

Summer Greetings

to our Rosedale Harvard Gulch Friends and Neighbors!

How TALL are your tomatoes? How big are your beans? The amazing afternoon rains have led to an incredible greening of our neighborhood. Flowers abound in the beautiful yards surrounding us. Perhaps Rosedale Harvard Gulch should have a **garden tour** - if you're interested in participating or organizing it, email ewiniarczyk@gmail.com. This could be the start of something fun!

BLOCK CAPTAINS! You're such an incredible resource to our neighborhood. Thanks for all your service! We could still use a few more block captains and backups (specific blocks listed on page 2). Contact Kristin Salada at 303-927-6411 if you're interested!

Our RHGNA Annual Picnic will be held Sunday, August 14! Come join us whether you're old or new to the neighborhood! (more details page 2)

Special thanks to the 50 or so residents who participated in the **Safeway Fueling Station dialogue** last month, and to Doug Fergot of Safeway and Chris Gleissner of Denver City Planning Dept. for fielding questions. Our city councilman, Chris Nevitt was also in attendance. The group discussed the traffic and pedestrian safety issues on South Downing at Warren and at Evans, and the difficulties of moving around that area on foot or by car. While there isn't enough traffic to warrant a "traffic study" by the city, and it's not Safeway's responsibility to manage traffic, Mr. Fergot noted our concerns and will work on issues and continue the dialogue. The fuel station is at least 8-10 months away.

To establish any traffic mitigation, residents may engage our councilman and the Public Works Department (they are responsible for cross walks, traffic calming, etc.). For example, on Colorado Boulevard through Park Hill, the city has painted highly visible RED crosswalks. While it's not RHGNA's mission to advocate for any specific issues or actions, we can set up meetings, facilitate dialogue etc. so our residents can organize to inquire about these kinds of crosswalks in our neighborhood.

Let us know what your concerns are and we will try to connect you to the right people or information!

Happy Summer,

Ellen Winiarczyk and Bill Bloch
Co-Presidents, RHGNA



NEXT RHGNA MEETING:

**Wednesday
November 16**

6:30 to 8:45 pm

Harvard Gulch Recreation Center
550 E. Iliff Ave.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL RHGNA Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, August 14 – 2-4:30

For all the details, see page 2

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**

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WHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD??



Photo: Cathy Wise

Harvard Gulch Recreation Center

SUMMER HOURS

9 am - 7 pm
Monday - Friday

Swimming pool
will remain open
through August 14



Rosedale Real Estate Snap Shot

Written by Eric Freisinger 7/12/11

over the past 12 months, the Rosedale area had approximately 44 residential sales that ranged from \$153,000 to \$525,000, average price per square foot of \$256, and average total days on market of 113. The median sales price for properties that sold from 7 to 12 months ago were \$320,000 (21 sales), 4 to 6 months ago \$212,000 (9 sales), and the last three months \$264,000 (14 sales). **This trend shows that the median sales price for Rosedale has increased over the past 12 months.** There are currently 33 residential active listings ranging from \$99,500 to \$669,000 with a median list price of \$306,975 and average days on market of 164 days. The data came from a custom search of residential properties through the MLS (Multiple Listing Service). Stay tuned for the next Rosedale Real Estate Snap Shot and thanks for reading!

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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

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL RHGNA Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, August 14 – 2-4:30 pm

If you've lived here for decades, or just a few weeks you are welcome to join us!!

Take a last splash on the final day of the Harvard Gulch pool season. Enjoy the sunshine or kick back in the shade.

Share some good food and laughs with old friends and new. We will have door prizes to give away, and some surprise special guests!

If you can, **please bring your own chairs, and food to share** based on your last name: A-H - main dish, I-P - dessert, Q-Z - side or snack item.

LOCATION: Between the playground and rec center, near Iliff and Logan.

NEW NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR FEATURE

If you're already part of our dynamic RHGNA email community, you've enjoyed the Crime Alerts, wildlife sightings and informative articles we publish. We are now piloting a new feature called Neighbor-to-Neighbor, which will allow anyone who lives, owns property or works in Rosedale Harvard Gulch to promote their business to the community. The cost is \$10 for a short blurb to be included in four emails distributed to our ever-growing list of residents. A limited number of these opportunities will be available. All promotions will be archived on a special section of our website for future reference. Contact Cathy Wise at 303-912-9101 or Catherine_wise@dpsk12.org for promotion guidelines and to join the email list!



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Groundwork Denver's Neighborhood Energy Action is coming to Rosedale!

Input and volunteers are needed.



Through Groundwork Denver's Neighborhood Energy Action volunteers go to every door in the neighborhood offering to change the front porch light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, provide information about reducing energy use, and sign up people for free weatherization, recycling and trees. This simple outreach saves residents money, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and reaches out to every member of a neighborhood. Over the last year, Groundwork Denver has brought this project to over 25,000 households around the state, resulting in savings of over \$205,000 per year and greenhouse gas reductions of almost 2,000 tons per year.



Energy Action is simple, but makes a huge difference for people and the planet. Teams of two work a three-hour shift to knock on about 40 doors assigned to them. Groundwork Denver provides training and materials as well as snacks. These efforts have changed almost 8,000 porch bulbs, preventing 460 tons of emissions and saving \$47,000 in energy costs every year over the life of those 8,000 bulbs. And the project marches ever forward!

The Rosedale Neighborhood is on the 2011 to-do list - Groundwork Denver will partner with Rosedale neighbors and plan the outreach day on a date that aligns with neighborhood endeavors.

Groundwork Denver takes action at the community level to target energy consumption with creative, inexpensive solutions. Since June 2009, the community-based non-profit has recruited and supported over 2,000 volunteers and helped 11,300 households to decrease their carbon footprint and save money. In 2011, Governor John Hickenlooper awarded Groundwork Denver the Outstanding Non-Profit Organization Award for the State of Colorado. Contact Julie Connor with any feedback or to volunteer at 303-455-5600 or at julie@GroundworkDenver.org.

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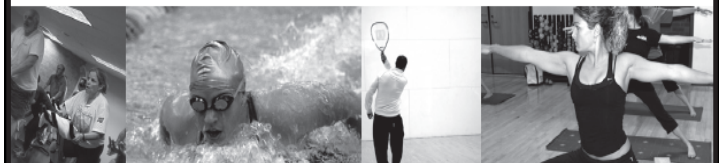
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This is the third in a series of profiles we will publish on the schools in the Rosedale Harvard Gulch neighborhood.



Quality Education and Christian Leadership go hand in hand at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Rosemary Anderson, School Principal

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School (OLOL) is located at the corner of Iliff and Logan, right across the street from Harvard Gulch Park. OLOL opened in 1947 and has been serving the Harvard Gulch/Rosedale neighborhood with academic excellence for over 60 years!

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is a Christ-centered community that provides outstanding academic opportunities for children to be leaders in the community, and stewards of our Catholic faith by realizing their full potential spiritually, intellectually and socially. Students of OLOL graduate with the motivation, ability and desire to continue on in their pursuit of academics as well as become leaders in their communities. OLOL is dedicated to raising the bar in academics and fostering spiritual growth for our future.

Lourdes has a family-like atmosphere that is tangible as soon as you walk through the doors. The community works together as a team for the common mission of the church and school. Parents, teachers, parishioners and students know that they can count on their family at Lourdes for just about anything! Christ truly is present in the community at OLOL and the children follow the example set before them by highly qualified educators, who teach them both in the classroom and in the community. Students are taught the value of service in the community and what it means to give back. Not only do they participate in many service projects for communities all over the world, they also work right here in our neighborhood to serve the community!

OLOL offers many extracurricular activities including competitive athletics in the Catholic Schools Athletic League. With a state of the art gymnasium

students soar in basketball in the winter and volleyball in the spring. OLOL has a Performing Arts Department that offers a spring musical, Christmas Program, 5th grade Cotillion, Children's Choir and much more! OLOL also offers the Junior Great Books Program. Our 7th and 8th grade classes participate in Outdoor Education programs and are given the opportunity to experience God's beauty in the Rocky Mountains. There is something for everyone at Lourdes!

OLOL believes in the value of education and Christian formation. We work hard to ensure whole person education and formation. We are proud of what we do and we know that students who graduate from here go on to become Christian leaders in the community.

We look forward to the years ahead for the opportunity to continue to grow and thrive in the heart of Denver. We know that we have a priceless treasure in our community and we look forward to sharing it with you!



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

Rec Center Rate Change – The City Council voted on July 11 to change the rates for all rec centers, effective September 1, 2011. The rates will be based on a 3-tiered system: neighborhood (small), local (medium) and regional (large). Harvard Gulch is a local center. The old system consisted of a flat fee that provided access to any of the 27 rec centers. The new system fees are based on the size of the facility; the larger the rec center, the higher the fee. The annual membership for Harvard Gulch Rec Center for a resident adult (ages 25 to 64) will be \$249 (old fee was \$190). This new system also includes membership fees for youth, young adults, seniors and families, and includes access to any of the small and medium sized rec centers. The rate change will be used to help reduce the more than \$4.2M deficit in the 2012 Parks and Rec budget. The entire rate schedule can be found at the Parks and Rec website at:

<http://www.denvergov.org/Recreation/FeesMemberships/tabid/430449/Default.aspx>

Harvard Gulch Rec Center Pool – The pool will close for the season on Sunday, August 14th.

Exercise Stations in Harvard Gulch Park - The City has met with Porter Hospital, who originally funded these stations. Porter has not made a decision about what their plans are for these stations. The City is looking at a partnership with Porter about other possible projects in the Park.

Free Parks and Rec Membership for Teens - The City and County of Denver and Kaiser Permanente have joined forces again to offer Denver teenagers (ages 13-17) free access to City Rec Centers and swimming pools this summer. This is the 3rd year that Kaiser has helped support this program. Standard fees will continue to apply for programs and activities that typically are offered at an additional charge. A Denver resident teenager simply needs to go to one of the Denver Rec Centers with an ID (driver's license, student ID, etc.) to sign up. The program is offered from June 10 through August 14.



Multiple coyotes have made the Harvard Gulch Park area their home, 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. For more information on urban Denver coyotes visit www.projectcoyote.org/foxdenver.pdf.

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Tuesday, September 20 and Tuesday, November 15, 1pm at Porter Hospital Conference Center

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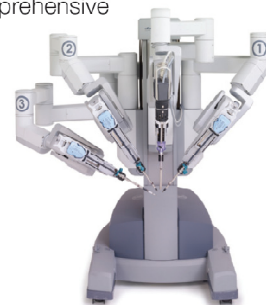
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