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## Join the 2nd Annual Congress Park Earth Day Festival

### *Think Globally, Act Locally!*

Saturday April 22, 2017 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Outdoors at Capitol Heights Faith Communities  
1100 Fillmore St, Denver, CO 80206

The Capitol Heights Faith Communities and the Congress Park Neighbors Green Team are partnering to host a free Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 1 pm to 5 pm. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held outdoors at Capitol Heights Faith Communities on 1100 Fillmore Street. This year's theme is "Think Globally, Act Locally!"

The Earth Day Festival is an important part of our team's efforts as part of the Denver Sustainable Neighborhood Network. This is a wonderful chance for neighbors to come out and meet each other, and learn what we can each do to make an impact in our neighborhood. The festival will feature art, music and hands-on activities at exhibitor booths.



Emily Hunter, Congress Park Neighbors volunteer, helps visitors start their own plants at CPN Earth Day 2016.

Volunteers are welcome to help make this event a big success! For more information, visit [www.CongressParkNeighbors.org/earth-day/](http://www.CongressParkNeighbors.org/earth-day/)

### *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 Earth Day 2**  
**Think Globally, Act Locally!**  
**Sat., Apr. 22, 2017 1 - 5pm**  
**EARTH DAY**  
Join us at  
1100 Fillmore -  
Outside!  
**Join Your Neighbors!**  
Presented by Congress Park Green Team

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Neighborhood meetings are held every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December), on the third Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at REACH Charter School 940 Fillmore. Watch for 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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## CPN Inc. Represents Neighbors with City Park and Denver Botanic Gardens Groups

By CPN, Inc. Board members

The Congress Park Neighbors Board represents the neighborhood with various groups whose work impacts Congress Park neighborhood, such as INC, and the City Park and Botanic Gardens neighborhood liaison groups.

Some Congress Park Board members are also members of INC and City Park Friends and Neighbors (CPFAN). They keep CPN, Inc. apprised of issues as INC shares issues affecting large swaths of the city, and as CPFAN addresses best practices for maintaining City Park as a green oasis for the city and its nearby neighbors. Ongoing issues include managing the park for daily users and special events, touching on traffic, noise, trash and access.

CPN, Inc. Board member Vicki Eppler will be the Board's representative to the City Park Neighborhood Advisory Council (CPNAC), which was established by City Councilman Albus Brooks.

The Denver Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Council (DBGNAC) meets to discuss issues that relate to its venerated place in Congress Park. Board members Myles Tangalin and Vicki Eppler, and neighbor Bill DeMaio are the CPN representatives to the DBGNAC. The Council has collaboratively resolved issues including noise, parking, and traffic, and continues to offer a positive forum for discussion with nearby neighbors.

Upcoming issues include a proposed expansion of the DBG community garden, and a discussion and renewal of the events agreement, which will probably mean revisiting concerns about nearby concert night parking.

If you have input to these discussions or other topics, please join us at a Congress Park Neighbors meeting at (new location!) REACH, 940 Fillmore, on the third Wednesday of February, April, June, etc., at 7 p.m., or email your volunteer Board at [cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org).

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Your elected, all-volunteer Congress Park Board invites you to attend the open meetings at REACH Charter School at 940 Fillmore on the third Wednesday every other month (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) at 7 p.m.

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:

Joan Gregerson, Liz Goehring and Becky Coughlin—Congress Park Green Team coordinators

Your Name Here?—Congress Park Historic Preservation

Lisa Loranger—Hospital District Redevelopment

Steve Eppler—Crime Action  
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## Sustainability in Congress Park - We Are On Our Way!

By Liz Goehring, Becky Coughlin  
Congress Park Green Team Steering Committee members

As we reported in a previous issue of Congress Park News, our neighborhood has been participating in Denver's Sustainable Neighborhood Program. It's been a busy several months as we've learned how the program works, brainstormed ideas for suitable projects, and even completed some already. As of today, we are more than halfway there towards certification as a Denver Sustainable Neighborhood!

How has this happened? Neighbors like you have organized, proposed and led neighborhood-wide projects, including one for Home Solar Options webinars; another to de-velop a Guide to Conducting a Successful Alley Clean-Up Event; another hosting a Denver Recycles Workshop; still another for a neighborhood-wide Leaf Drop; and one for SEED Circles (Sustainability - Educate, Explore, Discuss) where we gather to learn about important topics and brainstorm ideas for action.

Together, these neighbor-led projects have earned Congress Park 49 credits towards certification. Additional projects in the works include collaborations to build a child sensory garden, another to promote green business practices with our local businesses, and one we are VERY excited about - our upcoming Congress Park Earth Day Celebration on April 22. We'll be showcasing many of these neighborhood projects then, along with booths, presentations, music and activities to celebrate Earth Day. We hope you'll join us! See our Earth Day ad on page 1.

Truth is, we've only just begun. The vision for a Certified Sustainable Congress Park has been evolving. We see a neighborhood with beautiful murals depicting native gardens in the area; energy efficiency workshops for historic home owners; neighbors sharing rain barrel tips with each other; local school kids teaching us how to properly "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Repurpose."

What's your vision? Please consider joining the conversation. We meet monthly and also via a growing Facebook Group (CPN Green Team). Come to the Earth Day Celebration. It's easy for neighbors to get involved. All it takes is an idea to get it started.

We'd love to hear your thoughts for projects - big or small - and to join with you in implementing YOUR vision for a sustainable neighborhood.

**Congress Park Neighbors bi-monthly meetings have a new location**  
Join your neighbors at 7 pm on the 3rd Weds. of even months (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) (new location!) Sewall/ REACH school  
940 Fillmore  
See you there!

**Green Team Updates:**  
<http://www.congressparkneighbors.org/green-team-2/>). Sign up for the Green Team eNewsletter, or email [sustainability@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:sustainability@congressparkneighbors.org).

**Congress Park Neighbors Updates:**  
"RAFT reminds me of all the reasons I became a teacher."

**Green Team Updates:**  
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## Currently Cool At Teller

By Lisa Aiken



### 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/>

### Tellerpalooza To Bloom Again In Spring

The planning committee of Kristina Reilly, Emily and Dave Port will soon be busy developing Teller's 14th annual Tellerpalooza, a rock concert fundraiser which features student performances by the Teller Band, Tiger Voices and Violins. They will be joined by local professional bands who donate their time for the cause. Many thanks to past musicians and bands such as: Dressy Bessy, Flaural, Hangman's Hymnal, Pink Hawks, Shady Elders, Rose Quartz, The Dendrites, Covenhoven, Kitty Crimes, and Wild High just to name a few.

In the past, there have been food trucks, a bake sale, face painting, sidewalk chalk art, a "Wall of Wine" drawing; all of which we can expect as well in this year's event. No date has been set yet, so stay tuned. The Teller community also welcomes the public and all those who love great music. Please check the Teller website at <http://teller.dpsk12.org/tellerpalooza/> sometime mid-April for more details.

### Apex Fun Run Teaches Leadership Skills, Supports Teller

Teller students kicked off the Apex Fun Run fundraiser with a Pep Rally on January 31. The Apex Fun Run teaches students leadership and fitness as we raise pledges to help our school. Every student - regardless of financial giving - will receive Apex bands, race-day lap counters, and team awards. This year's Apex Legends quest will have students follow Tikes, Seeds, Specs, Jazz, and Wheels through their adventure to discover JJ Cortez's hidden treasure. Along the way these five friends discover the core of being a Legendary leader: Learn, Engage, Give, Empower, Never Quit, Do.

Parents are invited to the following events and cheer on the students:

Fun Run 1: Friday, Feb. 10 @ 8:30 a.m.  
(ECE, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades)

Fun Run 2: Friday, Feb. 10 @ 9:35 a.m.  
(3rd, 4th, and 5th grades)

Students will run for 30 minutes and will run an average 26-36 laps, (each lap is 1/16th of a mile). Sponsors can pledge \$1/lap, \$2/lap, \$5/lap, or any other amount for students. All participants will receive an access code that allows you to enter pledges online.

Attention Teller Families, our great school will need your help in the following four ways:

- Help connect your child to potential sponsors and help them acquire pledges from family, friends and contacts.
- Ask your child about the "Apex Legend" character lessons, and download the "Apex Fun Run" App!
- Come to the Apex Fun Run and don't forget to invite others to attend our fun-filled community event.
- Help volunteer for the race! We need a few parents to help cheer on students and mark laps. If you would like to volunteer for your student's race, please contact Amanda Neal at [apandaneal@gmail.com](mailto:apandaneal@gmail.com).

### Win a Prize from the Teller Cafeteria

Teller's amazing Cafeteria Manager, Ms. Catrina, is pleased to announce a new monthly Luncheon Raffle. To encourage students to enjoy the nutritious hot lunch more often, winners' names will be drawn monthly to receive an educational prize such as a board game, book or toy. Students' names will be entered per each lunch purchase - so, the more you buy hot lunch, the better your chance of winning! The first raffle will be February 14.

## Taste for Teller Wrap Up!

The PTA Taste for Teller Team would like to say a warm THANK YOU to everyone who attended Taste for Teller and/or participated in the Online Auction this fall and also to all of the people who helped make the event possible. About \$21,000 was raised for our Teller Scholars! The event and the extraordinary results would be impossible without our amazing community.

A special THANK YOU to our Staff and Teachers who donated “Teacher Treats” to be enjoyed by so many kids, and to our awesome Room Parents for organizing the “Classroom Gifts” that sparked astonishing creativity and involved our kids in giving back to our community.

THANK YOU to our many amazing sponsors who ensured that everything was beautiful and delicious! Special thanks to our Teller GOLD & SILVER Sponsors, who continue to support Teller in many ways. Please consider them for your service needs.

- Lisa Santos – Cherry Creek Remax (Gold Sponsor)
- RFE Investments (Silver Sponsor)

THANK YOU to the 139 individuals, families, corporations, and small business owners who donated auction items to our event. For a full list of all, visit the Taste For Teller 2016 Donation Page. Please thank these people when you see them and support these local businesses!

THANK YOU and a huge SHOUT OUT to the Taste for Teller Team, original and current! Our founding Taste For Teller Gurus Bess Scully and Karen Ryan gave their all to make this annual event the go-to activity it has become. We thank them for all they have done and especially for helping the new team get up and running.

To the new team (Adrian Graham, Batya Stepelman, Cassidy Modanlou, Dianne Christopher, Kelly Bruen, Leah Boucher, Sarah Haney) THANK YOU for making the event come together beautifully. YOU ROCK!

Lastly, THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers for decorating, serving food, checking people in/out, cleaning up, and jumping in wherever needed. We couldn't have done this without you!

For anyone who donated, Thank You Letters with Tax information went out to all donors in December. If you still have items to collect, you have other questions about your statements (or anything else), or you want to volunteer next year please contact [kellybruen1@gmail.com](mailto:kellybruen1@gmail.com).

## Love and Logic Classes

Teller will be hosting a parenting class for Teller families, in addition to community members called Love and Logic. The Love and Logic approach to parenting is built around the science of crafting caring and respectful relationships. An automatic, loving connection between parents and their children is the root of a healthy, thriving relationship build on trust and understanding. This class will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays: March 1, 8, and 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free childcare will be provided on a first come, first served basis. To register, visit [www.headandheartparents.com](http://www.headandheartparents.com). To sign up for childcare, contact Gabby Herndon at 720-424-3560.

## Summer Academy at Teller

Teller Elementary School will be a host site for the Summer Academy. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide students with extra support during the summer. Summer Academy will be held June 12 through July 7. As a Summer Academy site, Teller will also have the ability to provide free breakfast and lunch to any child (18 or younger) who is enrolled in Summer Academy or a member of the community.



## Taste For Teller Thanks Sponsors

Neighbors: please stop in at these businesses and let them know how much they are appreciated.

- Marzyck Fine Wine & Spirits (Wine Tasting)
- Capital Heights Presbyterian Church (Location Sponsor)
- Phil Gutenberg, Gute & Sons Catering (Catering)
- Colorado Commercial Services (Cleaning)
- Illegal Pete's (Food)
- Nothing Bundt Cakes (Food)
- Humble Pie (Food)
- King Soopers (Food)
- Bonnie Brae Flowers (Decorations)

**Use IWD to:**

-celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women because visibility and awareness help drive positive change for women

-declare bold actions you'll take as an individual or organization to help further the gender agenda because purposeful action can accelerate gender parity across the world

**Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8**

By Ann Charles

**I**nternational Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since in the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of enlightened ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity.

The World Economic Forum predicts the economic and legal gender gap won't close entirely until 2186. Around the world, IWD can be an important catalyst and vehicle for driving greater change for women and moving closer to gender parity.

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# International Women's Day

**IWD in Denver (search local event calendars for more!)**

**March 4, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Film and champagne brunch: *No Job For A Woman*, Metro State Univ., Tivoli Center, Sponsored by the Zonta Club of Denver (est. 1927).** This award-winning documentary tells how three tenacious female reporters forged their now-legendary reputations as war correspondents during WWII - when battlefields were considered no place for a woman. Tickets for movie, brunch and parking are \$45 through [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org). Proceeds go toward local Zonta Club of Denver projects and those of Zonta International, empowering at-risk women and girls in the Denver area and around the world.

**March 4, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.: DMNS Girls & Science Day; 2001 Colorado Blvd.; <http://www.dmns.org/museum-news/girls-and-science/>** Be inspired by women in science! The Denver Museum of Nature & Science and CBS4 host the third annual Girls and Science event featuring Science Clubhouses on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

**March 8, 9:30 a.m. – 1:3 p.m.: World Denver IWD Seminar\*Showcase\*Luncheon; Katy@WorldDenver.org or 303-446-4903**

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## CP Neighbor Elected DA

**B**eth McCann, our former State Representative, was sworn in on Tuesday Jan. 10, 2017, as the first female District Attorney for the City and County of Denver. A longtime Congress Park resident, she was elected by a large majority of Denver voters on Nov. 8. Prior to her election, Beth represented HD8 in the legislature for eight years.

As DA, Beth plans to focus on improving our juvenile justice system to provide alternatives to young people who are beginning to get involved in criminal behavior so one mistake doesn't ruin a kid's life. She wants to expand the use of restorative justice. She also plans to seek better alternatives for those suffering from mental health issues and substance abuse so that we aren't warehousing them in our jails. Mass incarceration, particularly of people of color, is an issue that is deeply troubling to Beth. She is committed to seeking to eliminate racial bias in the system, particularly as it may exist in the DA's office.

Beth also plans to spend time in the community and will make her office transparent and accountable. She will have community advisory boards to increase communication between the public and the DA's office. Her office will prioritize the prosecution of domestic violence, sex assault, child abuse, human trafficking, and elder abuse.

As a state representative Beth successfully passed several bills concerning criminal justice reform, including a bill to provide due process to young people facing charges as adults, a law to prohibit solitary confinement for juveniles, and landmark human

trafficking legislation. She also sponsored the universal background check bill for gun purchases and a bill to keep guns out of the hands of domestic violence abusers. As chair of the Health Committee, she also passed legislation to require equal treatment of women by insurance companies and to implement the Affordable Care Act in Colorado.

Beth would be happy to speak to groups who are interested in criminal justice issues. She can be reached at [beth.mccann@denverda.org](mailto:beth.mccann@denverda.org) or 720-913-9116.





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## Energy Efficiency in Our “Antique” Homes

*Congress Park Green Team sponsors energy workshop.*

By Susan Renaud

During the energy-intensive heating season, many residents see a significant increase in energy bills and find that their homes are not as comfortable as they would like. To help neighbors to alleviate this issue, Congress Park’s Green Team hosted a Home Energy Efficiency Workshop with the Denver Energy Challenge at the Congress Park Taproom on January 26. Did you miss the event? Review the presentation on CPN’s webpage at <http://www.congressparkneighbors.org/2017/01/27/green-team-historic-home-energy-efficiency/> and check out a few tips here to get started:

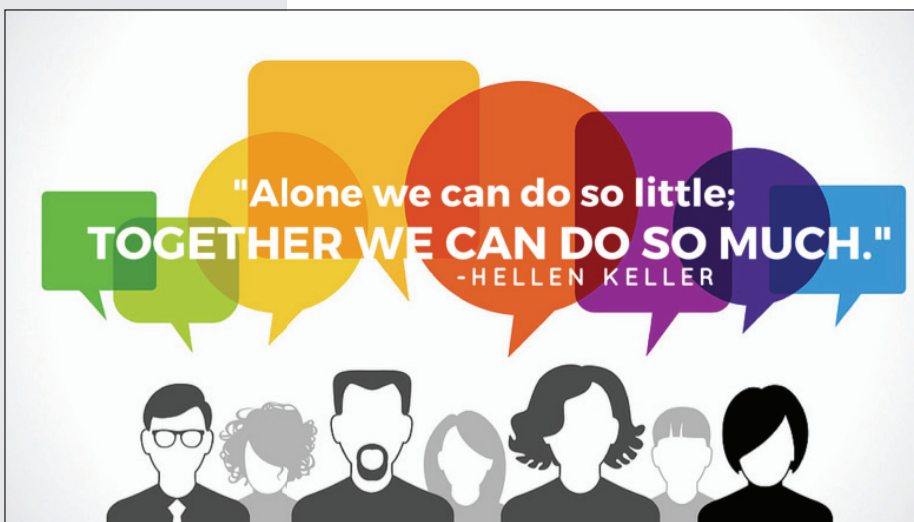
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1. **Insulate and air seal your building envelope.** Insulation and air sealing are often the most effective ways to maintain a comfortable home. Keep warm air inside and cold air out by sealing attic spaces, rim joists and crawl spaces. Are your walls, ceiling and floor cold to the touch? Maintain proper levels of insulation to block the thermal transfer of cold. Look for at least R-49 in the attic and R-15 around foundation walls. If you have an older home, do not use spray foam on the brick. It can cause a host of problems and cannot be removed. Look for blown cellulose insulation options instead.
2. **You likely do not need to replace your windows.** Many people assume that they need to tackle big ticket items like replacing windows to be energy efficient. In most homes, other less expensive measures can give you a much greater bang for the buck. Even single-pane windows in historic homes can be efficient with some specific maintenance.
3. **Enroll in the Denver Energy Challenge.** All Denver residents are eligible to take advantage of the city’s free energy advising service, the Denver Energy Challenge. Contact the program to get a neutral and expert advisor who will answer your questions and act as a personal concierge throughout the home energy improvement process. Call 720-865-5520 or learn more at [www.denverenergy.org](http://www.denverenergy.org).



Paul Koepke, BPI building analyst, tells CP residents how they can insulate their “antique” homes.





## District 10 Neighborhoods Present Input to City Budget Process

By District 10 City Councilman Wayne New

Last year, representatives from District 10 neighborhoods and business areas voluntarily presented their short and long term capital improvement needs to City Chief Financial Officer Brendan Hanlon, Chief Budget Officer Stephanie Adams, and other City representatives. This was the first time a City Council district's constituents had directly participated in the annual budget process. Most important to me, it addressed my constituents' wish to have more input and involvement in City processes. The following describes the budget process and some of the results.

-Quality of Budget Request Material – All of the District 10 budget requests were well documented, describing each in great detail, along with reasoning, timing and pictures to facilitate visualization

-Presentation Delivery – All presentations were professionally delivered. Needs were clearly explained. This professionalism was evident and impressed City officials.

-Funding Requests – The final totals for funding requests were categorized by short- or long-term need. Short term operating budget requests ranged from \$9.8 million to \$14.9 million. Long term requests ranged from \$80.9 million to \$103 million. Some requests were not funded in this process but will be considered as part of general budget discussion, such as street paving and crosswalk safety painting.

-GO Bond 10 Year Capital Improvement Funding  
-After last year's GO Bond public meetings that explained the program and identified community improvement needs, residents documented requests in person and through the GO Bond website until the input period closed. The list of bond requests will be finalized in late spring, shared with the public in the summer and will go to voters in November.

District 10's participation in the City's annual operating budget process earned many positive comments and will continue. A meeting with RNOs and business group representatives will be held in late February to prepare for the 2018 City operating budget process.

I want to thank everyone again for their support and assistance in discussing their community needs directly with the City. This is truly how our city government should listen to its citizens.

## CPN, Inc. Updating Neighborhood Plan with City

Denver starting Neighborhood Planning Initiative  
By CPN, Inc. Board members

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., among other CRNOs in Denver, will be participating in a City initiative to get all neighborhoods represented by plans that reflect the residents' desires and the City's needs. Comprehensive, updated plans will help City staff guide development in a predictable fashion, with fewer jarring surprises for residents, businesses and builders. Congress Park Neighborhood's plan was approved and adopted by the City in the early 1990's.

The Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI) is a new commitment to cover 100% of the city with area plans. This will be achieved over a period of approximately 10-14 years, or faster if resources allow. Under Denver's current planning approach of conducting one or two neighborhood plans at a time, completion would take approximately 78 years.

Using NPI, area planning will occur according to a consistent, streamlined process common to all plans, within a systematic schedule laid out in advance. Once 100% of the plans are in place, NPI will revisit and update the completed plans according to a set timetable, and as needed.

Our District 10 City Council office reports that CPN, Inc. will be asked to appoint a representative to the NPI committee in early 2017.

### Contact City Council

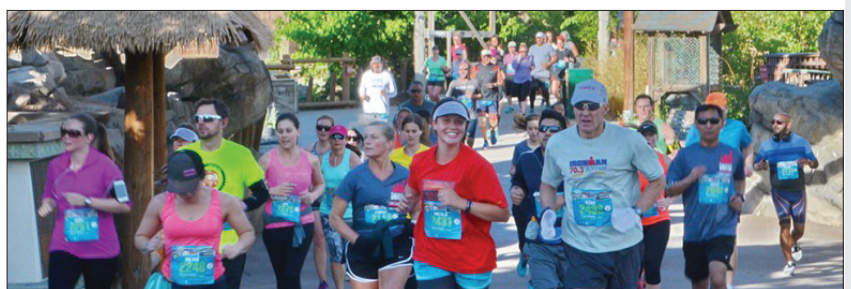
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## Your Awareness Is Your Best Defense Against Property Crime

By Stephen Eppler, Crime Action Chair

*"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*

### Crime Statistics Resources

A Crime Quotient quantifies the number of reported incidents per 1,000 residents within a geographical region. The Denver Post's website (<http://crime.denverpost.com/about/>) posts a variety of data on reported crimes to facilitate neighborhood ranking.

Denver's 2016 crime statistics are now available (see <http://denvergov.org>). Compared to 2015, violent crime increased by 1.0%. Like many large cities, the number of homicides in Denver increased. The 11.5% uptick is concerning but, fortunately, the numbers remain relatively small (52 in 2015 vs 58 in 2017). Rapes declined by -6.8% (40 fewer reports) and robberies dropped by -5.4% (66 less). Aggravated assaults were up by 5.3% (+145 incidents).

Overall crime in Congress Park dropped by -6.6% (-20 events). In 2016 there were 28 reports of violent crime compared to 26 in 2015. There were no homicides. There were 10 robberies (+4) and 16 aggravated assaults (+1). The number of rapes dropped by 3 (to a total of 2).

Property crime in Congress Park dropped from 279 reports in 2015 to 257 in 2016, a 7.9% drop. There were 2 fewer burglaries, 17 fewer stolen cars, and bike thefts dropped by 3. Larcenies decreased by 19. However, thefts from motor vehicles increased by 18 to 82 in 2016, a 28% increase.

Denver has 78 registered neighborhoods. Neighborhood crime quotients permit ranking neighborhoods according to the incidence of different types of crime. The neighborhood with the highest crime incidence is ranked #1, the lowest is ranked #78.

In 2016 Congress Park's rankings using this methodology were: Violent Crime = 63 (vs 69 in 2015), Property Crime = 63 (vs 64 in 2015), Residential Burglaries = 40 (vs 52 in 2015), Business Burglaries = 74 (vs 71 in 2015), Domestic Violence = 67 (vs 58 in 2015), Sexual Assaults = 59 (vs 52 in 2015), Bike thefts = 21 (vs 17 in 2015).

Congress Park abuts the Cheesman Park, Cherry Creek, Hale, City Park and Country Club neighborhoods. Compared to its neighbors, Congress Park ranks #5 in violent crime (2.64 incidents/1000 persons), assaults (3.71 incidents/1000 persons), and domestic violence (1.37 incidents/1000 persons). Of the adjacent neighborhoods, Congress Park had the lowest incidence of property crime (24.72 incidents/1000 persons), robberies (0.98 incidents/1000 persons), and rape (0.0 incidents/1000 persons; tied with Country Club).

Adriel Torres, District 2's Community Resource Officer, wanted to remind residents to avoid becoming a victim. He commented that most people were brought up to respect other people's property. The mindset that "it's my stuff and they should leave it alone," is commendable, but thieves don't share this belief. Lock it, don't lose it.

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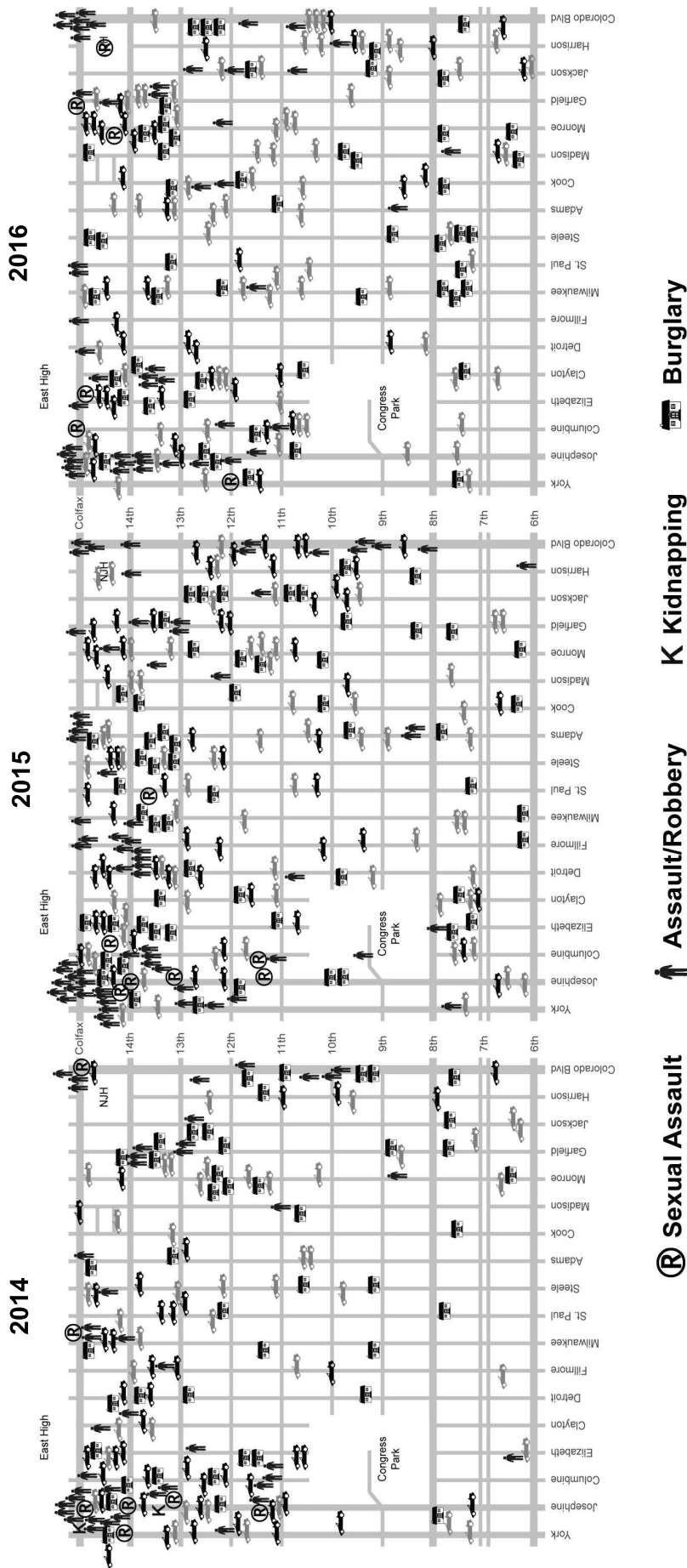
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# CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES



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



## Let Your “Antique” House Tell You its Story

By Tom Conis

If you have ever wondered if a notable architect designed your home, or why that second story door goes to nowhere, or you’re just curious about who lived in your house 100 years ago, some astute, but not difficult, detective work can solve the mysteries.

Your research can begin in the comfort of your own old home, looking through the Denver Public Library’s copious collection of historic resources and digitized archival materials available at <http://creatingcommunities.denverlibrary.org>. It is helpful to start with the approximate date of construction and the legal description from your purchase documents. Some of this information is also in Denver property records at [denvergov.org/realproperty.asp](http://denvergov.org/realproperty.asp).

### Assessor Records

The Assessor Records is in 27 volumes comprising Denver real property assessed values, legal descriptions, property characteristics, and ownership. These indices help trace land ownership.

### Household Directories

From 1924 to the present, the Denver Householder Directory has been continuously published under various titles and lists residents, owners and business names by address.

### City Directories

Denver City Directories, from 1873 to 1986, contain listings of residents, occupations, company names, religious and social orders, advertisements, and more.

### City and County of Denver Building Permits

The handwritten ledgers from 1889 to 1914 have been microfilmed and indexed and rest at the DPL. These are in order by address and will often list changes or additions to existing properties.

### Real Estate and Sanborn Fire Insurance Atlases

These show Denver structures as early as 1887 and can help date the construction of a building. DPL’s Creating Communities website has a large selection of Baist’s Real Estate maps, digitized and available online. Search Tip: Most of Congress Park is on plates 15 and 17.

### Census Data

Access census data online at Heritage Quest through the DPL website. Search tip: In the 1900 Census, the Congress Park area was in Arapahoe County District 10-WD. The 1910 Census listed Congress Park area in District 10 of the Denver Census. The 1920 Census finds much of Congress Park in district 268. The 1930 census, files Congress Park in District L, starting around page 250.

For more, visit the DPL Central building’s fifth floor Western History /Genealogy Department. Find out where that door led to and who went through it.

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## New and Views from City Council

By Councilwoman Deborah Ortega, At Large

When I ran for election in 2014, I committed to make Denver work for everyone. I believe that all our residents – no matter where you live, how much you make or the color of your skin – should benefit from Denver’s growth and prosperity. I believe we must have safe neighborhoods, a healthy environment, affordable housing and economic opportunity.

To promote safety and protect our citizens from accidents caused by rail transport of hazardous materials, I supported Denver’s plan to review the safety of mixed-use developments adjacent to rail corridors. With an eye to future needs, we also began designing infrastructure to support alternative fuel electric vehicles.

Concerns that Denver would fail to reach the 2020 Sustainability plan goal to grow or process 20 percent or more of our food locally, led me to support the establishment of a city-wide “food coordinator” to manage efforts toward this goal. A Denver Food Vision, developed through an extensive commu-

nity-based process, establishes a roadmap for the city and our partners to meet the goals. Toward long-term success, residents, nonprofit organizations, business owners, industry leaders, financial partners, the City and others collectively will implement strategies over many years.

A new Affordable Housing Fund will support the growing demand for affordable housing. Councilwoman Kneich and I worked with the Mayor’s Office to add development and approval of a comprehensive housing plan to the original proposal, including measurable goals, transparency and accountability.

As a member of the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, one of my top priorities as the Plan is updated is to educate citizens on their role in disaster preparedness. Please learn about our City’s Emergency Preparedness plans, the network of professionals and volunteers it requires and how you can lend your expertise.

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## Salute to Seniors Expo Set for June 24, 2017

Eileen Doherty, M.S., Executive Director, Colorado Gerontological Society

### Salute to Seniors

June 24, 9 am – 4 pm  
Colorado Convention Center  
700 14th St.  
303-333-3482

Being old enough to be called a “Senior” is a good reason to kick up your heels! And when there’s a special event to specially honor and celebrate Seniors, you should get that event on your calendar. So save the date, Saturday, June 24, 2017, for the Salute to Seniors, a day of entertainment, resources and all things celebrating those who are now or will one day be known as Seniors!

The 2017 Salute to Seniors event theme is “Enriching Your Life.” We all want to stay healthy and active, learn new things and pursue our passions. If you have been thinking of ways to become involved, creative ventures to fill a little of your extra time, or even about an appealing new activity, you’ll enjoy this year’s event. Exhibits featuring life-enrichment activities, services, and leisure pursuits will be available throughout the day.

The Salute to Seniors, brought to you by the Colorado Gerontological Society, has become a staple event over the years for Colorado Baby Boomers and their parents. 2017 marks the 28th anniversary of the event. The largest resource expo of its kind, the Salute to Seniors will feature approximately 100 exhibits with over 200 experts to answer questions for older adults who are making decisions for the future. The no-cost event promises a day of free-flowing information, fun and entertainment.

Headline acts for the event have not yet been announced, but you can count on a full line up of musical entertainment and special appearances by some well-known Denverites. In addition, attendees will enjoy Bingo, door prizes and food samples.

Admission to the Salute to Seniors Expo is free and the event is open to the public. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Mile High Ballroom at the Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St., Denver, CO 80202. For more information call the Colorado Gerontological Society at 303-333-3482.

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**April** is Cancer Control, Autism Awareness, Child Abuse Prevention, and Jazz Appreciation Month

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The best way to keep up-to-date about neighborhood issues i.e., crime alerts, parking, zoning is to sign up for CPN's email broadcast at [www.congressparkneighbors.org/eblast.html](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org/eblast.html)

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