

## Spring Has Sprung!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The flowers are up and many of us are preparing our lawns, cutting back the dead leaves from plants, and prepping sprinkler systems. This spring we have **new RHGNA board members** stepping up to help lead us into our second year of connecting our community, through our newsletter, Email Blasts, and neighborhood meetings and social events. **Thank you to our off-going board members for your service, great ideas and dedication.**

**CONNECT WITH RHGNA** – Sign up for RHGNA Email Newsflashes for the latest Crime Alerts, wildlife sightings and other interesting news items. Become a friend of “Rosedale Harvard Gulch” on Facebook, or visit [www.RHGNA.org](http://www.RHGNA.org).

**We invite you to get involved** – become a Block Captain or help develop fun neighborhood activities. Some ideas have been a **golf tournament** (details pending), and the upcoming **Garage Sale Event** (see page 2). Get on board and meet your neighbors!

Our new meeting schedule offers three General Meetings per year, in February, May and November and our annual picnic in August. **Join us on May 18 for updates from District 4 Police, a presentation on urban coyotes, special information on a proposed Safeway fueling station (off E. Evans St.) and a visitor from Porter Hospital.** We look forward to connecting with YOU this year!

Ellen Winiarczyk  
Co-President, RHGNA

Bill Bloch  
Co-President, RHGNA

### PLEASE NOTE:

The next Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association Meeting will take place  
**Wednesday, May 18**  
6:30 to 8:45 pm  
Harvard Gulch Recreation Center  
550 E. Iliff Ave.

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

- Updates from Denver Police officers
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION on urban coyotes
- Special guests from Safeway (re: proposed fueling station) and Porter Hospital

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS!

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



*Attend the May 18 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](http://www.rhgna.org)

### WHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD??



Photo: Lynne Scholfield

### Harvard Gulch Recreation Center

#### SUMMER HOURS

(beginning May 31<sup>st</sup>)

9 am - 7 pm

Monday - Friday

#### Swimming pool

to open June 4<sup>th</sup>



## Rosedale Real Estate Snap Shot

Written by Eric Freisinger 4/28/11

approximately 42 residential sales that ranged from \$153,000 to \$563,000, average price per square foot of \$273, and average total days on market of 112. The median sales price for properties that sold from 7 to 12 months ago were \$313,500 (24 sales), 4 to 6 months ago \$299,000 (9 sales), and the last three months \$212,000 (9 sales).

**This trend shows us that the median sales price for Rosedale has decreased over the past 12 months.** There are currently 31 residential active listings ranging from \$180,000 to \$539,900 with a median list price of \$268,450 and average days on market of 178 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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Greetings neighbors - I am happy to provide you with useful data for the Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood that includes the boundaries of Downing west to Broadway, and Evans south to Yale. My statistical research shows that over the past 12 months, the Rosedale area had



## An Invitation from District 4 Police

In an effort to foster community involvement, our District 4 Police hold bi-weekly meetings for residents and businesses in our neighborhoods, including Rosedale Harvard Gulch. Commander Montoya presides at these meetings and officers who oversee the three "Sectors" within District 4 give updates regarding recent events and issues. Neighbors are then given the opportunity to voice concerns about specific problems they may be encountering in their immediate areas. This is a chance to tell our officers, directly, of any incidents or matters which may need police attention.

**Every other Wednesday** - meeting times alternate between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

May 4th will be at 10 a.m., and May 18th at 6 p.m.

**District 4 Headquarters** - 2100 S. Clay St., the SE corner of W. Evans and S. Clay.

These are informal, informative sessions that usually last about one hour. Email reminders are sent two days before each meeting; call 720-913-2677 to be put on the email list. Unless you are on the list, please call and verify the meeting schedule (which can be disrupted if events such as Cinco de Mayo or 4th of July require extra duty by the officers). We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

TOOLS - BABY STUFF - BOOKS - FURNITURE - ARTWORK - KID STUFF - SPORTS EQUIPMENT - CLOTHES

## ROSEDALE HARVARD GULCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# GARAGE SALE EVENT

Saturday - June 4, 2011



All neighbors are invited to take part - organize your own garage sale on that date, and we will help publicize it. Provide us your key item categories and address and we will publish a list of all sales to our email network of over 330 households!

We'll provide handy tips on holding a successful sale, and special signs to post on your block.

We'll also announce the Garage Sale Event on Craig's List, inviting others to come stroll our beautiful neighborhood and check out the bargains!

**Coordinate with your neighbors for a jumbo sale or host your own!**

Let's plan to all start at 8 am, and you may end your sale whenever you wish.

**Contact neighbor Mar Scully to register your sale by May 25!!**

303-733-1548 or [mariwayne@comcast.net](mailto:mariwayne@comcast.net)

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# TOUR ROSEDALE: HIDDEN GEM OF SOUTH DENVER

Sunday, May 22, 2011

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Enjoy a marvelous tour offering unique historical perspective on our community. Harvard Gulch Park once hosted the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children. Nearby lived Verne Sankey, targeted as "public enemy number one." Added to the mix is Porter Hospital, the Dutch presence in the area, Swallow Hill, and the home of acclaimed author Leona Mattingly Weber, creator of *Leave It to Beany*.



Meet at the benches in Harvard Gulch Park at the SE corner of South Logan and Iliff. Tour guide Phil Goodstein is the author of *The Ghosts of University Park, Platt Park, and Beyond*. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 with the purchase of the book (\$19.95 in bookstores). For information, call 303/333-1095 or go to [www.leonardleonard.com](http://www.leonardleonard.com).

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# Parks and Recreation Report *RHGNA Parks Liaison Gregg Batchelder-Adams*

Harvard Gulch Rec Center: There are a number of classes and activities for all ages available at the Rec Center, including Yoga and Pilates classes, a Young Athletes Program, Ballet, etc. Registration for youth sports started April 4 (baseball, softball, etc.). The opening date for the outdoor pool will be posted on June 4 at [www.denvergov.org/recreation](http://www.denvergov.org/recreation). For information on all classes and activities, I suggest picking up a free copy of the Parks and Rec Spring Program Guide in the lobby of the Rec Center.

Harvard Gulch Park: Denver Parks and Rec has a work order with Xcel Energy to repair the deteriorated light posts that are located adjacent to the paved walking path through the Park. Denver Parks and Rec also recently met with Porter Hospital to discuss the possibility of upgrading or replacing the fitness stations that are located around the perimeter of the park.

Other: Future planning, design, and/or construction at any Denver park or Rec Center is continually updated by Denver Parks and Rec at <http://denvergov.org/Portals/626/documents/CurrentListofprojects.pdf>. Current projects that are in our neighborhood include the Gulch Master Plan (which includes Harvard Gulch) and the Harvard Gulch Irrigation Project.



***Coyotes are often seen in Harvard Gulch Park, and have been observed leaping 6-foot fences!*** Protect your small animals and “haze” any coyotes you may come across to teach them a healthy fear of humans and help them - and us - avoid conflict.

**Attend the May 18 RHGNA meeting** (details page 1)  
**for a special presentation by Denver Coyote expert Ashley Delaup.**

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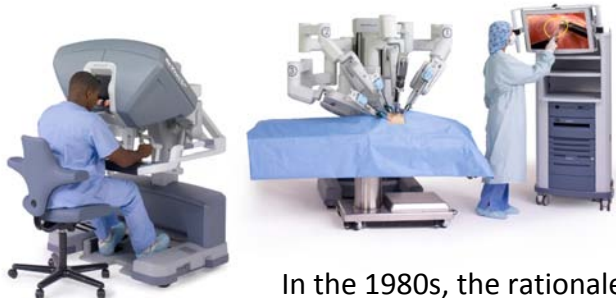
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# Porter Adventist Hospital Launches First Robotics Institute in the Region

## *What can robotic surgery mean for you?*

By Cleiton Goncalves Manager, Porter Robotics Institute

In the 1980s, the rationale for building a surgical robot was the stuff of science fiction. Intent on providing “a doctor in every foxhole,” military strategists envisioned a severely wounded soldier being loaded into a battlefield ambulance equipped with a robot so that a surgeon at a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, or MASH unit, miles away could perform life-saving telesurgery. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration also envisioned being able to operate from Earth on a patient aboard a robot-equipped space station. In this high-tech future, surgery could be performed skillfully and promptly even in dangerous or inaccessible places.

By the 1990s, the rationale for such robots had become even more compelling. Despite the laparoscopic and minimally-invasive surgery revolution, they too had limitations. Then, market forces dictated further innovations. Patients, insurers and surgeons all began to see the potential benefits in the advancement of specialized surgeries and improvement in routine procedures, along with the reduction in costs, pain and recovery time.

Suddenly, robots were seen as more than a piece of equipment used to enhance quality outcomes within surgery, but as a vital tool that would forever redefine surgical procedures within healthcare. Today, these “out-of-this-world” visions are being implemented right here in Denver. With the launch of the Porter Robotics Institute (PRI), the latest in surgical technology, combined with significant patient benefits, are available to all – not just soldiers or astronauts.

While robotic procedures have been done at Porter Adventist Hospital for several years, it was in 2009 that the vision of the Porter Robotics Institute was introduced. Today, the PRI is an exciting reality - the first comprehensive robotics institute in the Rocky Mountain region, performing more robotic surgeries for more conditions than any other facility in Colorado. The PRI has assembled a highly trained group of surgeons with extensive experience in their areas of robotic specialization, including prostatectomy and urology, gynecology, general surgery and soon, ear nose and throat.

The secret of our success goes beyond having nationally recognized surgeons who are highly proficient in the latest in robotic technology. PRI is unique is because of its smooth, efficient and highly orchestrated operation, one that provides the ultimate patient care from physician clinic visits to preoperative risk evaluations, surgery and continuing with post-operative care on a designated inpatient unit. And, as part of the Centura Health Centers for Clinical Innovation, our secret is simply a reflection of Porter Hospital’s mission statement, to extend the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our communities.

Says Dr. Warren Kortz, one of PRI’s well-known surgeons: “Our job at the PRI is to help celebrate the life of our patients by helping them to continue living a full life, focusing on what matters most to them individually.”

To learn more about the PRI, visit [www.porterrobotics.com](http://www.porterrobotics.com) or contact the PRI manager via email at [PRI@centura.org](mailto:PRI@centura.org), or by phone at 303-715-7774.

## PLANT HAPPENINGS

at the CSU Extension office in  
Harvard Gulch Park, 888 E. Iliff Ave.



### Plant-A-Palooza Annual Plant Sale

May 14, 8 am - 3 pm or sold out.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser for CSU Extension features heirloom and modern tomatoes from around the world, peppers, basil, annuals, perennials, and New Mexico Chile Institute chile peppers! Info - 720-913-5270

### TWO GREAT CLASSES BY THE PROS

Cost is \$20 in advance by cash or check, \$22 at the door. Preregistration is required and class size is limited. Phone 720-913-5272.

#### **Vegetable Gardening Keys to Success**

Saturday, May 21, 9-11 am \$20/22  
Horticulturist Carl Wilson shares tips on soils, planting, watering and other keys to successful vegetable gardening. Beginners and experienced gardeners will benefit!

#### **Container & Small Space Gardening**

Saturday, May 21, 1-3 pm \$20/22  
Colorado Master Gardener, Margot Thompson, and horticulturist Carl Wilson teach how growing vegetables, herbs and flowers in containers can relieve the flatness of gardens and add life to decks & balconies.

## Mile High Academy Excels in Educating Young People Brent Baldwin, Principal



Pre-school Prayer Walk



Chemistry Class

Mile High Academy (MHA) was opened next to Porter Adventist Hospital in the fall of 1949 by the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, thereby contributing to the expanding Adventist education system which is currently the second largest parochial system in the United States.

Originally, MHA was founded to educate Adventist young people academically and spiritually in the metro Denver area. Over time, the goals of Adventist education grew to reflect our desire to share Christian education with any family in the local community.

MHA's mission is to provide a Christ-centered education that empowers young people to excel. Students attending MHA have the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, socially, and physically. Because of its small school size, teachers are truly able to develop the relationships needed to inspire and motivate our students.

Over the years, Mile High Academy has excelled in educating its young people. National testing and research show the incredible level of academic growth in students who enroll over a long period of time. In the past ten years, over 98% of graduates have gone on to a two or four-year college/university.

A majority of MHA graduates have gone on to complete professional degrees in all career paths. As the Adventist church has developed a world-wide health care system, many of our graduates go into the medical field.



We are proud of what we do. Please, take note of several areas of accomplishment: the weeks-of-prayer in which high school students mentor elementary students; the high school honors program; the music program in which high school students have the opportunity to travel locally and throughout the US; local elementary performances; community activities such as Valentines for Vets and Kids Against Hunger; the sports program which includes several tournaments throughout the US; dual credit college classes; history and literature tours to various parts of the US; and a senior class mission trip as well as many other activities.

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If you have comments, suggestions, or ideas,  
please contact our RHGNA Communications Chair  
Catherine Wise at [catherine\\_wise@dpsk12.org](mailto:catherine_wise@dpsk12.org).

In the coming year we aim to increase the number of  
households reached by our digital network.

If you have ideas on how we could contact  
additional neighbors, please share them with us.

Thanks for your support of RHGNA!



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