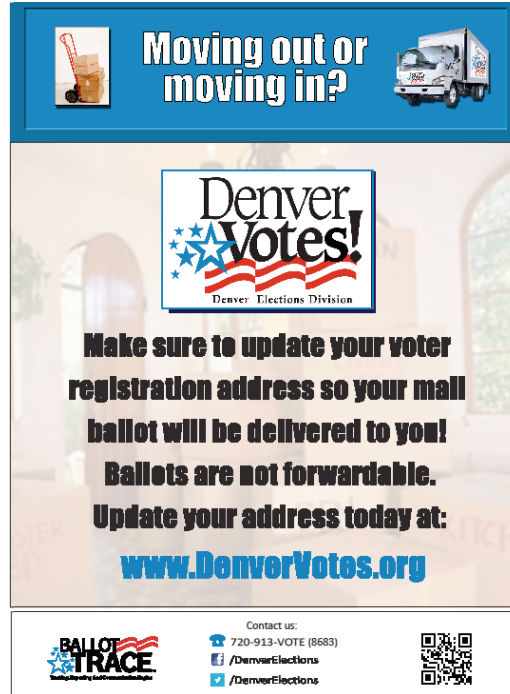
Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Manager Charlotte Pitt reports her department doesn't yet "have a timeline for Congress Park. We are waiting to determine our 2015 budget allocation and to see how phase 1 goes this year."

Starting this summer, the City will begin to convert approximately 20,000 homes with dumpster or manual trash collection to cart based trash service. Congress Park uses both dumpsters and manual trash set out.

"When we do transition an area," Pitt said, "it encompasses both types of service. Our hope is to have the whole city transitioned to carts in the next 3 to 5 years."

In addition to improving the equity of services across the city and increasing collection efficiency, the cart conversion process provides many other benefits to the residents in impacted neighborhoods.

For more information, or to see the Solid Waste Management Master Plan, visit [denvergov.org/TrashAndRecycling](http://denvergov.org/TrashAndRecycling)



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## “Different Feel” for the Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District, continued

*Continued from page 1*

By Lisa L. Bingham

Since March, Continuum has been meeting with community groups in the area to listen to people’s concerns and ideas for the project. At the July meeting of the CBHD, Continuum reported their findings, including concerns about traffic congestion, “big box” retail, the desire for a pedestrian-friendly design, and a desire for small, local retail options. Although there is a need for national retailers to serve as anchor tenants, Continuum is focusing on selecting a balanced mix, and have already received considerable interest from possible tenants.

Moving forward, Continuum is working with the Denver Urban Renewal Authority to negotiate the TIF portion of the project. (Tax increment financing uses an increase in tax revenues to help redevelop economically blighted areas.) They also have additional community meetings planned throughout the fall (dates to be announced). They feel confident that they will close on the project by the end of the year and anticipate that demolition will begin in January 2015.

In other updates from the CBHD, the Alliance Residential project has also been moving forward. They closed on the southeast corner of the property in the spring and have been working on demolition and grading on the site. Construction should be starting any day now, starting with the leasing center. Presentations to the CBHD have included discussions on materials, landscaping, which have generally been well-received.

Additional information can be found in the minutes from the meetings posted on the Congress Park Neighbors website. CBHD meetings continue to be held on the first Thursday of every month from 4pm to 5:30pm. Sign up for the Congress Park Neighbors emails in order to receive notices about upcoming meetings.

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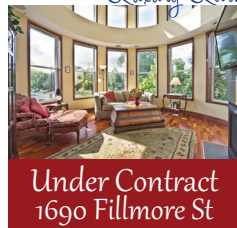
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