

Our Neighborhood

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Dear Rosedale Harvard Gulch Friends and Neighbors!

Dear Neighbors:

A new year is like a blank book and the pen is in your hands. It is a time for new beginnings, a chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. I would add that it is also an opportunity to help write a beautiful story for your neighborhood.

With that said, I encourage you to consider becoming involved in our neighborhood association.

Perhaps serving on our board sounds like a big commitment, but truly it involves very little time and it is an opportunity to make a difference in the very place you call home. We have several exciting plans for the coming year and will need a full board to implement all we hope to do.

Please call Pamela or me if you would like more information about serving on our Rosedale Harvard Gulch Association Board. You can download a list of Board Position duties from www.rhgna.org.

Please mark your calendar for February 18 and attend our Annual Meeting when we will hold Board Elections. We will also review a tentative schedule of events for 2015. We welcome your ideas, so come share them.

Happy New Year!

Transforming our Neighborhood into a Community,

Bev Cox & Pamela Quigley,

Co-Presidents



photo by Martha Brown

The Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association exists to connect our neighbors with each other, provide information that is of interest or importance, and to develop pride and ownership in our beautiful neighborhood. We create opportunities for community members to learn about issues that impact them, to be empowered to make decisions and take action as they choose.

Thanks for reading the RHGNA newsletter!

If you live between Evans and Yale and between Broadway and Downing, you are part of the Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association, or RHGNA. Membership is free. As a resident of this community, your investment is already a significant one. Your actions can have a profound influence on the changes and challenges this neighborhood will face in the coming years. RHGNA is completely volunteer driven. There are several board and committee positions to fit your talents and time. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

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Newsletter delivery

We hope that you enjoy reading our Quarterly Newsletters. We understand that for many folks, it is the preferred method of receiving the neighborhood news. However, in an interest to cut printing costs and be good stewards of natural resources, we will only deliver a hardcopy of the newsletter to your door upon request. To continue to receive a printed newsletter please call Bev Cox at 303-778-1018 or Pamela Quigley at 303-722-4454 with your name and address. You can sign up for email delivery of our newsletter by going to our website. Quarterly newsletters are also available for download on the website at the bottom of the Committees page.

Help welcome new neighbors

Our outreach to new neighbors must be constant, and you can help! Our New Member Packet offers information on our community, a map of nearby resources, and more. It is a great introduction to RHGNA for any newcomers. If you know of new residents on your block, contact Lynne at 303-522-4507 to request delivery of a New Member Packet.

Email news

We publish electronic email news bi-weekly, depending on content. If you are signed up to get our emails, please consider inviting your neighbors to do so as well. Our goal is to share important and beneficial information with every web-connected neighbor. Make sure to also check our website often for events, news and special offers from local businesses. You can sign up for email by visiting our homepage and filling out the email subscribe form at the top of the first page.

Advertise with RHGNA

There are several advertising opportunities for your business to reach our neighbors and help us cover costs of printing, special events and other neighborhood initiatives.

Neighbor to Neighbor ads appear in our email blasts and allow anyone who lives, works or owns property in our neighborhood to promote their business. Home-based businesses pay \$10 for five appearances. Storefront businesses pay \$25. Businesspeople under 18 can advertise for free!

Advertising opportunities are also available for our printed newsletters.

Contact communication@rhgna.org for details.



Like RHGNA on Facebook!

Stay up to date, share events and find your neighbors!
Head to <https://www.facebook.com/RHGNA>
for all the fun!

URGENT NOTICE: WE NEED YOU!

by the RHGNA Board

Our annual meeting is scheduled for February 18th and board elections are on the agenda. We have been operating our board with three vacancies for most of the year and are faced with even more vacancies in 2015. This leaves us with the possibility of having to dissolve our Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association.

Please consider serving your community by running for a position on RHGNA'S Board. We will also be electing the following positions: Co-President (2-year term, must have served on Board for at least one term), Secretary (2-year term), 1-yr At Large, 3-yr At Large, Business Chair, Communications Chair, Membership Chair, Parks and Rec Chair, Safety & Schools Chair and Zoning Chair.

Please contact Beverly Cox, Board Co President at bjcoxde@gmail.com with any questions or to express interest in joining our Board.



Board members enjoy our annual picnic in August.

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ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

February 18th
6:30 p.m.
Harvard Gulch
Golf Clubhouse

We will hold our Board Elections at this meeting. Please consider serving your community by running for election. Learn more at www.rhgna.org



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ROSEDALE REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT

A.J. Reed, RHGNA Zoning Chairman, Realtor

The seasonal slowdown often seen at year end was mostly absent in 2014. Although the number of homes listed for sale decreased, the buyers remained in the game to purchase available inventory.

In Rosedale, one of the biggest changes we saw in 2014 vs 2013 was the number of residential construction projects. In particular there were many tear downs of smaller residential homes and duplexes. These homes were replaced with new and taller duplexes and triplexes. In 2013 there were 7 attached homes sold in Rosedale. In 2014 that number increased to 24.

Quarter	Number of homes sold	Avg. price in \$
Q1	13	\$379,538
Q2	24	\$353,711
Q3	24	\$373,593
Q4	22	\$358,038

A SAFER ROSEDALE

Pamela Quigley, Co-President



COME PLAY WITH US!

group classes & private lessons for kids, teens & adults

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next session starts March 2

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Night time lighting has proven to be a very good deterrent for mischievous and criminal activities. Please consider lighting your front porch in the evenings, especially as it is still dark during early evening hours when many folks are still walking in our neighborhood.

If you notice a street or alley light that is out or dim, please report the issue to Xcel Energy. Xcel Energy of Colorado installs and maintains all lighting on public streets and alleys in the City of Denver. In the past, they have been very quick to remedy problems. Their telephone hot-line is 800-895-4999. If you have difficulty getting Xcel to respond, please contact us.

If your alley doesn't have a light, you can petition the City of Denver to have one installed. Support from at least 75% of the block residents is required to submit the petition. More information and the petition form are available to download from our website on the Committees Page under the 'Safety and Schools' section.

LANTERN FESTIVAL WINS INC'S "NEIGHBORHOOD STAR AWARD"

By Pamela Quigley, Co-President

The Rosedale Lantern Festival Committee was awarded Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation's coveted Neighborhood Star Award at INC's Annual Banquet on January 28th for last fall's Lantern Festival. The Neighborhood Star Award is presented to a person or team who has "worked on a cause or a project that has improved the appearance or quality of life in their neighborhood... to make Denver a Better Place to Live."

INC President, Larry Ambrose, congratulated the Committee for creating a unique, community-building charity event unlike any other in Denver.

Net proceeds of \$2805.74 were donated to Urban Peak, a local non-profit, serving homeless and at-risk young adults between the ages of 15 and 24.

Photos and complete coverage of the Rosedale Lantern Festival were provided in our November 2014 newsletter. An event summary, including an accounting summary, is available on our website (www.rhgna.org) under the Events page (scroll down to Past Events).

The Rosedale Lantern Festival Committee was composed of RHGNA's Board, as well as neighbors Suzanne & Doug Baity, Elle Osborne, Elissa Augello and Jerry Vohrer. Of course, we couldn't have been successful without the generous donations and continued support from our neighborhood businesses, including Premier Sponsors Porter Hospital and Campus Cycles. Thanks and congratulations to everyone for their vision and hard work.

Mark your calendars for September 26, 2015 for this year's Rosedale Lantern Festival. We've got even more fun events for the kids planned. If you would like to serve on the Committee please send an email to info@rhgna.org.



Rosedale Lantern Festival Committee members Pamela Quigley (R) and Suzanne Baity (L) present a Ceremonial Check to Urban Peak's Chris Weiss at our November General Meeting. Photo by Lynne Scholfield.



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TAX SEASON SAFETY TIPS

compiled by Tom Montoya, Satefy and Schools Board Chair

Tax filing day is some months away, but while you're busy gathering all your documents, receipts, and bank records, identity thieves are scheming ways to get your tax refund and steal your identity. January 13th begins Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week. Here are some tips to make your tax season... less taxing.

1. **FILE EARLY** The earlier you file, the more likely you'll get your refund before the fraudsters.
2. **FILING ONLINE** Make sure your internet connection is secure. No going to Starbucks or public Wifi to file. Those connections are not secure, making that coffee shop more than a latte stop.
3. **DON'T MAIL FROM HOME** – What's that you say? The “flag up” on your mailbox is a signal for fraudsters saying: “Hey, all my private tax information is in this envelope including my social security number and bank records. Come and get it!”
4. **EMAILS FROM IRS** Don't believe them! Tax identity thieves may send phoney “phishing” emails or texts. The emails look like they are coming from the IRS, but know this: The IRS doesn't email or text people and will never request personal information over the internet. If the IRS does need to contact you, it will be through the mail. But, just to make sure the request is legitimate, call the IRS directly.
5. **CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** Fraudsters love to beat you to your mailbox. Especially if there may be checks arriving. The best way to keep a fraudster away from your refund check is to request your return be automatically deposited into your bank account.

6. **CHECK YOUR TAX PREPARER'S QUALIFICATIONS** Know who is helping you file. If you are using an outside source to help you file:

- All paid tax preparers must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). In addition, ask if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization and attends continuing education classes.
- Check the preparer's history with the Better Business Bureau and check for any disciplinary actions and licensure status through the state boards of accountancy for certified public accountants; the state bar associations for attorneys; and the IRS Office of Enrollment for enrolled agents.

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THE HOW'S, WHAT'S AND WHY'S OF COMPOSTING

compiled by Suzanne Baity

When I said the word 'composting' to my husband, his gut reaction to the word was "a stinky, slimy mess". My own reaction to the idea of composting was a feeling of intimidation. I think these two reactions summarize what many people feel about home composting. It helped me when I realized that composting is, essentially, just recycling. I know how to recycle! So think of composting as recycling taken to the next level. Paper, leaves, coffee grounds and many leftovers can all be recycled, which means less garbage is put into landfill and less methane gas is produced. This reduces pollution (brown cloud) and slows the erosion of the ozone layer. Over 20% of our nation's greenhouse gases come from garbage in landfills. Much of this garbage can be diverted and recycled.

But, do I want that stinky, slimy mess in my backyard? Here is the beautiful part about composting through the city program. Done correctly, it is not a smelly endeavor and it is easy. On Jan 1st, the City rolled out its composting bins to our neighborhood. For a small fee of \$29.25 per quarter, the City provides a container for compost. The City picks it up weekly and delivers the organic material to a composting facility run by

A1 Organics, where it is allowed to go through a natural process that transforms it into usable compost that is then sold to farmers and landscapers. What a great way to help our planet!

Only 3% of our neighborhood is currently signed up for the City composting program. We'd love to see more of our neighborhood involved in composting. I know I am excited to compost, now that I understand it better. For more information on the City program and to sign up, please visit the RHGNA website and click onto the Sustainability Page. Please help us to continue to make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live!

Resources:

www.planetnatural.com

www.denvergov.org/trashrecycling

www.rhgna.org



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WINTER FUN IN DENVER'S PARKS

compiled by Lynne Scholfield, At-Large Board Member

The Mile High City boasts more than 4,000 acres of traditional parks and parkways, and we are lucky to have one of them in our neighborhood. Stroll through Harvard Gulch Park during this snowy season and take in the views of the Rocky Mountains. Whether you like to snowshoe, cross country ski, or sled, the park can accommodate you. Snowball fight, anyone?

But what if there isn't any snow on the ground? Your children can still get their rosy cheeks indoors at the Harvard Gulch Rec Center. Do you know about the MY Denver Card? Thanks to Denver voters' overwhelming support of Measure 2A in 2012, all Denver students ages 5 to 18 now have free, year-round access to the city's 23 recreation centers and 29 pools with the MY Denver Card. The MY Denver Card, sponsored by United Healthcare, will also serve as your child's Denver Public Library card, giving Denver's children the keys to learning and staying active.

Cultural institutions throughout the city have partnered with MY Denver to give youth and their families discounted admission to enjoy and learn

more about what makes Denver great. Benefits at the various cultural partners' locations are active during different months of the year but you must re-register. Previously issued MY Denver Cards are no longer active.

In 2015 you can enjoy NEW offerings from cultural institutions throughout the city including Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Art Museum, Denver Zoo, Museum of Contemporary Art, DCPA, Clyfford Still Museum, History Colorado Center and the Buffalo Bill Museum.

Bring identification, proof of guardianship and residency to your nearest recreation center to receive your child's printed MY Denver Card.

To see what Harvard Gulch Rec Center is offering in the way of indoor activities go to <http://bit.ly/1KdQ4ao>.

For more specific info on the MY Denver card check out <http://bit.ly/1KdQ75W>.



Roaming Buffalo BBQ is now open! Located at 2387 S. Downing, formerly the site of Crown Burger Plus, the restaurant specializes in Colorado Craft BBQ.

Keith's Coffee Bar, formerly Dazbog Coffee, changed it's name at the end of October last year. It's still located at 2450 S. Downing.

Craft Brewery **Fermaentra**, located at 1715 E. Evans, is a bit outside of Rosedale, but definitely in walking distance. Food trucks are often there on the weekends.

The RHGNA Board is proud to announce that
The Denver Waldorf School, Minor & Brown, PC and Builder's Heating and Air Conditioning
have offered to serve as 2015 Annual Sponsors for the RHGNA!

Our special thanks to Leigh Rhysling, Kim Ritter and Rich Savich - neighbors who recognize the importance of connecting our community with resources, ideas and opportunities.

They are generously contributing to our newsletter publications for 2015.

Interested in supporting RHGNA? Contact info@rhgna.org.