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Methadone Clinic to Open Adjacent to East High

(Concerned Business Owners and Neighbors contributed to this article)

The Denver Recovery Group, www.denver-recoverygroup.com (DRG) is planning to provide Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT) to heroin and prescription drug addicts at a new clinic on Colfax and Fillmore. The location is approximately 300 feet from East High School and its 2,500 students. Methadone clinics are classified as medical offices protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act, therefore there are no zoning regulations prohibiting their placement near schools, unlike marijuana dispensaries and liquor stores.

On April 21, a DRG owner and operators met with neighbors and representatives from East, Denver Police and city officials to understand the clinic's operations and mitigate potential negative impact on the community. Neighbors are working with a mediator to develop a framework for a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) similar to those in place with dispensaries, bars and other potential risks in the community.

Elements of the GNA are security, traffic management, trash cleanup and noise abatement, loitering prevention and police support. Neighbors are committed to monitoring the area and calling police, the clinic or landlord when problems arise. Public city records indicate the owner of the building is Vasillios Haramlampopoulos, 303-691-8912.

What is the origin of this clinic? How was this location selected? DRG is owned by Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Senior Vice President

Steven Lanza, Anthony Lanza and handyman Chad Tewksbury, who also serves as director of marketing and represented the owners at the April 21 meeting. The partners own one other methadone clinic, Alt Recovery in Las Cruces, NM.

For 20 years, CU's Addiction Treatment Service has been providing MMT on Gaylord blocks north of Colfax. Another clinic run by private equity owned BHG recently relocated from the corner of York and 18th to Leetsdale and Forest. According to DRG owners, the relocation created a demand in this neighborhood for 200 people needing daily doses of methadone. DRG also cites the access to public transportation that Colfax affords.

The rise of MMT is due to the growth of heroin addiction and prescription pain pills. Insurance mandates create the reimbursement that attracts investors. SAMHSA reports that MMT clinics are undergoing a transformation in ownership. For-profit ownership is on the rise. There are 10 methadone clinics in Colorado with two in close proximity to East High School, and another 3 miles away.

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Congress Park's Vision (1995 Neighborhood Plan)

Congress Park is a traditional city neighborhood with a small-town atmosphere. Here, people of diverse cultures, ages, colors and economic backgrounds share a sense of community, value older homes and mature trees, and enjoy the convenience of city living amid the stability of a thriving neighborhood.

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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.

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Guard Against Home Repair Fraud

From the Denver District Attorney's office

- Never allow an uninvited contractor into your home to "look around" or make an "inspection."
- Never get pressured into making an immediate decision whether to hire a contractor to do any work on your home.
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- Before you select a final contractor, check his complaint and business history with your local Better Business Bureau.
- Demand that your final selection sign a written contract that spells out when the work will be started, the quality and type of all materials to be used, and when the work will be completed. Insist on making partial payments under the contract as specific work is completed to your satisfaction.



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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!

And we thank these committed neighbors:

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"Your Name Here?"

One slot is open for a CPN member to represent the neighborhood on the Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Submit a letter of interest to CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org.

Do you have a suggestion for your Board?

Send hints and help to
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.

New World Cheese Comes to Colfax This June

By Barb Frommell

Cheese, Glorious Cheese! A much-welcomed addition to the Lowenstein Cultureplex on East Colfax, this cheese shop and restaurant will boast Denver's greatest and most diverse selection of artisan, small batch cheeses made right here in Colorado as well as small farms and dairies throughout the USA (aka the "new world").

The restaurant, with seating for 25, will offer cheese-centric small plates, charcuterie and other delectables with carefully selected, seasonal pairings of local brews, wine and other local foods.



Upon entering New World Cheese, you'll be greeted by the warm, friendly smile of owner, chief cheese curator, and Congress Park resident Teresa St. Peter. Teresa has built personal relationships with cheesemakers throughout Colorado and across the country to bring the very best cheeses to your table and palate.

"We're lucky enough to be enjoying an artisan cheese renaissance in this country right now, and we can't wait to help people experience it," says St. Peter.

Slated to open in mid-June, New World Cheese will provide a quick bite before a show at Twist and Shout or SIE Film Center, the perfect addition to a family picnic in City Park, or a few small plates with your Tattered Cover book club. Discerning East High students will find healthy and tasty grab-n-go options.

For your favorite regional cheese from this side of the pond, visit New World Cheese. They'll even help you obtain hard-to-find selections. Say hello when they open in June and mentally "bookmark" Congress Park's new cheese shop.

Foundation Makes DAM Free for Youth to 2020

By Shelley Wood

The Reiman Foundation is partnering with Denver Art Museum to make sure kids have access to high-quality arts and cultural experiences. A Reiman gift will fully fund kids' general admission fees and cap entry fees for ticketed exhibits through 2020.

In a 2014 survey, Denver residents cited cost as one of three major barriers that kept kids from cultural attractions in the Mile High City.

Bring your kids to see Joan Miro's paintings and sculpture through June, and thank the Reiman Foundation and their commitment to the arts.

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Old Building, New Ministries in Congress Park

By Rev. Dr. Larry Grimm

The Capitol Heights Faith Communities share a building that typifies the architecture and the elegance of the Congress Park past. But these three Church communities are not hide bound to the past. In this jewel of a building they are responding to the challenges of climate change with several major responses: solar panels, LED lighting, and a community garden.

The three communities are Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church, the 10:30 Catholic Community, and Dignity Denver. The Presbyterians originally were chartered by the Denver Presbytery in 1896. They gathered for worship at 11th and York. In 1911 they moved into their newly constructed facility at 11th and Fillmore and have remained committed to living and serving on that corner since.

In the mid 1970's a congregation called the 10:30 Catholic Community came knocking. This Vatican II inspired community had been gathering for worship in the Park at 10:30 every Sunday. They needed a roof and a place and they partnered with the Presbyterians. In the mid 1980's Dignity Denver

needed a place and found their way to 1100 Fillmore Street. Since then the three have ministered to their own and to many in the neighborhood, a quiet active presence for compassion and justice.

They mounted solar panels on their flat roof. A grid tied system the building receives offset on electrical bills from Xcel. Their panels produce nearly enough that they can say their source for all of their electricity does not cause harm to the environment.

This past year they converted their lighting to further conserve electricity. All of their fluorescents, incandescent bulbs, and cfl's were changed to LED's. Great savings will accrue over the next ten years.

Most evident of their environmental projects is their community garden. Called the Leap of Faith Garden the mission is to cultivate the soil to produce food. Several dedicated gardeners under the leadership of Dr. Bob Cowan, a church member, have worked to build boxes on the land between side walk and street. They planted, cultivated, and harvested the usual

assortment of vegetables. They are striving this year to better accommodate the bee population.

The hope is that it will become a truly community garden. Welcome to till and keep the garden are all neighbors who walk the 11th Ave. sidewalk and occasionally pluck a tomato. Brochures will be available and they can actually sign up with their interest on the church website, www.capitolheightspresbyterian.org. Or drop in on our next work day, April 11 at 10 am.

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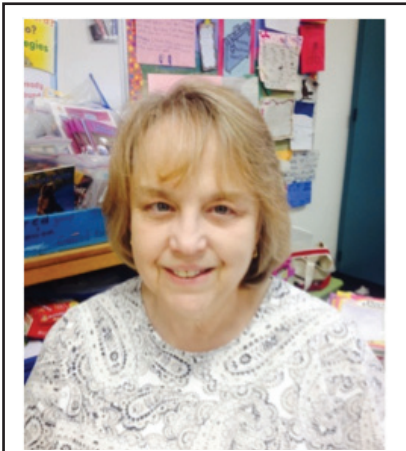
Teller Teachers Turn to Their Next Chapters

By Lisa Aiken

The 2014-2015 school year marked the end of three illustrious teaching careers at Teller Elementary. Among those who retired were First Grade teacher Kathleen Snow; Physical Education teacher Christine Baumgartner and Teller Librarian Cathey Bonnefoi.

Kathleen Snow taught for Denver Public Schools for 25 years with 15 of them spent at Teller Elementary, starting when only 230 students were enrolled. She's watched the school blossom to what it is now, serving more than 465

students. She credits the school's transformation to the efforts of dedicated teachers, administrators and parents. During the early part of her career at Teller, Ms. Snow helped with the Shakespeare Program and Festival for five years, working with Joy Urbach and Jennifer Bartos. More recently, Ms. Snow has been an active leader in the Teacher



A parting quote from Ms. Snow: "The end of a chapter heralds the beginning of a new."
Anonymous

Leader Program at DPS, which educates and assists in developing professional skills of fellow teachers. When asked, she said she is most proud of teaching first graders how to read. "Watching the light turn on in their eyes when reading clicks, still amazes me and make me feel wonderful. The seven years that I learned and taught Reading Recovery were some of my happiest years of teaching." She hopes to continue tutoring children in reading (kindergarten to 3rd grade), and plans to travel to France and Switzerland again. She also looks forward to pursuing her interests in photography and interior design, as well as spending time in her garden.

Teller's P.E. Teacher Christine Baumgartner, also known as "Ms. Chris" or "Diva," gave 46 years teaching for Denver Public Schools and came to Teller in 1998. In 2000, Mayor Hickenlooper presented the Mile High Teacher Award to her and she earned the Jared Polis Award in 2006, which rewarded both her and the school \$1,000 each. The Teller gymnasium has The Bricker Climbing Wall thanks to her involvement. It was funded by both her sales of coffee to the school community and from the estate of Dave Bricker, a grandfather of a Teller Student. Her biggest accomplishment was creating the P.E. Ace Program to reduce bullying during recess and provide leadership roles for students. She also established the Mighty Miles Program where all students, from ECE to 5th grade, work to achieve a marathon, 26.2 miles, or more

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Teller Mission 2015

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/>



A parting quote from Ms. Chris: "In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack, or last. You can say, 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that."
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- 864 Garfield

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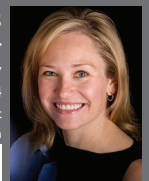
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Wait-loss for DMV

By Shelley Wood

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each school year. Besides keeping students fit, the program also teaches students about setting goals. "Learning how to set an appropriate goal for themselves, discovering obstacles that interfere with the achievement of the goal and how to make up for that is a valuable life skill. The satisfaction that students show when the goal is reached is priceless!" Ms. Chris looks forward to relaxing and traveling in the years to come.

Cathey Bonnefoi, also known as "Ms. B.," has been an educator with both Denver Public Schools and Jefferson County for 29 years. She's spent the last 14 years at Teller as a Reading Interventionist and a Librarian.



A parting quote from Ms. B.: "The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
Dr. Seuss

Mayor Hickenlooper presented her with the Mile High Teacher Award in 2002. When asked, her biggest accomplishment was teaching children to read. She's been highly active in reading awareness programs like Dr. Seuss' Read Across America and her Million Word Reader Program (from 2006 to 2013), which awarded students with a free ticket to a Rockies game for reading a million words or more. When she took over in 2001, the Teller Library's rating was unacceptable, meaning less than 10 books per student. She has brought the library up to target at 31 volumes per student through her Poinsettia Fundraiser and by working closely with the PTA's Scholastic Book Fair Chairs. She looks forward to fly fishing, golfing and travelling. She's currently working on her bucket list, which includes another river cruise with Ms. Chris and a visit to Ireland.

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Estate and Elder Law Planning Reduce Family Stress

By Elizabeth Cypers

Clients often come to me after living through the challenges of caring for aging parents. These clients want to plan ahead and lessen future stress on their families. We work together to arrange for their future care and meet estate planning goals.



No one wants to think about getting old and needing help, but it happens and setting out clear directions now can lessen stress, guilt, family tension and second-guessing.

The good news is that advance planning can be straight-forward and much easier than trying to deal with multiple issues during a health crisis. When you are healthy, still earning money, and still fully able to care for yourself, it is the opportune time to make an estate plan. Estate Planning involves so much more than just a will to allocate possessions and resources. A proper plan will also ensure your wishes are carried out regarding your legacy, such as funds for education, charity, family support and your own care.

A well-crafted estate plan is a gift from you to your family. Watching our loved ones age and need help is difficult and emotional, but can be made easier with advanced planning, and good communication.

2015 Summer Concerts

- June 7: Selina Albright
- June 14: Annie Booth Quartet
- June 21: Nelson Rangell
- June 28: Paa Kow Band
- July 5: The Messers
- July 12: Erik Turjillo and the Mambotet
- July 19: Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts
- July 26: Lynn Baker Quartet
- August 2: Ellyn Rucker Trio with Myra Warren and guest vocalists Wendy Fopeano and Joni Janak
- August 9: The Sammy Mayfield Revue



Graffiti, Potholes and Other Annoying Things? There's an App for That

Message 3-1-1 and Watch it Disappear

From Mayor Hancock's office

Denver Launches Mobile App for 3-1-1 and City Services. In January, Denver launched pocketgov, a new technology tool that provides residents with a user-friendly way to access city services via mobile device or home computer. The new mobile web application is expected to save more than \$250,000 per year by converting 311 calls into less expensive "clicks." For example, users can report a pot hole or graffiti by simply snapping a photo and entering an address. Residents may also check on and sign up for email notifications for recycling and large item and trash pick-up schedules, find Denver property values, and search for local elected officials. Visit pocketgov to start using the web application from your mobile device or home computer today.

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Rec Center Sees Progress

By Aaron Goldhamer

At the May 6 meeting hosted by Denver Parks and Rec, several updates were shared about the new District 10 Rec Center.

Construction is scheduled to start in August of this year! The recycling center will close in July, and the dog park will close in August. Expect a groundbreaking ceremony in September. Pending a contractor not yet selected, the Center will hopefully open in the first quarter of 2017.

Plans call for a separate 3200 square foot retail building along Colfax to boost funds for the project. The City will maintain architectural and usage control.

A first look of the design: The site will be welcoming from all directions and will feature walkways, outdoor seating, a social plaza, ping-pong tables and a (smaller) dog park. Five public art projects will be incorporated, from more than 200 applications.

The \$24.8 million building design is grounded in brick and aiming for LEED Gold certification (low flow fixtures, LED lighting, and solar paneling, etc.) and lots of transparency for natural light and visibility. Several of the studio rooms will have garage-type doors for fresh air, and higher levels will enjoy mountain views. Other features include:

*Warm water leisure pool with zero depth entry space (can accommodate swim lessons, lap swimming, a water slide, current channel, play area, etc.)

*Cooler-temp competitive lap pool (8 lanes, swim-meet capable, depth from 4' to 13', diving board)

*Gymnasium (lined for either one full-sized basketball court or two smaller courts)

*Functional training/Personal Training areas

*Multipurpose community meeting rooms

*Classroom, administrative and other building support space

*Weight/cardio space

*Group exercise room

*Fitness studio

*Drop-in childcare

*Party room(s)

Depending on the efficient use of funds, additional items may be considered, such as:

*Elevated walk/jog track

*Sheltered rooftop event space, with a kitchen, with some turf-field activity area

*Climbing wall

Parking: A variance was obtained to permit 30 staff parking spaces and about 100 spaces for the public on the site. There will also be 86 bike parking spots, and the 15-bike B-Cycle station will remain on-site. The City is negotiating with D.P.S. for shared parking in the East High student/teacher parking lots. The right lane of northbound Josephine on those blocks will be converted for parking.

Naming the Center: Think of a local historically significant person and submit your entry with 500 signatures through the Parks and Rec process starting in mid-May.

CPFAN looking for members

City Park Friends and Neighbors (CPFAN) was recognized by the city about a year ago. It is similar in organization to those representing Cheesman and Washington parks. CPFAN members are trying to obtain historic designation for City Park and provide needed neighborhood input about park use. They opposed the efforts of Denver Park and Recreation to redevelop the Dustin Reed playground into City Loop, a massive destination playground that would occupy several acres of City Park. They are also monitoring the planned Zoo expansion, trying to limit the use of the park as a venue for private events and control the amount of noise that concerts and other activities cause for the surrounding residential areas. Love your City Park? Interested in joining CPFAN? Go to CPFAN.org.

Commit to volunteering one hour this month. If you enjoy it, do it more often. Giving can be more rewarding than receiving.



McCann Sponsors Felony DUI Bill

By Nora Neureiter

Rep. Beth McCann's bill establishing a fourth DUI as a felony was signed into law in early May as the legislative session ended.

From infants to the elderly, people die on our roadways every year due to people who continue to drive while their blood-alcohol limit is above the legal limit. In 2013, drunk drivers caused 30% of all traffic fatalities in the state; 142 people died. There were an incredible 24,124 drunk driving arrests in Colorado in 2013. According to the CDC, a habitual drunk driver has driven under the influence at least 80 times before a first arrest.

This bill making a fourth DUI chargeable as a felony was supported by judges and prosecutors who said it would give them more options when dealing with habitual drunk drivers. This bill also increases potential treatment, which is an important component as many of these offenders have serious substance abuse issues.

Felony DUI laws work. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data for the nine states that have implemented felony DUI in the last 15 years shows an 11% reduction in drunk driving fatalities.

Colorado is now holding accountable the repeat offenders who put our communities in grave danger. Enough is enough.

DBG Features Contemporary Sculpture



Deborah Butterfield captures the essence of the horse with her contemporary sculpture—characters of strength, spirit and grace. Explore the American artist's use of minimalistic line and powerful form amid the Gardens' outdoor environment. Butterfield's nature-inspired sculpture invites moments of peaceful reflection on natural beauty, grace, and power of both horses and plant life.

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Crime Declines in Congress Park: You Can Help By Being Alert

By Steve Eppler

"The Congress Park Crime Action Committee is committed to coordinate efforts to rid our neighborhood of crime, thus helping to ensure personal safety for all."

CPN Crime Action Committee Mission Statement

Call 311 for:

- Graffiti Removal
- Non-Emergency & Info
- Parking Management
- Noise Violations
- Animal Control
- Permits & Licenses

Crime in Congress Park continues to decline. From January 1 – April 30 there were 3 violent crimes – 2 robberies and 1 aggravated assault. Property crimes also decreased. This category includes arson (0), larceny (18), burglary (12), auto theft (13), and theft from motor vehicle (12). The “other crimes” group increased slightly from 81 during September – December 2014 period to 87 during the first 4 months of 2015. The majority of the increase was due to 10 cases of identity theft. The majority of all crimes continue to occur in proximity to York/Josephine, Colfax and Colorado Blvd. Events occur much less frequently within the interior of Congress Park.

Denver Police District 2 includes Congress Park in the southern part of Precinct 213. Precinct 213 is bordered by York St/ Josephine St., Colorado Blvd, Martin Luther King Blvd and 6th Ave. District 2’s northern area includes neighborhoods that have suffered from significant gang-related crime for more than 3 decades.

The Community Activity Board (CAB) meeting occurred April 29 in a packed meeting room. Citizens and press were in attendance due to a recent gang-related death in the Cole neighborhood and the overall increase in gang-related homicides. There have already been 12 murders in 2015 compared to 10 in all of 2014. The attendees were ethnically diverse and united in their determination restore peace to their neighborhoods.

The Denver Police Department (DPD) continues to partner with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), community representatives, ex-gang members and local clergy to stop this recent increase in violence.

The Denver Combined Communications Center fields #911, non-emergency police (720-913-2000) and #311 calls and works with dispatchers on police and emergency medical services. Their presentation emphasized that operators are focused on acquiring information, that calls are queued up and callers should hold to be helped faster during times of increased call volume, and that callers can remain anonymous. The “reverse 911” program for public advisories and warnings is currently limited to land lines, with plans to extend it to cell phones later in 2015.

The meeting concluded with requests for the public to be alert for unusual neighborhood activity and to have a low threshold to contact the police so they can come by to check things out. Congress Park Neighborhood Resource Officer Adriel Torres also went over basic security measures, the importance of knowing your neighbors and avoiding crimes of opportunity by keeping porch lights on, locking cars and garages, and removing valuable items from vehicles. He stressed the importance of not disturbing a crime scene in the event of a burglary because recovered DNA evidence had proven helpful in convicting multiple robbers.

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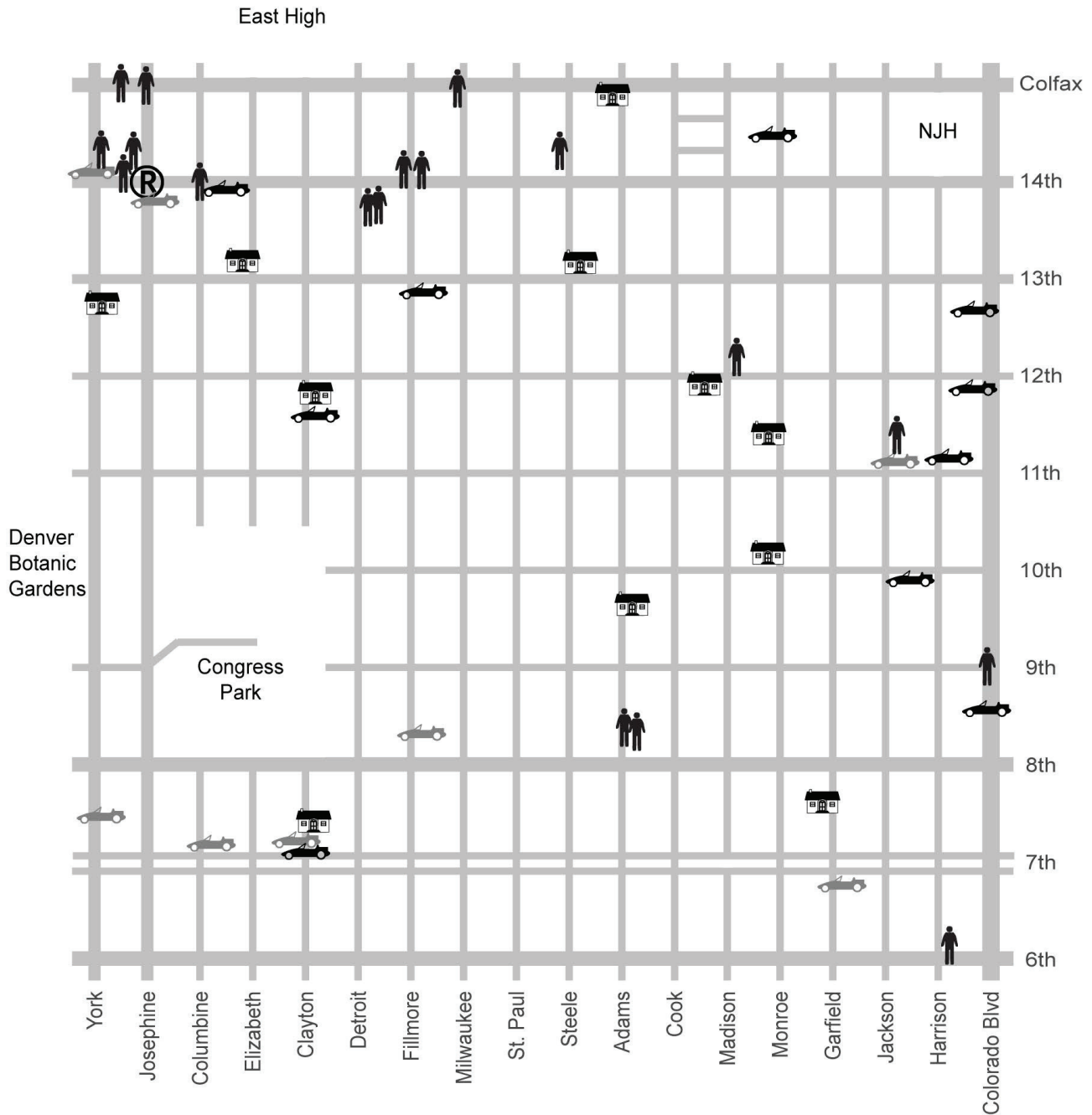
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CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES JANUARY - MARCH 2015



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

This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the first quarter of 2015. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.

Keep Your Home in Good Condition

If a homeowner is facing critical home repairs but they're too expensive, the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) offers three unique grant and low or no-interest loan programs. They help low- and moderate-income homeowners make upgrades to their homes. Examples of eligible loans include insulation, roof and plumbing repair, door and window replacement, and wheelchair ramp installation. Find out more at www.renewdenver.org or call DURA at (303) 534-3872 for qualifications.

Methadone Clinic to Open Adjacent to East High, continued

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(Concerned Business Owners and Neighbors contributed to this article)

What are the proponents saying? Drug addicts need treatment. It's got to be in someone's backyard. If you want to clean up the city start with drug addicts. Clinic operators have personal experiences with addition and overdoses. They cite national statistics and are "passionate about what we're doing."

What are the objections? Neighbors cite the risk to the 2500 East High students. Many walk to school, crossing to the campus from the light directly in front of the proposed site. Most students use Colfax as their cafeteria. A recent New York Times article identified Denver as one of six heroin hubs in the country targeted by a Mexican drug cartel. One of the tactics used by heroin dealers is targeting methadone clinics to entice former addicts. Denver Police confirmed this tactic and refer to clinics as fishing ponds because of the draw for such illegal activity.

The clinic operators did not have a detailed plan when asked how they would protect their clients and the students from these predators. The Centers for Disease Control notes that "for methadone maintenance, 12 months of treatment is the minimum... (however) the majority of MMT patients leave before 1 year, either because they drop out, the clinic encourages them to leave, or they are discharged for not complying with program regulations. Most of those who discontinue MMT later relapse to heroin use."

What do the opponents propose as alternatives? Alternatives would include locations not proximate to schools where students roam in the surrounding blocks for lunch. Hospital districts may be appropriate since they have existing security, trained staff and access to emergency services.

Next Steps:

Negotiate the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with DRG.

Report issues, other than crimes, to the clinic, contact name to be provided in the GNA, and landlord. Report crimes to the police.

DPD plans to increase patrols and will participate in meetings with the clinic to monitor activity.

If you are interested in hearing about additional meetings of concerned neighbors and business owners, contact CongressParkNeighbors.org and South City Park neighbors (SCPNA.org).

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Congress Park Summer Street Construction

From DenverGov.org

Public works will begin working on new ramps at Congress Park intersections and street paving will commence soon within our boundaries.

Last year Public works repaved the streets from Josephine Street to Steele Street and 6th Ave. to Colfax Ave.

This year the eastern part of Congress Park from Adams St. to Colorado Blvd and 6th Ave. to Colfax Ave. will be repaved. Xcel has completed many upgrades to the gas mains and services to homes and now Public Works will be working in our neighborhood installing pedestrian ramps on all intersection corners the first half of this year. The paving will occur in the last half of the paving season.

Residents need to be vigilant in regards to where parking is permitted as the repaving progresses.

For more about parking and street closures during this summer's paving, see <https://www.denvergov.org/streetsandsidewalks/StreetsandSidewalks/StreetMaintenanceImprovement/tabid/437887/Default.aspx>

Medical Campus Seeing Redevelopment

By Robin Kniech, City Council At Large

New buildings are springing up on the former CU Medical Campus at 9th and Colorado. With a focus on sustainable redevelopment, plans include housing, retail, pedestrian and bike-friendly features, open space, and new life for historical buildings, like the Research Bridge and Nurse's Dormitory. Here's a quick overview:

- Approximate Size: 25 Acres
- Residential Units: Approximately 1,000 for-sale/rental homes
- Affordable Residential Units: Approximately 100 rental homes
- Retail/Office Space: Approximately 400,000 square feet
- Boutique Hotel: Approximately 100,000 square feet

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Central Denver Plans on CPN Website
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Good to Know: Construction in the Neighborhood

From Denver 311

A few notes:

-In 2014, Denver saw a 24 percent increase in all types of building permits over the prior year -- from remodels and additions to new multi-family projects.

-Although any given project can cause temporary inconveniences for neighbors, every project must follow Denver's safety codes to minimize ill effects on the community.

-Most construction projects require building permits. (Visit 311 website for work exempt from permits.)

-Building permits must be displayed where they can be seen from the street. [DBCA 130.1, 140.1]

-Construction noise is allowed between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. [DRMC 36-7]

-If a project involves demolition or excavation, the permit applicant must notify the owners of adjacent properties before obtaining demolition/excavation permits. [DBCA 3307.1.1]

-Adjacent properties must be protected during construction. This includes foundations, fences and landscaping. [DBCA: 3307.1]

-Provisions shall be made to control water runoff and erosion during construction activities. [DBCA 3307.1]

-Construction equipment and materials shall be stored and placed so as not to endanger the public, the workers or adjoining property for the duration of the project. [IBC 3301.2]

-Dirt and construction debris may not be placed in streets, alleys or sidewalks. [DBCA 3302.2]

-Construction debris may not be placed in city dumpsters. [DRMC 48-44]

-Containers shall not be placed in streets without proper permits from Denver Public Works Right-of-Way Services. [DBCA 3308.3]

-Streets and alleys shall not be blocked without proper permits from Denver Public Works Right-of-Way Services. [DBCA 3308.3]

-A port-o-let or other sanitary facility is required for each construction site. [IBC 3305.1]

-Six-foot fences must be maintained around open excavation sites (including single-family projects where full



basements are being dug) or hazardous job sites to prevent unauthorized access. [IBC 3306.1, 3306.9, DBCA 3303.4]

KEY:

DBCA = Denver Building Code Amendments

DRMC = Denver Revised Municipal Code

IBC = International Building Code

Do you think a project might not be following construction code? Ask about it at <http://www.denvergov.org/denver311/Denver311HelpCenter/tabid/442045/Default.aspxContact 311>

Denver B-Cycle Increases Service, Fees

By Shelley Wood

Denver B-cycle increased service options and bumped membership rates, effective January 1, 2015.

New rates are:

-Annual Membership: \$90

-24-hour Membership: \$9

-Annual Plus (formerly Centennial) Membership: still \$100 for unlimited 60 minute trips

-30-day membership: \$15 with auto-renewal



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July is National Blueberry Month, National Ice Cream, National Recreation & Parks Month.

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