

Happy New Year to Our Neighbors!

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to our neighborhood in 2010 - the first official year for RHGNA! We appreciate the wonderful work of all the Board members and volunteers whose accomplishments included a summer picnic, six neighborhood meetings, creating a webpage, a Facebook page, membership survey, and quarterly newsletters. Our awesome Block Captains help distribute news to their neighbors. Volunteers created four gorgeous sandwich boards and other yard signs to announce our meetings. We even hosted a tour of the King Tut exhibit!

The Association has given Rosedale Harvard Gulch a presence at local forums and a voice with our district police department, as well as kept our neighbors informed and involved on zoning developments. We have cultivated relationships with area businesses, and Porter Hospital generously underwrites our newsletter!

Our colorful **Email Newsflashes** provide over 300 neighbors with instant updates on crime alerts, events and articles about every other week – no more waiting for the next newsletter! You can even receive the quarterly newsletter via email! Join the network and stay informed – just email leader.rosedaleharvardgulch@gmail.com and provide your name, home address and email address.

Be part of the next generation of neighborhood leaders! New Board members will be elected at our February 16 meeting! If you love living in this beautiful neighborhood, then serving on the Board is an opportunity for you to share your enthusiasm, and help develop a sense of community among your neighbors. No previous experience is needed. Contact Board Member Derek Allan to learn more - 303-722-4454 or derek.allan@bakerhughes.com.

We hope you will find a reason to volunteer for RHGNA.

Kim Ritter, Co-President, RHGNA

Ellen Winiarczyk, Co-President, RHGNA

PLEASE NOTE:

The January Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association Meeting was rescheduled to
Wednesday, February 16
6:30 to 8:45 pm
Harvard Gulch Recreation Center
550 E. Iliff Ave.

Agenda topics include but aren't limited to...

- ▶ Financial Report
- ▶ **Election of New Board Members!!**
- ▶ Safety Report - District 4 Officers and Neighborhood Watch

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS!

Additional Captains and "backups" are always needed!
Contact Kristin at 303-927-6411.



Attend the February 16 meeting and you could win a house portrait by neighborhood artist Carri Currier!!

Our Neighborhood

RHGNA boundaries extend between South Downing, East Evans, South Broadway, and East Yale surrounding Harvard Gulch and Kunming parks in south central Denver, CO.

Membership Donations of \$15 may be mailed to RHGNA

P.O. Box 101512
Denver, CO 80250-1512
or visit www.rhgna.org

WHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD??



Photo: Cathy Wise

Harvard Gulch Recreation Center HOURS

Mon / Weds - 11am - 9pm
Tues / Thurs - 9am - 9pm
Friday - 11am - 8pm

The exercise room has been remodeled with many new pieces of equipment.



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ENTERTAINMENT - will be a truly interactive experience filled with music, performances & WOW factor events & visuals.

For more information or to join a mailing list visit www.denvercountyfair.org



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The Park People's Annual

Denver Digs Trees Spring Street Tree Distribution

Deadline for applications: February 15

Tree pick-up: April 16

Denver Digs has provided more than 40,000 affordable and free trees to Denver residents over the past 19 years. We offer a variety of beautiful trees that make our communities healthier, more livable places. These trees are **for planting along the street**. (For private property trees, consider our fall yard tree program.) **Trees are only \$25 each and Free** to residents in target neighborhoods. (Trees this size usually sell for \$100+). Apply Online: www.theparkpeople.org or call 303-722-6262



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Rosedale Real Estate Snap Shot

Written by Eric Freisinger 12/29/2010

Greetings neighbors - I am happy to provide you with useful statistical data for the "Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood" that includes the boundaries of Broadway on the West, Downing on the East, Evans on the North and Yale on the South.

My statistical research shows that over the past 12 months, the Rosedale area had approximately 40 sales that ranged from \$65,000 to \$563,000, average price per square foot of \$267, and average total days on market of 106. The median sales price for properties that sold from 7 to 12 months ago were \$265,000 (19 sales), 4 to 6 months ago \$365,000 (7 sales), and the last three months \$297,000 (14 sales).

This trend shows us that the median sales price for Rosedale has increased over the past 12 months, but a snap shot of the past six months showed a decrease of the median sales price.

There are currently 23 active listings ranging from \$129,000 to \$699,000 with a median list price of \$325,000 and average days on market of 126 days. The data came from a custom search of residential properties through the MLS (Multiple Listing Service).

Please stay tuned for the next issue of the Rosedale Real Estate Snap Shot and thanks for reading!

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Rosedale Harvard Gulch NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER! New Board members will be elected at our February 16th meeting!

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Parks and Recreation Chair, 1-yr term

Zoning and Development Chair, 1-yr term

At-Large Member, to fill 2 years of a 3-yr term (*as current member moves into another Board position*)

Co-President, 2-yr term - *one candidate identified*

Secretary, 2-yr term - *one candidate identified*

At Large, 1-yr term - *one candidate identified*

Membership Chair, 1-yr term - *one candidate identified*

Business Chair, 1-yr term - *incumbent running*

Safety/Schools Chair, 1-yr term - *incumbent running*

Communications Chair, 1-yr term - *incumbent running*

RHGNA is a communication link that enables residents to interact, and informs them on crucial issues. The Board is a friendly, committed group who currently meet once per month, but they may adapt this schedule in 2011. No previous experience is needed.

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Porter and Littleton Hospitals to Pilot “Tell Us You’re Coming” – an Innovative Feature on the iTriage Mobile Application

Porter Adventist and Littleton Adventist hospitals will pilot a new iTriage® feature that prepares hospital emergency staff to meet the needs of incoming patients. The two hospitals, which are part of the Centura Health network of care, are the first in Colorado and first in the nation to implement this new smartphone feature for patients.

“Littleton and Porter are proud to be the first hospitals in this area and throughout the U.S. to pilot this revolutionary program,” said Randy Haffner, Porter CEO and president of the Centura Health South Denver Operating Group. “By allowing our patients to tell us that they are coming, and to relay what medical needs and conditions to expect, we provide a patient experience that far exceeds community expectations.”

Demand for emergency services in the U.S. has been on the rise since 1996. With higher patient volume, those needing emergency care are finding overcrowded ERs and longer wait times. By using the “Tell Us You’re Coming” feature, these two local hospitals will streamline the intake process for emergency patients, improve the ER patient flow process, and enable patients to notify the hospitals of specific medical needs in advance.



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iTriage – a free, cutting edge healthcare application, developed by Lakewood-based Healthagen®, is piloting the new feature with these two hospitals. Now, patients can use their smartphones to:

- Fill out the intake information on their way into the hospital, which facilitates the registration process
- Notify emergency staff that an extended-sized wheelchair will be needed for patient unloading
- Inform staff of allergies or other special medical needs

When a consumer uses iTriage to locate Porter Adventist or Littleton Adventist hospitals, they may choose “Tell Us You’re Coming” from the provider search or deep view pages in which the hospitals are highlighted. There, they may fill out a form to provide their name, phone number, allergies, symptoms, gender, age and anything else helpful for ER staff to know prior to arrival.

“As a healthcare app that aggregates symptom, disease, procedure and provider information, iTriage is helping empower consumers with their healthcare needs,” said Peter Hudson, MD, CEO, Healthagen. “Littleton and Porter Adventist hospitals are leading the charge in providing patients with expedited care and unmatched mobile access.”

Centura Health is Colorado’s largest hospital and health care network and we are charting the course for the future of health care. Approximately 14,500 of the health care industry’s best and brightest, including more than 6,000 physician partners, deliver advanced care to more than half a million people each year, across 13 hospitals, seven senior living communities, medical clinics, affiliated partner hospitals, Flight For Life® Colorado, and home care and hospice services. Our strength lies in our ability to offer a team of connected networks and shared resources to deliver accessible, reliable and cost-effective health care across the state. For information please visit www.centura.org.

The following information comes to us through **Denver Parks and Recreation** – *Coyotes are often seen in Harvard Gulch Park, and have been observed leaping 6-foot fences!*

Be Coyote Aware this Winter! by Ashley Delaup

Winter brings more potential conflict with our resident coyotes as food becomes scarce and coyotes begin to prepare for breeding and pups in the spring. Typically cautious animals may begin to see medium and large sized dogs (30 lbs +) as potential competition for resources and mates.

Be especially vigilant mid December to mid March. Small dogs and cats let outside unattended may be easy targets as food is harder to find. Coyotes may be seen in larger groups, as several family members may openly walk in streets and parks trying to establish their territories.

Proactively protect your pets and work hard to haze (increase a coyotes natural fear of people) this time of year. When pups are born this spring coyotes will either teach them to disregard or avoid people, the choice is ours!

Keep cats inside and stay with small dogs when outdoors. Check yards before letting an animal outside, coyotes are ambush predators that learn our routines and may be waiting for that 10 pm potty time. Whenever you spot an animal, HAZE IT! Yell, chase, make noise and generally act like the biggest, baddest, toughest person that animal has ever seen.

As the second fastest mammals in North America, coyotes are built to run and that will be a first response when confronted with danger. They can also remember areas, neighborhoods and even homes where they felt threatened, and can learn to avoid those specific places.

React as aggressively to multiple animals as you would a single coyote, no coyote wants to get involved with people. If a coyote(s) does attack your pet, you can yell, scream and fight back, many pets can be saved if the owner is close enough to intervene. The coyote is a creature of opportunity. Removing opportunity prevents conflict and injured or lost pets. Also, to the coyote, rabbits taste better anyway!



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Recycling Cardboard Contributed by Leslie Jordan

Denver residents have proven to be great recyclers, but we still have only an 11.6% rate of recycling, whereas the national average rate for recycling is 35%. We can do better!! A recent study showed that we throw away more than 27,000 tons of recyclable paper each year, much of which is cardboard.

Let's be a model green neighborhood, and keep all of our cardboard out of the landfill!

Ensure that all of your cardboard gets recycled by doing the following:

- 1. Place all cardboard inside your recycling cart as instructed.** With Denver Recycles' automated collection system, only materials inside the purple carts can be lifted up by the mechanical arm and emptied into the top of the recycling truck. Cardboard and other materials left outside of your cart cannot be collected for recycling.
- 2. Refrain from stacking cardboard against your recycling cart or on the ground.** Cardboard left outside of your recycling cart will not get recycled even if it is flattened and stacked right next to your cart. Instead, it will either be left behind or picked up as overflow trash and sent to the landfill. So if you actually want to recycle your cardboard, please put it in your purple cart.
- 3. Flatten and break down all boxes into pieces no larger than 2 ft. x 2 ft.** To ensure that you recycle all the cardboard you can, but also leave room in your cart for all the other valuable recyclables, here's a helpful hint:

Make sure the cut cardboard lays flat in your cart, so it doesn't take up usable space; or leave cardboard out of your cart until your recycling day. Then lay it flat in the cart on top of your other recyclables and close the lid. This way the cardboard won't get stuck inside the cart and you'll have more room for everything!

Thanks for doing your part and recycling all that you can! If you consistently have more recycling than will fit in your cart, please contact Denver Recycles. Questions? Call 3-1-1 or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

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This is the first in a series of profiles we will publish on the schools in the Rosedale Harvard Gulch neighborhood.

A Brief History of Denver Christian High School by Mark Swalley, Principal

In 1919 a group of mostly Dutch immigrants to the Denver area started an elementary school called Denver Christian. The school was housed for many years at the corner of Florida and Clarkson streets and when the population outgrew that facility a second school, Van Dellen elementary, was built on Warren Street, one block east of Colorado Blvd., leaving the middle school at the Florida/Clarkson site. Over time the Denver Christian School Board determined there was a need to begin a Christian high school, and so land was purchased at the corner of Pearl and Evans streets and a building constructed for the first high school class that entered in the fall of 1950.

Denver Christian High School has developed a reputation throughout the Colorado educational circles as having high academic standards (with 94% of our graduates going on to four-year colleges or universities at places as different as Princeton, CU and Azusa Pacific), outstanding athletics (10 state championships in the last 10 years), and an excellent fine arts program.



Senior girls ready for the Homecoming Powder Puff football game.

The DCHS mission is to integrate academic excellence with biblical perspective to bring Christ's transforming power and love into all areas of our broken world. It's a mission we take seriously as we serve the greater Denver community.

Over the past few years we have partnered with the City of Denver in a Graffiti Busting program painting over alley dumpsters, cleaned up alleys in Platt Park, and helped stock various food banks throughout Denver. This year we helped landscape an area public school, collected socks for the military, and held a major clothing drive. For the past 4 years we have run a tutoring program for the students of Westside Community School. We bus all 85 of their students here once every other week to tutor them in math and science, and develop mentorship roles with them.

A few years ago 5280 magazine rated Denver Christian High School as a top choice if your child is a "seeker". Our band and choirs are in high demand to give performances around the metro area and they regularly travel throughout the United States and abroad. We have recently started a unique program called Seminar that is transforming the way we teach students.

Denver Christian High School may be small in size, but it bustles with activity and we invite our neighbors to stop by anytime to become better acquainted.

Denver Christian students on a Nicaragua Mission trip.



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