

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 raised its beautiful head and summer is just around the corner. It is the time of year most of us reconnect with our neighbors and recharge ourselves with a bit of Colorado sunshine and increased outdoor time.

Our Neighborhood Association is another way for you to connect to neighbors and help energize our whole community. Please mark your calendar for our **upcoming general meeting on May 21st**. We will meet at 6:30 pm at the Harvard Gulch Golf Course Clubhouse - all are welcome - please plan to stop by!

We have several speakers who will give us important and interesting information about our neighborhood. They include Commander Montoya from Denver Police who will address crime in our neighborhood, Stacia Nigon from the Urban Ranger Program, Greg Kaiser from Parks and Recreation who will give us an update on the irrigation project in the park and Mary Shea from Porter Hospital, who will present information on the new wellness program getting underway at Porter.

Consider just how important a neighborhood association can be to a community: a Neighborhood Association meeting, project, or social event is a place for you to meet neighbors, exchange ideas, prioritize projects, propose solutions, and implement plans for the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Associations offer an opportunity for government officials, developers or others to solicit input from the residents that live within a specific geographic area. Neighborhood Associations are a vital part of creating and maintaining a livable community.

Please consider becoming an active participant in our association.

Regards, Pamela Quigley & Bev Cox, RHGNA Co-Presidents
Transforming our neighborhood into a community!

Join us for the May 21 Neighborhood Meeting - 6:30 pm at Harvard Gulch Golf Clubhouse - we hope to see you there!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HIGHLY INFORMATIVE AGENDA:

Stacia Nigon - Urban Ranger Program

Mary Shea - Porter Hospital's new community wellness program

Commander Montoya of the District 3 Police - crime alerts and latest police news

Greg Kaiser, Denver Parks and Recreation - improvements to Harvard Gulch Park

Nathan Batchelder from City Councilman Chris Nevitt's office . . . and a DOOR PRIZE DRAWING!!

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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Harvard Gulch Recreation Center HOURS

Mon-Weds: 9am-8pm
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*"Is the spring coming?"
he said. "What is it like?"*

*... "It is the sun
shining on the rain
and the rain falling
on the sunshine ..."*

Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Secret Garden

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.

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RHGNA Newsletter News! We hope that you enjoy reading

our Quarterly Newsletters. We understand that for many folks, it is the preferred method of receiving the neighborhood news. We no longer have a benefactor to cover the cost of printing the newsletters. So, in the interest of saving money and trees, henceforth, we will only deliver a hardcopy newsletter to your door **on request**. To **continue to receive a printed newsletter** please call Bev Cox at 303-778-1018 or Pamela Quigley at 303-722-4454 with your name and address. A response by July 1 will ensure you receive hardcopies of all future newsletters. You can sign up for **email delivery** of our newsletter by contacting info@rhgna.org with your name, address and email. Please indicate whether you only want the newsletter or if you want the newsletter and weekly email blasts. Additionally, newsletters are always available to download from www.rhgna.org at the bottom of the **Committees Page**.

RHGNA can also use your financial help. An annual donation of \$15 is suggested. The Board and the Block Captains put in hundreds of hours of volunteer time, but we incur some expenses. Donated funds allow us to host our annual Community Picnic which is open to all residents and their families, and also print our quarterly newsletters, create signs, and maintain the RHGNA website. You can **contribute online at our new and improved website - www.rhgna.org**, or by mail at RHGNA, P.O. Box 101512, Denver, CO. 80250-1512, or in person at a neighborhood meeting.

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 - will be our best means of communication in the future.

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.

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 INFO@RHGNA.ORG for details. We'd love to help you and your business connect with your neighbors!!

ROSEDALE HARVARD GULCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GARAGE SALE EVENT

Saturday - June 21, 2014



All neighbors are invited to take part - organize your own garage sale on that date, and we'll help publicize it. Provide us your address and we will publish a map and list of all sales to our email network of nearly 600 neighbors!

We'll also announce the Garage Sale Event on craigslist, 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 Bev Cox to register your sale by June 13!!

303-778-1018 or bjcoxden@gmail.com

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For Sale Signs Blooming in Rosedale Housing Market this Spring

*Provided by A.J. Reed, RHGNA Zoning Chairman,
PorchLight Real Estate Group, Real Estate Broker 720-254-4553*

Flowers are not the only things blooming from the ground here in Rosedale, so are For Sale Signs.

The spring real estate market is beginning to blossom and it is currently comprised of more buyers than sellers. It comes as no surprise that the homes that are priced correctly and well maintained sell the quickest and for the most amount of money. Meanwhile, homes that are not as well maintained or overpriced will sit on the market for months and ultimately sell with a serious downward price correction or expire unsold.

If you are thinking about selling your home and want to maximize your profit potential it is very important not to neglect the little things. For example, keeping a green lawn, adding fresh mulch to the garden and having a fresh coat of paint applied to the exterior of your home will go a long way to improve your home's curb appeal. Just because your home looks good does not mean it will sell quickly. Homes still need to be seen.

The more people that see your home, the more likely it will sell for top dollar and within a short time period. Therefore, marketing your home in every way possible is in your best interest. A few pictures and a sign in the yard is not enough and if anyone tells you otherwise they are most likely leaving a big chunk of your money on the table. **Magazine-quality photos, professional brochures, open houses, marketing to real estate**

companies, cleaning and staging your home are still extremely important.

Now for the Real Estate Numbers:

As of 4/21/2014, **16** homes have sold in Rosedale with an average price of **\$408,075.00**. This represents a **10.49%** increase in the sales price so far for this year vs. last year. Last year in 2013, **61** homes sold in Rosedale with an average price of **\$369,324.00**.



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SAVE THE DATE **Rosedale Harvard Gulch** **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

**May 21, at 6:30 pm in the Harvard Gulch
Golf Course Club House.**

Join us for a full agenda of important updates from the Denver Police and the City Council, Parks and Recreation, Porter Hospital, and all the latest on our RHGNA projects!!

**ALSO - plan to participate in our Garage Sale
Event in June!! Shop or sell - invite your friends
and your neighbors - full details page 3.**

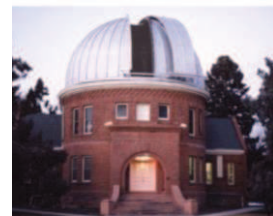
University of Denver Offers a Rich Selection of Events for the Community!

By Lynne Scholfield, RHGNA Board, Membership Chair

Everyone in our neighborhood knows that we are located a few blocks from the University of Denver. Founded in 1864 - just a few years after the city of Denver itself was founded, DU is one of the country's premier private universities. The 125-acre campus, just east of Rosedale Harvard Gulch, is home to more than 11,500 students hailing from all regions of the United States and 83 other countries. D.U. offers more than 100 undergraduate programs of study and more than 120 graduate and professional programs.

The good news for the residents of Rosedale Harvard Gulch? **There are many programs, lectures and events on campus open to the public for free or a nominal fee.**

Here are a few of the many events coming up in the next several months:



May 3: Open House at DU's Historic Chamberlin Observatory 8:30 pm. The Observatory, completed in 1894, is unique among Denver landmarks. See the stars through its original 120-year-old telescope, which is still working today. Cost: \$2, or free with DU ID. For more information call 303-871-5172.

A bonus on Open House nights is that many Denver Astronomical Society members set up their telescopes on the observatory grounds (in Observatory Park) to share with anyone and everyone interested in taking a look at the wonders of the universe -- stars, planets, galaxies, nebulae, star clusters and more! (There is no charge for viewing through DAS member telescopes.)

May 5: If lectures are more to your liking, at noon DU presents the **2014 Author's Lecture** featuring Ari Kelman, Professor of History at the University of California, Davis, speaking about the Sand Creek Massacre. The lecture is in the Anderson Academic Commons' Special Events Room. Free but please RSVP.

May 7: Newman Center for the Performing Arts presents **Daniels Voices of Experience** featuring Jim Lentz, CEO of Toyota at 6:00 pm.

May 8-10: The Diversity Summit has grown to incorporate leaders in Diversity and Inclusive Excellence from Denver, the region and the nation. It features keynote speakers active within academia as well as those from the business sector. Open to the community for a slight charge: <http://www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/summit/index.html>

May 15 & 17: Join the Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business for the **DU Vin Festival** -- two days of wine, food, music and art. <http://daniels.du.edu/duvin-festival/>

May 18: The **4th annual Pow Wow**. In Native American communities a powwow is a social gathering, a time when dance and music honor the resilient cultural history of Native American people and tradition. <http://www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/powwow.html>

The Lamont School of Music puts on 300 concerts a year - most of them free. Call the concert line at 303 871-6412 or go to www.du.edu/lamont

This summer D.U. presents the **Inaugural Family Concert Series Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Campus Green**

Open-air, family-friendly concerts to celebrate DU's 150th birthday. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnic, family and friends to enjoy a beautiful Denver summer evening. There will be giveaways and activities for all ages.



For more information on DU events including a detailed calendar: <http://sqc.staging.wpengine.com/events-listing/>

Photos from the University of Denver website

FAMILY CONCERT SERIES line-up:

Jul. 24 Pan Nation Steel Orchestra, Caribbean
Aug. 7 Jason Klobnak Quintet, Jazz
Aug. 14 Denver Municipal Band
Aug. 21 City Sky, Bluegrass



Nextdoor Rosedale Connects Our Neighbors!

by Catherine Wise, RHGNA Board Communications Chair

Nextdoor.com creates social networking centralized to a specific area, providing a wonderful tool for those of us who would like to connect with our neighbors.

The Nextdoor Rosedale group can communicate within our own neighborhood boundaries, but also with University Neighbors, Platt Park, Washington Park, and on and on. There is no advertising, and there is no fee to enroll. **The Denver Police provide**

regular updates through Nextdoor.com - there is also plenty of chatter among neighbors regarding child care, lost pets, items for sale, and referrals for reputable car mechanics, contractors, etc. **I encourage all of you to continue to connect in a variety of ways - attend our upcoming neighborhood meeting on May 21 (see page 1), sign up for our emails (see page 2), visit our www.RHGNA.org website, and try out Nextdoor.com Rosedale.**

The Revival of Harvard Gulch Park - Watchin' the Grass Grow!

By Catherine Wise and Beverly Cox, RHGNA Board

As our neighbors anxiously await the greening of our beloved park this spring, our Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association board is in close touch with Denver Parks and Recreation. A massive overhaul of the old irrigation system has been completed. This will be a great long term investment, but for the past several months it has severely impacted the beauty of the park. Large seams are still apparent in the sod, where new pipes were installed in every corner of the park. Our update from Parks is as follows: *"The contractor is in the process of final clean-up and seeding/sodding work. In the next few weeks, the contractor is scheduled to start hauling construction debris off site, seed and sod the construction related disturbed areas in the park starting in the southeast and working clock-wise to the northeast corner and de-mobilize from the park. The project team will be conducting multiple walkthroughs once the contractor notifies that he is substantially complete and develop punch-lists of work that does not meet contract specifications and parks standards for the contractor to address this spring as well. The contractor will also be responsible to monitor the new seed and sod areas throughout the growing year for weed control and grass grow-in".* **Stay tuned for more news as we watch our park come back to life!**



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All proceeds go to support CSU Denver Extension's Master Gardener Program.

Call 720-913-5270 for more information.

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A Brief History of the Harvard Gulch/Rosedale Neighborhood

by Phil Goodstein

Nobody initially shaped the Rosedale area more than Thomas M. Field. In 1871 he obtained most of the land between South Broadway and South Clarkson Street from Iliff Avenue to Yale. His wife Amanda, who loved roses, planted so many bushes in the area that soon the section was known as Rosedale. Eventually, the couple built a huge mansion near the southwest corner of South Emerson Street and Iliff Avenue. No sooner was it completed than they were badly hit by the 1893 financial panic. He died on August 12, 1893, immersed in financial problems. In the early 20th century, the bulk of the Field estate east of South Logan Street became the Colorado State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, the state orphanage. The facility included a farm, complete with barns. At the peak of its operations after World War II, the complex was home to more than 500 youths. Seven years after the facility closed on June 30, 1971, the city obtained the land for Harvard Gulch Park, improving it with the golf course and recreation center. The latter had once been part of the State Home's gymnasium. A devastating arson-caused fire led to the demolition of the old Field Mansion in 1989.

Harvard Gulch cuts through the southern part of the park. It is essentially a drainage ditch arising near Yale Avenue and South Colorado Boulevard. Porter Hospital, to the south of Harvard Gulch, was a 1930 gift of industrial Henry M. Porter to the Seventh-Day Adventists as an idyllic sanitarium. Not until after World War II did it emerge as a full-fledged hospital. By the 1970s, numerous auxiliary buildings arose around it.

Denver Christian High School, at the southwest corner of Evans Avenue and South Pearl Street, stems from the strong religious Dutch community that was once in the area. The Dutch Reformed and Christian Reformed churches opened Denver Christian High School in 1950. Eventually, it came to serve members of numerous Christian denominations wanting a conservative religious education for their children.

Rosedale School, at the southeast corner of South Iliff Avenue and Sherman Street, opened in 1924, right by where Amanda Field had planted her initial rose garden. Jacques Benedict was the architect, designing the school to emphasize the mountain view from its west windows. In 2005, Denver Public Schools voted to close the building, citing a lack of enrollment.

Acclaimed landscape architect Saco R. DeBoer lived at 501-15 Iliff Avenue. University professors, business figures, politicians, and, most of all, everyday people have also made the Harvard Gulch neighborhood their home.

To learn more about the Rosedale/ Harvard Gulch area read Phil Goodstein's *The Ghosts of University Park, Platt Park, and Beyond* (Denver: New Social Publications, 2010), a well-illustrated volume which includes a lengthy chapter on the neighborhood.



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