

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!*

With the long hot days of summer in full swing, we enjoy bumping into our neighbors walking in the park, perfecting their swings on the golf course, and cooling off at the pool.

You may have noticed the massive equipment and stacks of purple pipe in the park. For the latest on the Harvard Gulch Park Irrigation Project, [pop onto our new improved website www.rhgna.org](#). On the COMMITTEE page you'll find the latest updates on HG Park, our schools, the History Committee, safety and crime. Past newsletters are there for you to download. Want to know what events we are planning? Go to the EVENTS page. Help increase our website traffic by adding us to your Favorites. Visit weekly for up-to-date information on what's happening in our little corner of Denver.

Our [Garage Sale Event](#) in June was a spectacular success! Special thanks to Amy Beck for coordinating, and to all of the sellers and buyers who participated.

We are busy planning more great events for you in August: our inaugural [Open Gardens Tour](#) on [Saturday, August 10](#) (page 3) and our [4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Picnic](#) on [August 18](#) (below) and an [Historic Walking Tour of Rosedale](#) on [August 22](#) (page 7). Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

What other events, groups or speakers would you like to see RHGNA organize? Please contact any one of our Board Members (page 2) and we can make it happen! And as always, all comments are welcome.

Transforming our Neighborhood into a Community,

Elissa Augello and Pamela Quigley  
Co-Presidents, RHGNA

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 4th Annual RHGNA COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Sunday, August 18 3-5 pm**

By the Harvard Gulch playground (Iliff & Logan)

**LIVE MUSICIANS**, door prizes, **FOOD**, lawn games, shade shelters, **FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW**. Enjoy the last day of the 2013 pool season. Bring chairs, and food to share if you like.

## Our Neighborhood

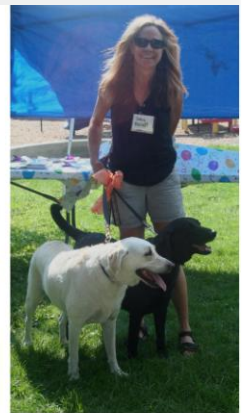
RHGNA boundaries extend between South Downing, East Evans, South Broadway, and East Yale surrounding Harvard Gulch and Kunming parks in south central Denver, CO.

### Membership Donations of \$15 may be mailed to **RHGNA**

P.O. Box 101512  
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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



Photos of 2012 Picnic  
by Cathy Wise

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.**

If you live between Evans and Yale and between Broadway and Downing, you are part of the Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association, or RHGNA. 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. Local efforts to convince the City to dredge Harvard Gulch could enhance your enjoyment of the park and the value of your property as well. Your knowledge of proposed development in the area may lead you to ask yourself whether that development will benefit our neighborhood or simply make it more crowded. Awareness of wildlife such as coyotes and the occasional mountain lion can help keep you, your family and your pets safer.

LEARN MORE - **attend quarterly RHGNA meetings** and **sign up for the email version of this newsletter** (you'll save us the cost of printed newsletters and you'll also **receive weekly email updates and crime reports**). Contact Catherine\_Wise@dpsk12.org to be placed on the list. Include your home address so we can remove you from the physical delivery list.

Since some neighbors still use the printed version exclusively, RHGNA uses block captains to deliver the newsletter. If you'd like to **be a part of the block captain community**, please contact Craig Bouck (see left).

RHGNA can also use your financial help. An annual donation of \$15 is suggested. The Board and the Block Captains put in 100's of hours of volunteer time, but we incur some out of pocket expenses. Donated funds allow us to host our annual Community Picnic which is open to all residents and their families, and also print newsletters, create signs, and maintain the RHGNA website. You can **contribute online at our new and improved website - [www.rhgna.org](http://www.rhgna.org)**, by mail at RHGNA, P.O. Box 101512, Denver, CO. 80250-1512, or in person at one of our general meetings.

Being an active member of a community brings us together, empowers us and makes us wiser. We meet our neighbors, support our local businesses, learn how to make our property safer and contribute to the well being of the community. A popular blogger writes: **"Without a community your area is just another place to live. A house on a plot of land and nothing else."** At Rosedale Harvard Gulch we are grateful that we are so much more!

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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. We no longer have a benefactor to pay for our printed newsletter, so email and our new, improved website - [www.rhgna.org](http://www.rhgna.org) will be our best means of communication in the future.

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**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 a New Member packet be delivered to them.

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The **NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR** feature on our emails allows anyone who lives, works or owns property in our neighborhood to promote their business to our listserv (600 neighbors). Home-based businesses pay \$10 for five appearances. Storefront businesses pay \$25. Businesspeople under 18 can advertise for free! Contact [catherine\\_wise@dpsk12.org](mailto:catherine_wise@dpsk12.org) for details. We'd love to help you and your business connect with your neighbors!!

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Photo and garden by Cathy Wise

# Please plan to attend our Inaugural RHGNA Open Gardens Tour Saturday, August 10

*Rain date is Sunday, August 11.*

The day begins with an optional Group Tour at **9am** at the **Rosedale Denver Urban Gardens** located on S. Logan St. across from Harvard Gulch Park. Highlights of the tour include the community gardens' bee hive, orchard, perennial, herb and butterfly gardens and the compost area.

Another optional group tour will be conducted by staff of the **CSU Extension Office** (888 E. Iliff) - visit their Vegetable, Native Plant and Plant Select gardens at **11am**. Since its inception, the vegetable garden has grown and donated 2,000 pounds of fresh, local, organic food to St. Francis Homeless Shelter.

**Other than these two special tours, the Open Gardens Tour is self-guided - you can choose which neighbors' gardens you'd like to visit.** (SPECIAL THANKS to all those neighbors who generously offered their gardens for a tour!) Tour Booklets, with garden descriptions and opening hours, will be available all day at DUG's Entrance Gate and outside the CSU Extension Office. You will also be able to download the booklet from our website, **www.rhgna.org** any time after August 6<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, contact Pamela Quigley at 303-722-4454.

*On the tour, please be mindful that you are entering private property. Take care when walking through gardens. Homeowners will be present to guide you and answer questions.*

*Come see our neighbors' lovely gardens, and get inspiration for your own!*

**Join our EMAIL LIST and visit our new and improved WEBSITE  
[www.rhgna.org](http://www.rhgna.org) for all the latest news!**



## Rosedale Community Garden Sale Saturday, August 24 8 am - 2 pm

*(The Community Garden is located on Logan, between Iliff & Harvard)*

This annual event will feature **fresh picked organic vegetables, herbs, flowers, bakery and yard sale items**. As a new feature this year, we will be selling **seedlings for fall garden crops**.

There will be a **\$1 raffle for a free garden plot** as well. In addition to the sales, we will also have a **kid's table** and will offer **passport tours of the gardens** for children.

**We are in the process of accepting donations of yard sale items - if any neighbor is interested in supporting Rosedale Community Garden we hope you will contribute!**

**ALSO - The Harvest Sale featuring many of the same items will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 8 am to 2 pm.** FOR MORE INFORMATION - contact Ana Tolentino, Rosedale Activities Chair at 303-949-6088 or by email at [activities@rosedalegarden.org](mailto:activities@rosedalegarden.org).

## Volunteers needed at Porter Adventist Hospital:

If you have ever wanted to help with a **retail shop** (gift or thrift) and would like to have the proceeds of the shop be given back to the community - then we have great opportunities for you! If you love to be hospitable, give directions, meet many new people, and like a bustling environment - our **Information Desk** may be the perfect place! If you enjoy putting people at ease and keeping them informed - our **waiting room position** may be a fit!

Contact Susan or Shelley in the Porter Volunteer Office - 303-778-5693.

We look forward to meeting you!

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# Rosedale/Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Real Estate Snapshot

by A.J. Reed, *PorchLight Real Estate Group*  
Zoning Chairman for the RHGNA

There were 14 home sales in the Rosedale Neighborhood during the 2nd quarter of 2013 with an average sold price of \$368,986. This represents a 3.46% increase in home prices from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year. There were 11 homes sold in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and the average sold price was \$356,650.

## STATISTICS FOR THE CITY OF DENVER

	Jun 2013	% Change vs	
		Prior Month	Year Ago
<b>Single Family (Res + Condo)</b>			
Active	9,187	11.85	-15.91
Pending	695	-44.00	-67.22
Under Contract	7,420	2.32	38.36
Sold	5,566	-1.75	13.50
Avg DOM	43	-10.42	-40.28
Avg Sold Price	\$318,541	3.24	7.04
<b>Residential</b>			
Active	7,558	12.17	-16.71
Pending	557	-43.62	-66.94
Under Contract	5,865	1.10	35.45
Sold	4,433	-2.36	11.35
Avg DOM	43	-12.24	-39.44
Avg Sold Price	\$349,339	4.04	7.66
<b>Condominium</b>			
Active	1,629	10.37	-11.99
Pending	138	-45.45	-68.28
Under Contract	1,555	7.17	50.53
Sold	1,133	0.71	22.75
Avg DOM	43	-6.52	-41.89
Avg Sold Price	\$198,040	-0.29	9.07

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## Native Plant Garden in Harvard Gulch Park

by Alexis Alvey, *Horticulture Agent, CSU Denver Extension*

Colorado State University Denver Extension has created a Native Plant Demonstration Garden in Harvard Gulch Park thanks to funding from the Colorado Garden Show's Grant Awards Program. This garden will highlight Colorado native plants that perform admirably in Denver and will serve as both an educational and research tool. The Native Plant Demonstration Garden will:

- Increase public awareness of the benefits of growing native plants;
- Show how plants native to Colorado can be combined in an aesthetically-pleasing manner;
- Increase use of native plants in home landscapes in Denver;
- Identify which Colorado native plants perform best under tough urban/suburban growing conditions of Denver, which are often quite different from those found in the natural environment; and
- Function as the first Denver component of the highly successful statewide Native Plant Master® Program, which has trained thousands of volunteers in hands-on workshops designed to educate the public about native plants and foster environmental stewardship and sustainable landscaping.

**PLEASE NOTE - CSU Extension staff will offer a guided tour of their Plant Select, Vegetable and Native Plant gardens on Sat. August 10, as part of the RHGNA Open Gardens Tour** (see page 3).

This will be a great time to talk with CSU Extension Staff about their gardens, and ask all your gardening questions!

### DROUGHT RELATED RESOURCES:

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

### NEW - RHGNA ONLINE BULLETIN BOARD

Visit our new, improved website - [www.rhгна.org](http://www.rhгна.org). We've added a Bulletin Board where we encourage Rosedale neighbors to interact directly and share information. Perhaps you need to borrow a step ladder or need a good reference for a house painter. Ask our neighbors on the Bulletin Board - [www.rhгна.org/blog](http://www.rhгна.org/blog). Enter our first **CAPTION CONTEST** for a chance to win a great prize.



# DENVER DAYS: Creating community through neighborhood activities and volunteer projects

Source: [denvergov.org](http://denvergov.org)

Believing that strong communities create a stronger city, Mayor Michael B. Hancock is proud to launch **Denver Days**, August 3-11, a new citywide effort to help neighbors get to know each other and get involved with their communities by throwing block parties, organizing service projects and hosting neighborhood activities. The city has provided a tool kit available at [www.denvergov.org/mayor/MayorsOffice/ProgramsInitiatives/DenverDays](http://www.denvergov.org/mayor/MayorsOffice/ProgramsInitiatives/DenverDays). Contact [denverdays@denvergov.org](mailto:denverdays@denvergov.org) for info or see what events are planned throughout Denver at this link - [www.denvergov.org/maps/map/denverdays](http://www.denvergov.org/maps/map/denverdays). The RHGNA Open Garden Tour is an official Denver Days event!

**Prepare a block party** with the block party toolkit (see link above). It will give you tips on organizing, creating committees, managing budgets, and creative activity ideas. **Service projects** can improve your neighborhood while also building a sense of community. Hosting a **neighborhood social event** is a great way to come together year round. Below are some ideas to keep your neighborhood bonds strong outside of Denver Days:

- Organize a group walk or bicycle ride
- Host a dance, aerobic or yoga/pilates class
- Organize a nature walk
- Have a neighborhood art show/competition
- Organize 'Snow Buddies' for winter shoveling
- Do a cooking demonstration
- Tour a nearby historic district
- Host an outing to a local sporting event
- Host a furry friends pet show/party

**RHGNA is here to help Rosedale residents connect - join any of the events published in our newsletter, visit our website [www.rhgna.org](http://www.rhgna.org) for the latest news and sign up for our email list for weekly updates. If you'd like to plan an event, contact an RHGNA Board member - page 2 - and we will see how we can assist your efforts!**

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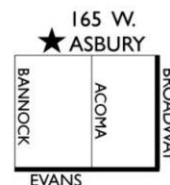
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# TOUR HISTORIC ROSEDALE: HIDDEN GEM OF SOUTH DENVER

Thursday, August 22, 2013  
6 - 8 pm

Enjoy a marvelous tour offering unique historical perspective on our community. Harvard Gulch Park once housed 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 info, call 303/333-1095 or go to [www.leonardleonard.com](http://www.leonardleonard.com).

***Phil Goodstein's books on the history of Denver will be on sale at the RHGNA Community Picnic on August 18 (see page 1). He will be on hand to sign them that day!***



## ***Properly and responsibly recycling electronic equipment is very important.***

*Electronics contain a variety of harmful and in some cases even toxic substances that when discarded, can pose risks to our health and the environment.*

*CRT (cathode ray tube) televisions and monitors on average contain 4 to 8 pounds of lead each. Flat panel televisions, laptops, and monitors have mercury containing lamps inside, and electronic circuitry, and some cords and cables contain significant amounts of lead and cadmium.*

*Recycling these materials also reduces our need to mine or extract more of the natural resources used to make electronics.*

Source: [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org)



## **Electronics are not Trash!**

*By Pamela Quigley*

Effective July 1, 2013, the **Colorado's Electronic Recycling Jobs Acts** (SB 12-133) prohibits Colorado residents from disposing of electronic waste in

their trash. While it has been illegal for many years for industry, businesses, government agencies, institutions and schools to dispose of **E-waste** in landfills, this new law makes it illegal for Colorado residents and residential waste haulers to trash electronics. ***Under this law, it is illegal to throw away basically anything with a plug-in cord, including: TVs, computer monitors, CPUs, computer peripherals, fax machines, laptops, iPhones, Kindles, DVD players, VCRs, radios, stereos, video game consoles, etc.***

Go to **[www.rhгна.org](http://www.rhгна.org)**, under the **EVENTS** tab, for information on a **city-wide Electronics Recycling Event at Mile High Stadium on August 11**. Registration is required.

The City holds periodic **ECO RALLYS** to help you easily and properly dispose of electronics. Stay up to date with the Denver Recycles Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/denver.recycles.fan](http://www.facebook.com/denver.recycles.fan).



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