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CP Ice Cream Social Serves Dessert, Chances to Talk Issues
By CPN President Tom Conis

The Aug 7 Congress Park Ice Cream Social, on National Night Out, drew about 300 neighbors to eat ice cream and visit with each other.

City Council members Wayne New and Debbie Ortega stopped at Congress Park on their rounds of neighborhood celebrations and heard from neighbors about traffic and street safety, among other issues. Ortega cheerfully helped scoop ice cream between conversations. Colorado State Senator and Congress Park neighbor Lois Court was on hand to hear how her office can positively impact the neighborhood.

Your volunteer CPN Board sponsors this and other occasions to meet new and long-time neighbors, and reserved the park pavilion, invited legislative representatives and arranged for the District 2 police and fire department to join the party. The

Board also organized tables for the Historic Preservation, Green Team and Street Safety Committees to share information and discuss issues. Volunteers picked up, transported, set up and cleaned up the ice cream, scoops, water, rags, plastic gloves, kids’ firemen hats, signs, tablecloths, tape and other essential paraphernalia.

CPN Board members also served ice cream and talked to neighbors about membership in our Registered Neighborhood Organization. Have you joined yet? See the membership form on the back page, and check out the rest of this issue for ideas on how you can help keep Congress Park amazing.

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.
Ad Accounts Rep Needed Urgently
By Wendy Moraskie

For 25+ years, the Congress Park News has arrived on your porch every quarter for free, through the work of volunteers and with the critical support of advertisers. It’s a vital tool for your volunteer CPN Board as we work to keep neighbors informed. We appreciate that support immensely. In order to continue, Congress Park needs a neighbor to help encourage CPN businesses to advertise in our CPNews. We want to continue to gather and share information feeding decisions the city is making about our neighborhood.

Could you volunteer a little time each quarter to talk to business owners about advertising in the neighborhood newsletter? Contact me (your volunteer editor) at 303-355-3735, or at wendyrich@msn.com. New businesses get a free ad with a brief write-up of their enterprise. After that there is a discounted rate for the purchase of four consecutive quarterly ads (1 year).

No time to volunteer? You don’t have to be a business to “advertise.” In a $20 directory ad or a $50 business card-size ad, you could announce an anniversary, your student’s achievement or thank a neighbor, spouse or kid for a good deed.

Supportive Congress Park residents and businesses (storefronts and home-based services) have funded the care and feeding of the hard copy newsletter for nearly as long as our RNO has existed. You can help make sure it continues to share our news.

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Do you have a suggestion for your Board?

Send hints and help to CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org

Visit CPN businesses, make new friends and support your neighborhood newsletter. Volunteer CPNews advertising accounts rep needed now! Call Wendy, 303-355-3735, for info.
Calling All Water-Wise Gardeners!

By Congress Park Neighbors Green Team - Water Action Team
Liz Goehring, Susan Bardwell, Anne-Charlotte Thureau Hoppman, Teresa Palumbo, & Anne Miller

Water is one of Colorado’s most limited and valuable natural resources. Our state is one of the driest states in the U.S., and Denver ranks 6th driest large city nationwide [CurrentResults.com]! With increasing demand for water from the growing population along the Front Range and projected decreases in water availability due to changes in climate, conservation of this precious resource is more important than ever.

Denver Water has long promoted conservation. Currently, they emphasize knowing your household water usage and staying within targets - Indoor: 40 GCD (gallons per capita per day) and Outdoor: 12 GPSF (gallons per sq ft per month). If your water usage is high, they recommend checking for and fixing leaks (e.g., running toilets) and adjusting irrigation systems to minimize waste. They also suggest converting sections of your yard to water-wise landscapes, starting with difficult areas like the hellish strip of land between the sidewalk and street, known as the right-of-way or tree lawn.

Water-wise landscapes conserve water by using plants adapted to low-water conditions, limiting thirsty turf grass, watering efficiently, and using mulch.

To help neighbors understand what “water-wise” looks like, our team organized a walking tour of existing water-saving landscapes within Congress Park this past Spring. The tour only covered a small portion of the neighborhood, barely scratching the surface of the attractive, water-saving gardens found throughout our neighborhood (see pictures of the tour at https://www.congressparkneighbors.org/water-conservation/). Since then, we’ve been scouting the neighborhood for more garden gems, focusing particularly on those challenging tree lawns. The great news is that about 25% of our neighbors have some form of water-saving landscape in these strips – now affectionately referred to by our team as “Hello Strips”!

Do you have a water-wise landscape? Our team would love to hear from you to learn what has worked and share success tips with other neighbors also interested in saving water. Please contact us at Sustainability@congressparkneighbors.org and tell us your gardening story.

Our team is also working on a “Do It Yourself Getting Started Water-Wise Landscaping” Workshop for February. Stay tuned!

New School Landscape Helps Students Grow

By Jay Adams, Denver Water

Catherine McCord, University of Colorado at Denver graduate, is justly proud of the unique plants in the Sewall/REACH sensory garden.

According to Denver Water’s Mark Cassalia, the landscape is an example of how people are re-thinking gardens with water-efficiency in mind.

“In recent years, we’ve seen a trend of homeowners, schools and other property owners taking steps to add more functionality and water efficiency to their landscapes,” Cassalia said. “It’s great to see these two schools promoting important lessons about nature to their students at a young age.”
After School Enrichment Information
Registration for Fall 2018 Enrichments at Teller will be open starting on August 1 - 19. Registration for Enrichment is First Come, First Served and will automatically close once each class has reached its maximum.

After School Music Information
Registration for Teller’s After School Music program will run August 1 - 30. Registration for Teller’s After School Music program is on a first come, first served basis and will automatically close once each class has reached its capacity.

Volunteer Opportunities
Whether you have a lot or a little time to spare, the PTA could use you as a volunteer. There’s a wide variety of roles available, whether you want to run the show or support Teller from the sidelines. To stay informed about the PTA and available volunteer opportunities, join our mailing list: http://bit.ly/teller-volunteer.

We look forward to an incredible year! We made a lot of growth last year and we are looking forward to continuing the great work we started. We will see you all so very soon!
What's Going On at 11th and Adams?
By Rodney Allen

Walking the mile from my house to Congress Park and back has been my early morning routine for years. Imagine my surprise to see that half of the duplex that stood at 11th and Adams was demolished. My first reaction was disappointment. That the original duplex and carriage house that once sat there would be gone forever.

Around the neighborhood, there has been much discussion about Historic Preservation and the desire to keep the history and original architecture intact within our community. After speaking with the developer of the replacement structure at 11th and Adams, I feel assured it will be complementary to its neighbors, with sympathetic architecture.

Significant amounts of deferred maintenance over the years had made the property cost-prohibitive to restore. The developer has submitted plans to build a nearly identical footprint of the previous structure.

The new two-story duplex will have similar architecture to the brick bungalow style duplex that once graced the site. There will be a detached carriage house/garage for car storage only. The developer reports receiving some push-back from the City when he informed them he wanted to keep the density low at only 2 units; they wanted more units on the site.

The developer has spoken with the neighbors to the property, and has listened to their input. He intends to build something that will be congruent with the neighborhood architecture, saving the trees that have been on the site for decades, and hopes his design will please as many residents as possible. He is awaiting approval from Denver planning and zoning. As soon as he has that, the project will begin. I had a good conversation with him. I truly got the impression that he too wants to do what he can to help Congress Park retain its turn of the century charm.

When completed, the hope is that this will be a good example of new and old living side by side in harmony.
Discover Denver Building Survey Comes to Congress Park
By Beth Glandon, Historic Denver

What makes buildings in Congress Park special? Discover Denver, a project focused on identifying historic and architecturally significant structures citywide, begins work in Congress Park next month and wants your help!

The survey is gathering information about all Denver buildings using public records, neighborhood canvassing, academic research, and tips from the public. Volunteers play a significant role in Discover Denver, helping to document buildings, research building histories, and collect stories from members of the community.

Findings from the survey will later be accessible online so that everyone can learn about Denver’s past — building by building.

Historic Denver, Inc. and the City and County of Denver lead this project, funded mainly by a Colorado State Historical Fund grant. Denver joins other major cities, including Los Angeles and Phoenix, that are conducting building surveys.

Project benefits include:

* Uncovering buildings of historic and architectural significance

* Providing property owners up-front information about buildings to inform reinvestment and sale decisions

* Equipping city planners with information about historic resources when creating neighborhood plans

* Bolstering civic pride

Over the next few months, residents and business owners will experience minimal – if any – impact from volunteer surveyors working in Congress Park (bordered by York, Colfax, Colorado and E. 6th Avenue). Survey volunteers observe a property from the public street or sidewalk, taking notes on its physical features and integrity. Volunteers will have project-specific identification and should identify themselves to you if asked. No one associated with Discover Denver will enter or access your property without your permission.

Community input is key to the success of the project! Tell us your Congress Park stories and learn more about the project and how to get involved at www.DiscoverDenver.CO.
City Plans for Development
From Denver Community Planning and Development

Denveright is the name the Mayor’s office is giving to Denver’s plans to guide our city for the next 20 years.

Mayor Michael B. Hancock has released a set of five plans to guide Denver’s growth and its impact on development, parks, mobility options and more over the next 20 years. Resulting from the city’s two-year Denveright outreach and planning effort, input from thousands of you has informed these plans for a more inclusive, connected and healthy city, for all of us who live here today, as well as our neighbors of tomorrow.

The draft plans are available for your review and feedback now! They are:
- Comprehensive Plan 2040 – An overall 20-year vision and goals
- Blueprint Denver – An integrated land use and transportation plan
- Game Plan for a Healthy City – A parks and recreation plan
- Denver Moves: Transit – A first-ever local transit plan
- Denver Moves: Pedestrians & Trails – A sidewalks, street crossings and trails plan

The city will host a Denveright community night on August 28, 2018 at City Park Pavilion where anyone may learn more about the plans. City planners will also host office hours in several locations beginning in September.

After October 31, the draft plans will be revised based on input received. Then in early 2019, Denver City Council will review plans that require council adoption. Learn more at denvergov.org/denveright.
Check that Charity
By Julia Sunny, Colorado Secretary of State’s office

Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams joins the Federal Trade Commission and law enforcement officials and charity regulators from every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam and Puerto Rico in announcing “Operation Donate with Honor,” a sweeping new donor education campaign to help donors spot and avoid fundraising solicitations that falsely promising their donations will help veterans and service members.

“Coloradans are extremely generous in supporting charitable organizations,” Secretary of State Wayne Williams said. “This initiative is one more opportunity for our office to help Coloradans ensure that their donations are getting to the people who need them, especially when it comes to the worthy cause of supporting our veterans and service members.”

Every year, grateful Americans repay the sacrifices made by those who serve in the U.S. armed forces with contributions to charities that promise to deliver needed help and services to veterans and service members. Most of these charities live up to fundraising promises, but a few attract donations by lying about help and support not actually delivered. In the process, they harm not only well-meaning donors, but also the many legitimate charities engaged in vital work.

The new campaign is being released in conjunction with announcements of new and recent law enforcement actions by the FTC and many states. Operation Donate with Honor was developed by the FTC and the National Association of State Charity Officials (NASCO), the association of state offices charged with oversight of charitable organizations and charitable solicitations in the United States.

The national education campaign is intended to help potential donors, regardless of where or how they choose to donate, learn how to spot fraudulent and deceptive solicitations and make sure their contributions actually benefit veterans and service members.

Before giving to any charity, read the Secretary of State’s office giving tips or visit www.CheckTheCharity.com, or FTC.gov/Charity.

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Give Yourself a Break By Grasscycling

More than a quarter of Denver’s household trash is composed of yard debris, and grass clippings account for a large portion of this material from April to September. Save yourself time and energy this growing season by grasscycling, which means leaving your grass clippings on your lawn after mowing. Grasscycling makes mowing quicker and easier and is the natural way to return nutrients to your lawn.

Safe Grilling Tips

Sparks fly! Place the grill on a level surface at least 10 feet away from structures like the home and garage. Stay clear of trees and landscaping.

- Never grill indoors or in vehicles, tents, garages, or campers. This is a deadly risk for fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Before cooking, clean the grill by removing grease buildup from the grills and trays underneath.

- Grill with a fire extinguisher nearby.

- Use long-handled grilling tools and dry oven mitts that cover your forearms.

- Never leave a hot grill unattended.

- After grilling, keep children and pets away from the grill until it has cooled completely. For charcoal, soak coals with water and store in a metal container for disposal. For gas grills, turn off both the grill and the gas.

- In case of fire, call 911.
Small Cell Towers Carry 5G, Spark Questions

From Councilman Wayne New’s office

New technologies are requiring new connections. The 5G signals are triggering wireless carriers to install small cell towers. About 50 Verizon stations have gone up west of downtown and more are planned. The installation raised concerns earlier this year (see the March Denver Post article).

Councilman New has been working with Public Works to improve the location requirements for small cell infrastructure, emphasizing the use of existing poles, or siting new poles the edges of properties, corners and alleys (when possible), establishing distancing requirements for new poles and imposing a notification requirement to adjacent impacted residents.

See the Congress Park website (small cell towers), or contact New’s office to find out where small cell installations are planned and ways to provide input on locations during the permitting process. Note that reasons are very limited for rejecting a permit.

Addressing neighbors’ health concerns, the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment Executive Director said: “Radiofrequency (RF) signals, such as those used with cell phone communication and cell towers, is not the same type of radiation one would be exposed to when receiving an x-ray. RF fields are non-ionizing radiation, meaning it is not strong enough to change the structure of atoms it contacts. Because RF fields have lower energy they cannot cause ionization, chemical changes or cell damage. Hundreds of new research studies have investigated whether health problems can be linked to cell phone use or proximity to cell phone towers but to the best of my knowledge, none of those studies have been able to definitively link the two.”

We encourage residents to call or email our office with any questions or concerns.

You are welcome to contact Verizon as well. We would like to encourage all interested parties to express their desire for Verizon to quickly reach an agreement with Xcel on co-location and to prioritize co-location in their 5G rollout. Co-location would reduce the number of new poles being installed.
The map above shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the second quarter of 2018. Crime mapping provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee from statistics relayed through the City and Police Department.
Stinky Blooms Again

Hold your nose! Stinky, the Gardens’ beloved corpse flower (Amorphophallus titanum), may give Denver a second, smelly bloom! Horticulturists predict the event will occur in early to mid-September. The approximately 18-year-old plant can be viewed in the Orangery greenhouse. Stinky first bloomed in August 2015, marking the Gardens’ first-ever corpse flower bloom. A different plant, Little Stinker, bloomed in 2016.

Horticulturists are measuring the plant daily. It is currently just over 2 feet tall and will grow to be more than 5 feet tall. Regular updates will be shared on the Gardens’ Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and website. The public can sign up for the Gardens email newsletter to receive a "Bloom Alert."

The corpse flower, native to rainforests of western Sumatra, has a bloom with a foul odor that resembles decaying flesh. The potency of the aroma increases from late evening until the middle of the night, tapering off toward morning. The smell is produced by the bloom to attract flies and carrion beetles for pollination.

Seedlings

Seedlings classes offer a fun, hands-on way for young children to explore the plant world while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants. Seedlings programs are offered for three different age groups and are modified to fit the developmental needs of each group. Week of Oct. 16: Pumpkins, Gourds and More; Oct. 23: The Creepy Crawly Garden: Oct 30: Fall Foliage Fun

Family Fun Night: Stories and S’mores

Sunday, September 30, 5:30-8 p.m.

Celebrate the changing seasons! Make s’mores, explore and play in Mordecai Children’s Garden, and engage your creative and curious side as you participate in nature-themed activities. Special guest storyteller Cliff Davidson will join us and share family friendly stories. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy in the Children’s Garden.

Carving and Cocktail Hour

Thursday, October 11, 7-8 p.m.

Each duo receives one pumpkin, a pattern and a mini-kit of professional carving tools. Barry Brown, master pumpkin carver, guides the group through simple tips and techniques. A lighting ceremony ends the evening. This event is BYOB. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. This is a 21 and over event, please have your ID with you.

Winged Souls

October 13 – November 4,

Included with general admission

This outdoor art exhibition celebrates Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) by showcasing the symbolism of monarch butterflies and the iconic female figure known as La Catrina. Learn about this Mexican holiday through colorful and joyful large-scale sculptures created by Los Angeles-based artist Ricardo Soltero.

Glow at the Gardens

October 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

The Gardens dresses up for Halloween with luminaria-lined pathways, spooky lighting displays and hundreds of carved, glowing gourds. Using all real pumpkins harvested from local farms, our pumpkin artists push the boundaries of traditional pumpkin carving to create larger-than-life sculptures, dense displays of jack-o-lanterns and ornately detailed showpiece pumpkins. Enjoy spooky storytelling, hands-on crafts, games, cash bars, seasonal café specials and of course trick-or-treating. Seasonal food and beverages are available for purchase.

Ghosts in the Gardens Tour

Friday-Sunday, October 19-21 and 26-28, 6-8 p.m. and 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Guides share haunting stories of the Gardens’

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"The fence that makes good neighbors needs a gate to make good friends." -Anonymous
Coming Up at Denver Botanic Gardens, continued

By Erin Bird
(Dates, times and fees are on the DBG website)

one hundred years of history, inside and outside of what used to be called “The Boneyard.” Each tour features staff ghost stories, real overnight security ghost encounters and intriguing history – including access to the haunted Waring House that is not open to the public. Enjoy this creepy opportunity to walk dark paths throughout the Gardens after hours.

Family Workshop: Traditions of Día de los Muertos: Sugar Skulls
Sunday, October 21, 10 a.m. – noon and 2–4 p.m.
Join us as we explore the cultural traditions of Día de los Muertos. Learn how to make and decorate sugar skulls as you discover the cultural significance of these important icons. Each person can make and take home two sugar skulls. Classes are designed for families with children ages 5-10.

Día de los Muertos Celebration
Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday traditionally observed on Nov. 1 and 2. A holiday with ancient roots combining Mexican indigenous customs and European traditions, Día de los Muertos is a lighthearted and joyful tribute to the memory of family and friends who have passed away. Families celebrate by creating ofrendas (offerings) – elaborate displays commemorating loved ones – decorating sugar skulls and more. The Gardens’ event includes outdoor live art demonstrations and lucha libre (weather permitting), performances, face painting (for purchase) and a mercado with local art, jewelry, apparel and prints for sale. Día de los Muertos costumes are encouraged.

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Denver Dog Park Master Plan: 2018 Technical Update

Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) is in the process of implementing a “technical update” to its current Dog Park Master Plan, which was completed in 2010.

Currently, there are more than 50,000 dogs registered in the City and County of Denver and 12 designated off-leash dog parks. Much like Denver’s human population growth, it’s expected that the number of dogs will continue to increase. To help alleviate the various issues that arise from an increasing dog population in a growing city, many municipalities are looking towards dog parks.

What’s a “technical update”?
The term “technical update” is used to describe the re-examination of an existing plan. After almost 10 years of use and changing city demographics, Denver’s 2010 Dog Park Master Plan is now outdated. Visit the project page to find more information and resources, including Frequently Asked Questions.

Online survey open until September 30, 2018: This survey is intended to identify the public’s needs and priorities for current and future dog parks in Denver. The input gathered will inform details of the technical update.

Whether you’re a dog owner or not, we need your input—thank you for your time and feedback; and for sharing this survey with your neighbors!

Take the dog park survey now! (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/denverdogs)
## Service Club Meeting

**Zonta Club of Denver**  
303-355-3735  
90 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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Meet new friends, share your expertise at neighborhood meetings and discuss issues that are shaping your neighborhood. Third Wednesdays of even months, 7 p.m., Sewall/REACH, 940 Fillmore. Contact cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org and visit congressparkneighbors.org.

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Congress Park Neighbors Membership Form

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~Vince Lombardi