

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.

Dear Rosedale Harvard Gulch Friends and Neighbors!

Spring has finally sprung! As we shake off the last of our Spring snow storms, we look ahead to a new and exciting year. At our rescheduled Annual Meeting on March 20, we held Board elections. We welcome new Board Members **Bev Cox** and **A.J. Reed** and returning Board Members **Cathy Darnell** and **Pamela Quigley**. Thanks to our continuing Board Members for their energy and dedication: **Elissa Augello**, **Lucy Barnett**, **Amy Beck**, **Carri Currier**, **Wendy Girnt**, **Pam Hamilton**, **Lynne Scholfield**, **Jennifer Tomeny**, **Cathy Wise** and Block Captain Coordinator **Craig Bouck**.

In the coming year, we plan to widen our outreach and increase neighbor participation, improve our website and standardize our processes and databases. We also need to raise funds to bring you newsletters, our annual picnic, and more (please contribute - see donation information at right).

We welcome all ideas and would love to hear from you! There is *infinite* space for all neighbors to participate! We have an active **History Committee**, and we may create a Graffiti Task Force, a Speakers Bureau and a Sustainability Task Force. Amy Beck is coordinating our 3rd Annual **Neighborhood Garage Sale Event** on Saturday, June 15 (see page 2 to participate). Perhaps you'd like to organize a Block Party, a Garden Tour, a Craft Fair, a Sporting Goods Swap or a Hiking Group? We can get the word out and provide resources! Contact any Board Member, and together we'll make it happen. **Be sure to join our fun and lively email list - a great way to connect with your neighbors, and keep apprised of the latest crime reports and other news** (see page 2).

We hope to see you out enjoying our great neighborhood! Stop by our RHGNA booth at **Plant-a-Palooza** May 18 & 19th to say Hi! (see page 4)

Transforming our Neighborhood into a Community,

Elissa Augello and Pamela Quigley
Co-Presidents, RHGNA

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR RHGNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 6:30-8 pm

At the Harvard Gulch Recreation Center (Iliff & Logan)

GUEST SPEAKERS - Updates on construction within the community and park improvements at Harvard Gulch and the latest news from our Community Police Officers

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.

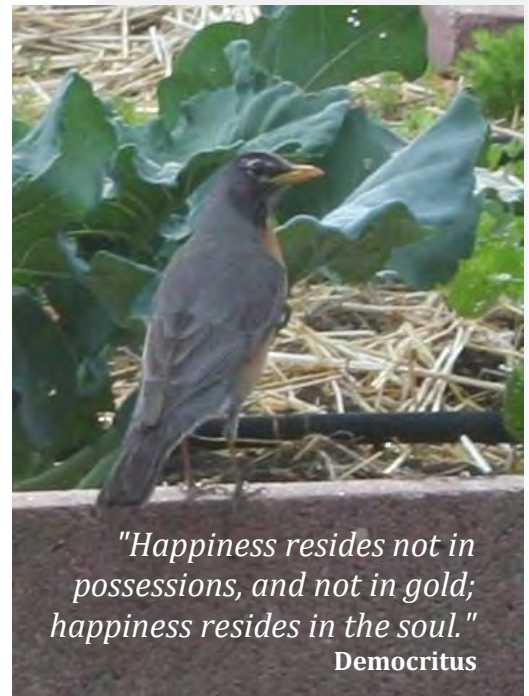
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or visit www.rhgna.org

Harvard Gulch Recreation Center HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-9pm Sat: 9am-1pm
Sun: Closed

Photo by Cathy Wise



"Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold; happiness resides in the soul."
Democritus

Thanks for reading the RHGNA newsletter. We hope you enjoy it.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE! JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE ALERTS AND INFORMATION.

YOU ARE A MEMBER - If you live, work or own property within our boundaries, you are automatically a member of the Association. **CONNECT VIA EMAIL** - If you choose to receive an electronic newsletter, you'd help RHGNA save paper, printing costs and delivery time! You'll also receive timely information such as special events, CRIME REPORTS and WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS. **Please send your email address to Catherine_Wise@dpsk12.org. Include your full name and physical address and we'll get you on the e-list.** **PARTICIPATE** - To learn more about how you could be involved, please contact our Co-Presidents, Elissa and Pamela. **CONTRIBUTE** - Please consider contributing \$15 per year. These donations cover operating costs such as signs and flyers to promote meetings and events, hosting the annual picnic, and maintaining the RHGNA website. Donate at www.rhgna.org, by mail at RHGNA, P.O. Box 101512, Denver, CO 80250-1512, or at a meeting.

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EMAIL PARTICIPANTS: if you've enjoyed, or benefitted from, our Email Newsflashes every week or two, please consider inviting your friends and neighbors to sign on! Our goal is to share this important and beneficial information with every web-connected neighbor, and our outreach to new neighbors must be constant. You can be a great resource and help. You can also help us share the information with neighbors who do not have email access. We no longer have a benefactor to pay for our printed newsletter, so email will be our best means of communication in the future.

NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR is a feature on our emails that allows anyone who lives, works or owns property in our neighborhood to promote their home-based business to our listserv (600 neighbors). The cost is \$10 for five appearances (rate for store front businesses is \$25). **Young businesspeople under 18 can advertise for free!** Contact catherine_wise@dpsk12.org for details. We would love to help you and your business connect with your neighbors!!

BLOCK CAPTAINS *by Craig Bouck, Block Captain Coordinator*

The Block Captains do a tremendous job distributing flyers and when they can't, Back Up Block Captains cover for them. **Please let me know if you can join our team of block captains and flyer a specific block or pair of blocks - email me at craigbouck@brsarch.com.** Placing flyers on your neighbors' doors takes only a few minutes and is a quick way to get a little exercise. Thanks again for your help and support.

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

ROSEDALE HARVARD GULCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GARAGE SALE EVENT

Saturday - June 15, 2013



All neighbors are invited to take part - organize your own garage sale on that date, and we'll 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 nearly 600 neighbors!

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 Amy Beck to register your sale by June 7!!
303-726-9290 or amy.beck@becktechnology.com

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Senior Golf League at Harvard Gulch Park Co-Ed Golfing for Fun

Carri Currier, RHGNA Board

If you are at least 50 years old and would like to play some non-competitive golf this group is for you. From May 1st to mid-September we will meet at Harvard Gulch at approximately 8 am Wednesdays. Each week we will form different foursomes so you'll get a chance to meet your neighbors. There will be a "game of the day" for some friendly competition but no handicaps are required. \$20 membership fee plus normal greens fees (\$8 or \$7 over 62) For more information contact Carri Currier, carri@catsliparts.com, (303)908-4166.

Home Improvement Idea for the Summer

A.J. Reed, your neighborhood real estate professional. www.ReedEstate.com

With the nice sunny weather on its way, many of us are finding ourselves engaged in spring cleaning and getting ready for the chores associated with this time of year. From gathering garden supplies, starting up the lawn mower to perusing paint color samples for a fresh coat of house paint. The spring and summer months in Colorado are wonderful and the climate beckons us outdoors. Why not invest a little sweat equity into building a nice patio to spend your idle afternoons on? Creating a nice patio in your yard will allow you to fully enjoy the great summer weather and may even add to your home's value. Extend the living space of your home into the outdoors by choosing an area of your yard where you may lay down a floor of stone or brick. Next, add some comfortable lawn furniture, a shade umbrella and maybe even a grille. Lastly, grab a book and a beverage of your choice and enjoy the comforts of your home outside. For ideas about creating your patio check out *Better Homes and Gardens* online at <http://www.bhg.com/home-improvement/patio>.

We have joined your neighborhood!



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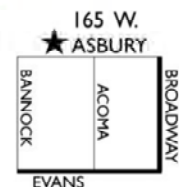


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Rosedale References Available

Rosedale/Harvard Gulch Neighborhood

Real Estate Snapshot

A.J. Reed, your neighborhood real estate professional. www.ReedEstate.com

Rosedale/Harvard Gulch	1st Quarter 2013 (1/1/-3/31)	4th Quarter 2012 (10/1-12/31)
Number of sold homes:	13	16
Average Sold Price:	\$379,634	\$339,244
Average price per square foot:	\$284	\$265
Average price per finished square foot:	\$222	\$207

The sold price for Rosedale/Harvard Gulch homes increased 11.91% from the previous quarter.

The average sold price for homes in all of Denver for the 1st Quarter of 2013 was \$309,486.

Rosedale/Harvard Gulch homes sold for 22.67% more than the average sold price for all of Denver.

DENVER WATER DECLARES STAGE TWO DROUGHT

April's snowstorms along the Front Range and in our mountain watersheds have helped a lot with our dire water supply situation. But this is the second year in a row of below-average snowpack and drier-than-normal conditions in our watersheds. Denver Water's reservoirs haven't been full since July 2011, and reservoir levels are still well below normal. **This isn't Use Only What You Need. This is drought. This is Use Even Less.** A stage two drought is effective April 1, which means customers may water no more than two days a week, and must follow a set schedule. These rules are mandatory. In a drought, we need to save as much water as possible, so the fines are higher than in normal years. **For full details, please visit <http://www.denverwater.org/Drought/>.**

Got gardening questions? The CSU Extension has answers!

Are you wondering when to plant flowers, vegetables? With spring arriving here in Denver, you might be tempted to go ahead and plant your warm season vegetables. On average, the rule of thumb is to wait until Memorial Day to plant in case there is a late freeze.



8th Annual
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~ Plant -A- Palooza ~

**SPRING
PLANT SALE**

Sat. May 18th & Sun. May 19th
8:00am - 3:00pm

CSU Denver Extension, Harvard Gulch Park
888 E Iliff Avenue Denver, CO 80210

Cash only!

Have more questions? The CSU Denver Extension office located on the northeast corner of Harvard Gulch Park at Iliff and Emerson has all of the answers to your lawn and garden questions! Stop by anytime Monday-Friday 8am-5pm to have your questions answered by a CO Master Gardener. We can also be reached by phone at 720-913-5278 or by email denvermg@colostate.edu

We hope to see you at our 8th annual Plant-a-Palooza Plant Sale at our office on Saturday and Sunday May 18 and 19th from 8am-3pm.

And watch for the planting of the Harvard Gulch Vegetable Demonstration Garden to be planted again in late May-early June at the corner of Iliff and Emerson. We are excited to once again be part of this wonderful project sponsored by CSU Denver Extension, Denver Parks and Recreation and Grow Local.

All proceeds from the garden go to feed the homeless. Last year, we donated over 750 pounds of produce and we hope to donate even more this year!

DROUGHT RELATED RESOURCES:

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/drought/fsmenu.html>



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Evans Bridge Construction insight and update

A.J. Reed, RHGNA Board

The Evans bridge over Santa Fe Boulevard has been under repair for months. There are two reasons for this. One is that the bridge has been in need of structural repairs and the other is due to a larger growth plan for the area. The work on the bridge is part of Denver's Community Planning and Development for the *Evans Station Area Plan*. The plan was adopted October 12, 2009 and calls for the expansion and widening of the bridge to facilitate pedestrian use. This plan is called Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and affects everything within a half mile of the light rail station. The TOD plan is designed to provide greater access and improve the area around the light rail station. Improvements include providing affordable living, parks, retail shops and pedestrian friendly sidewalks and crosswalks on Delaware Street and at the intersection of Evans and Broadway. The work on the bridge is scheduled to be completed by the end of June or early July. However, expect to see construction and improvements along the south Broadway corridor for some time. Improvements to look for as part of the TOD plan include multi-story residential buildings west of Broadway at the intersection of Cherokee and Asbury, drainage improvements west of Logan at Rosedale Park and pedestrian bridges over Santa Fe at Jewell and Iliff. For more details on this plan please reference: <http://www.denvergov.org/tod> and *under Station Areas choose Evans Station*.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME and SAFETY UPDATE

Wendy Girnt, RHGNA Board

Crime is WAY down in our neighborhood. Due to the diligence of the officers from District Four, the creepy drug sellers have decided to no longer sell drugs here. I wish them well in their newly chosen field of license plate manufacturing. Our neighborhood will soon be reassigned to District 3 (University just north of I-25). All the street lamps in our neighborhood have been cleaned or had the bulbs replaced. I spent time in our local schools discussing safety issues and how to be a good neighbor. I am happy to be invited to visit again next school year.

The longer, warmer days of summer allow our kids to play outside into the evening and we all enjoy letting fresh air into the house. Please remember that these days also bring strangers into our neighborhood. We need to keep the house doors and our cars locked. We need to not leave ANYTHING in our cars. Please keep garage doors closed and locked. I may harp on this too much? Not really, as the significant crime in the neighborhood lately has all been related to entering through unlocked garage doors.

When children are out playing in the neighborhood, it is suggested parents and children have a "Secret Code Word" known only to them, not even shared with friends. Should a stranger approach your child for any reason who does not know the code word, the new words are RUN and YELL. If you need to send a neighbor to pick up your child, knowing the code word will allow your child to go comfortably and safely. My children always enjoyed our code word of Purple Iris. They thought it was cool because I worked for eye surgeons. I never told them it was simply my favorite flower! Have a wonderfully safe summer!



DENVER COUNTY FAIR August 9, 10, 11!

National Western Complex <http://www.denvercountyfair.org/>

This annual event celebrates the creativity and personality of Denver, with events, exhibitors, blue ribbon competitions and more! **Denver County Fair** honors the fine traditions and values of America's county fairs, which have been enjoyed by millions of people for over 100 years. But, we are NEW, so expect us to do things differently than the fairs that were established last century, or the century before. We are new, we are urban and we are still pioneers!

What's New for 2013:

- **Denver History Pavilion!**
- **Expanded Dog Sports!**
- **Kids Pavilion Expansion!**
- **New Hours!** Friday 12 - 8pm; Saturday 10am - 8pm. Sunday 10am - 6pm.

Exciting News at Harvard Gulch Recreation Center:

- 1) The **OUTDOOR POOL** opens June 8th. **SWIM LESSONS** begin the week of June 16th. Call 720-865-0660 for registration and additional info.
- 2) **SILVER SNEAKERS** activities begin Monday, April 15th. Our full Spring Calendar is available at the Center.
- 3) We've added **TODDLER OPEN GYM** on Monday's and Wednesday's at 10am where Parents/Guardians can play indoors with their toddlers. Membership or Visit Pass required.
- 4) All DPS Students K-12 now have **Free access to Denver's Recreation Centers**. It's the **MY DENVER CARD!** and it's available at Harvard Gulch Recreation Center.
- 5) In the month of May we will be the temporary home of several popular Washington Park Recreation Center fitness classes as Wash Park undergoes some remodeling.
- 6) And last but not least...our **SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS** will be lead by some outstanding coaches:

GIRLS SOFTBALL: Featuring two very experienced and fantastic Coaches, Gabby Stock (formally of Wash Park, Cook Park, and Eisenhower Recreation Centers) and Andrea Goins (Eastern Washington University Captain) to instruct and lead players. Each will coach a 9-10 year old team and 11-12 year old team.

T-BALL/COACH PITCH: Assisted by Ed Manzanares, co-founder of the Denver Pirates Youth Baseball Association. The Denver Pirates have been State Champions in AA and/or AAA youth baseball for the past 4 years in either USSSA, SuperSeries, and TripleCrown sanctioned baseball.

BASEBALL: Ed Manzanares will coach one of the 9-10 year old teams. Jim Warford, a longtime Harvard Gulch Coach will lead the older aged teams.

Thank you for your support in making Harvard Gulch a top place to be! Teams and activities now fill up very quickly, so call or stop by to register today.



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Silence of the Bees - How can you help the bees?

In the winter of 2006, a strange phenomenon fell upon honeybee hives across the country. Without a trace, millions of bees vanished from their hives. A precious pollinator of fruits and vegetables, the disappearing bees left billions of dollars of crops at risk and threatened our food supply. The epidemic set researchers scrambling to discover why honeybees were dying in record numbers — and to stop the epidemic in its tracks before it spread further. **To view the full documentary *Silence of the Bees*, see the link below.**

While researchers probe into understanding colony collapse disorder, and beekeepers work hard to improve bee health, ordinary citizens can help the honeybee too.

Become a Backyard Beekeeper Today, there are half as many beekeepers as there were two decades ago, but backyard beekeepers can strengthen the bee gene pool by adding healthy local bees to the mix. Experts recommend starting with a local beekeepers' association* to learn about keeping bees alive and healthy. It's important that bees are adapted to the local climate, so you'll want to start with a local source for bees. Just two hives can pollinate an entire mid-sized residential garden. You might find yourself with a lifelong hobby - for some, beekeeping grows into a passion. *Denver Beekeepers Assoc. www.denverbee.org

Get Closer to Nature Keeping a backyard bee garden is another good deed you can do for the honeybees. With rapid urban development limiting their foraging habitat, backyard gardens can offer a supply of nectar and pollen. Cultivate plants that will attract bees - choose flowers that bloom successively over the spring, summer, and fall seasons such as coreopsis, Russian sage, or germander, to provide pollen and nectar in all seasons. Check with a local garden center for their advice on "bee-friendly" florals. To improve bee visitation, the garden should contain large patches of like flowers planted in close proximity to one another. Diversity is a key factor - researchers find that more bees are drawn to gardens with ten or more species of attractive plants.

Keep part of your garden wild because bees prefer that to a manicured space. Go for a "planted by nature" effect rather than a perfectly pruned garden.

Remember: bees don't discriminate between weeds and cultivated flowers, so let those dandelions grow.

Keep your bee garden free of pesticides — a danger in any garden. Some pesticides can kill the bee before it returns to the hive; other pesticides get carried back and can harm the rest of the hive. If you're still not seeing bees in your garden, it's not a wasted effort. Growing a pesticide-free garden is also good for you if you're growing fruits and vegetables. Buying pesticide-free foods at the market also protects humans and bees from pesticide poisons.

Give the Bees a Voice Write to your representatives on the federal level and the state level to support funding of honeybee research. The news focus on colony collapse disorder makes it an ideal time to put pressure on politicians to reinstate laws that used to prevent importing bees into the country and transporting them across state borders. Any effort you make to help bees or increase awareness is a step towards healthy bees, healthy crops, and consequently, healthy humans.

Adapted from
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/uncategorized/how-can-you-help-the-bees/36/>



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