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Dear Rosedale Harvard Gulch Friends and Neighbors!

Autumn is upon us, and we are enjoying the cooler days. The holidays and the end of the year will be here before we know it. If you haven't joined us for an event or meeting in 2014, please come to our final General Meeting of the year on November 19 at 6:30pm in the Harvard Gulch Golf Clubhouse. See the box on page 8 for the meeting's tentative agenda. If you would like to share some of your favorite holiday baking, we will have a snack table set up. As always, there will be great door prizes.

Thanks to everyone who came to our inaugural Rosedale Lantern Festival – you made it an outstanding success which surpassed our hopes, let alone our expectations. Board members worked feverishly to create a new, unique charity event in an incredibly short period of time – ten weeks from conception to walking the lantern trail on the golf course. Special thanks go out to neighbors Suzanne & Doug Baity, Jerry Vohrer and Elle Osborne without whom we could not have been successful. Read the article on page 5 for more information about this great new RHGNA tradition.

Soon, you'll notice that the trash dumpsters in your alley are gone. The entire city is being converted to roll-out bin collection service. Rosedale is scheduled to receive our trash bins the weeks of November 10th and 17th. Trash bins, as well as purple recycle bins, are to be wheeled back on to your property after pick-up. Let's all keep our alleys clean and safe. Reminder: our next Large Item Pick Up is the week of Dec 8th.

*Transforming our Neighborhood
into a Community,*

Bev Cox & Pamela Quigley,

Co-Presidents



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.

Thanks for reading the RHGNA newsletter!

If you live between Evans and Yale and between Broadway and Downing, you are part of the Rosedale Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association, or RHGNA. Membership is free. 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. RHGNA is completely volunteer driven. There are several board and committee positions to fit your talents and time. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

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Newsletter delivery

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. However, in an interest to cut printing costs and be good stewards of natural resources, we will only deliver a hardcopy of the newsletter to your door upon 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. You can sign up for email delivery of our newsletter by going to our website. Quarterly newsletters are also available for download on the website at the bottom of the Committees page.

Help welcome new neighbors

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 delivery of a New Member Packet.

Email news

We publish electronic email news bi-weekly, depending on content. If you are signed up to get our emails, please consider inviting your neighbors to do so as well. Our goal is to share important and beneficial information with every web-connected neighbor. Make sure to also check our website often for events, news and special offers from local businesses. You can sign up for email by visiting our homepage and filling out the email subscribe form at the top of the first page.

Advertise with RHGNA

There are several advertising opportunities for your business to reach our neighbors and help us cover costs of printing, special events and other neighborhood initiatives.

Neighbor to Neighbor ads appear in our email blasts and allow anyone who lives, works or owns property in our neighborhood to promote their business. Home-based businesses pay \$10 for five appearances. Storefront businesses pay \$25. Businesspeople under 18 can advertise for free!

Advertising opportunities are also available for our printed newsletters.

Contact communication@rhgna.org for details.



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for all the fun!

ROSEDALE IS ON VIVIDMAPS!

by Pamela Quigley, Co-President

VividMaps is a community-building collaborative mapping tool designed to be used on your smart phone. No special app needed.

Events and places can be sited on the map. You can add commentary to already existing places. Why not let your friends know that you'll be watching the Broncos game at one of our local bars by creating an event? Anyone can add content to the map.

Currently the map is populated with businesses that have sponsored RHGNA and non-business entities such as Harvard Gulch Park, schools, and the Rosedale DUG.

Want to know where to find a nearby coffee shop before your kid's soccer game at Harvard Gulch Park? Pop onto rosedale.vividmaps.co to take a tour and help us expand our map.



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REAL ESTATE NEWS AND TIPS

A.J. Reed, RHGNA Zoning Chairman, Realtor

Homes in the neighborhood are continuing to sell at a steady pace. Quarter 3 results are in and 24 homes sold in Rosedale with the average price being \$373,597.

The real estate market remains strong and competitive. Interest rates remain low and, in fact, the average 30 year mortgage rate was 3.97% at the end of the 3rd week in October. Interest rates have not been below 4% since June 20, 2013 and the average interest rate at this time last year was 4.23%. This is great news for home buyers as we move through Q4.

Additionally, competition from investors will slow through the end of the year as many investors are currently working hard to wrap up their construction work before the snow begins to fall.

To see this work first hand, take a drive down the 2600 block of S. Sherman and S. Grant Streets.

Quarter	Number of homes sold	Avg. price in \$
Q1	13	\$379,538
Q2	24	\$353,711
Q3	24	\$373,5937



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SEASONAL HOME MAINTENANCE

Gutter clean out and gutter extensions

It is extremely important to make sure your gutters are clear of debris such as leaves and pinecones and that your gutter downspouts extend down and away from your home. This easy preventative maintenance tip will ensure your gutters are able to perform their job of directing rain/snow water off of your roof and away from your foundation. Clogged gutters can result in leaking roofs, rust and premature failure of your gutters and water damage to the fascia board, soffit and siding of your home. Inadequate gutter extensions can lead to cracked foundations, cracked drive-ways/pathways, soil erosion, wet basements and mold. These damages can cost thousands of dollars to repair and the cost to prevent them pales in comparison.

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FIRST ROSEDALE LANTERN FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

by Pamela Quigley, Co-President

More than 200 neighbors attended our inaugural charity Rosedale Lantern Festival on October 11. Thanks to all who came and made it a grand success.

The Harvard Gulch golf course was aglow with more than 150 lanterns hanging from the trees. Lanterns were made by artists, neighbors and school children. Kids of all ages walked the lantern trail with their hand held lanterns. Money was raised by charging adults \$3 admission, selling refreshments, renting hand held lanterns and a silent auction.

Kids enjoyed free games, and music was graciously provided by Rosedale neighbors Kurt Jones and Krewe De Groove. Phil Salvador generously photographed the event, and provided the photos in this newsletter as well as those on our Facebook page and website. Luke Lucero and his team from Denver's Golf staff worked tirelessly to make sure all the venue logistics were in place and ready to go

Thanks to generous donations from Rosedale businesses, Rosedale neighbors and employees of Baker Hughes, we raised \$2,800 for Urban Peak! Urban Peak's goal is to eliminate youth homelessness in Denver. Learn more at www.urbanpeak.org.

Come celebrate this wonderful achievement with us when we present a check to Urban Peak at our November General Meeting.

Mark your calendars for September 26, 2015 and plan to attend next year's Rosedale Lantern Festival!

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Lanterns were made by local kids, board members and neighbors.



Silent auction items were donated by local businesses. Proceeds benefited Urban Peak.



Music was provided by our Rosedale neighbors, Kurt Jones and Krewe De Groove.



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DENVER A MAGICAL PLACE DURING HOLIDAYS

Denver becomes a magical place during the holiday season with parades, concerts, horse-drawn carriage rides, ice skating and some of the country's most lavish and colorful lighting displays.

Here are some of the city's top events during the holiday season:

The Downtown Denver Grand Illumination on Nov. 28 illuminates downtown with 600,000 lights, all of which stay brightly lit every night through the end of the National Western Stock Show (Jan. 10-25, 2015). The massive display includes Denver's newly restored 1914 Beaux Arts Union Station, which is flooded with colored lights. Other downtown spectacles include the mile long 16th Street Mall, where every tree is decorated with thousands of LED bulbs, and Civic Center Park with the brilliant lighting of the City & County Building.



By Trish Marchetti / I Heart Colorado Photography

The Denver Botanic Gardens' Blossoms of Light (Dec. 5, 2014 – Jan. 1, 2015), embraces the holidays with more than one million colorful lights spread throughout the gardens in whimsical displays. The gardens are a wonderful oasis in the center of the city, and never more so than during the holidays when the twisting paths become tunnels of twinkling lights.

At **Denver Zoo Lights** (Dec. 5, 2014 – Jan. 4, 2015), you can stroll through more than 38 acres of lights and see 150 animated animal sculptures. Don't miss the Zoo Lights Lantern Festival, which takes place in Toyota Elephant Passage, the largest Asian bull elephant habitat in the nation.

There will be no "bah-humbugs" at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts' musical version of **A Christmas Carol** (Nov. 28 – Dec. 28). Ever since Charles Dickens first penned A Christmas Carol in 1843,

it has seen a myriad stage adaptations and the popularity of this tale of redemption and second chances has seemingly never waned.

Now in its 54th year, **Colorado Ballet's Nutcracker** (Nov. 29-Dec. 27) will be gracing the stage once again at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, joined by the Colorado Ballet Orchestra. With a real wintry twist, the production promises to dazzle audiences with glittering snowflakes, shimmering sugarplum fairies, a real on-stage blizzard, unforgettable characters, stunning costumes and scenery by Jose Varon.

Magnificent costumes and backgrounds set the whimsical stage for Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale, **How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical**, featuring hit songs "You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas." Don't miss your chance to see this fantastic, family-friendly "Seussian" masterpiece in Denver from Dec. 17 through Dec. 28 at the Denver Center for Performing Arts.

The **9News Parade of Lights** is the signature event of Denver's holiday season, with thousands of sparkling lights, marching bands, giant balloons, majestic floats and delightful characters traveling through downtown Denver. The event will dazzle the crowds on Dec. 5 (8 p.m.) and Dec. 6 (6 p.m.). Viewing along the parade route is free; grandstand tickets are sold for seating in front of the beautifully illuminated City & County Building.

Santa will ride his sleigh into downtown Denver and set up shop in a magical wonderland in the Bull & Bear Courtyard on Larimer Square. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning on November 29.

Ring in the New Year with Denver's annual **New Year's Eve Fireworks** with viewpoints along the 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver. The two spectacular fireworks shows will occur at 9 p.m. and Midnight. Head to the 16th Street Mall for optimal viewing spots!

For more holiday events around Denver head to <http://www.denver.org/milehighholidays/>.

For the most up-to-date events around Rosedale, head to our webpage at www.rhgna.org and click 'Events'.

COMPOST COLLECTION COMING IN 2015

by Pamela Quigley, Co-President

Since our inception, RHGNA has had many requests for a neighborhood composting program. Great news! Denver's "Green Bin" Compost Collection Program is coming to Rosedale in early 2015!

Organic material such as food, soiled paper and yard debris is the single largest waste stream that we generate... and it is 100% compostable.

When organic material decomposes in landfills methane is produced which results in gas release and potential fires. Additionally, we need twice as much landfill space when we toss our household organic waste and yard debris in the trash.

By signing up for the Compost Collection Program, you can easily convert your organic waste into a nutrient-rich product that benefits

rather than pollutes our land.

There is a fee for this service – the cost is \$29.25 per quarter. When you pay for a year in advance, you save \$10! That works out to less than 30 cents per day!

Pick-up is weekly; so consider sharing a Compost Bin with a neighbor. There is no separate fee for the bin.

Charlotte Pitt from Denver's Solid Waste Department will be at our General Meeting on November 19 to answer your questions on the Trash Cart Conversion and the Compost Program.

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Next Neighborhood General Meeting November 19 At 6:30pm Harvard Gulch Golf Clubhouse

Meeting Tentative Agenda

Presentation of check to Urban Peak

Safety Update, District 3 Police Officers

Denver 311 Service, Marilyn Sanders

Waste Management Trash Cart Conversion,
Charlotte Pitt

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Announcements

Door Prizes

If you'd like to share a favorite holiday treat,
we'll have a snack table set up

The RHGNA Board is proud to announce that
The Denver Waldorf School, Minor & Brown, PC and Builder's Heating and Air Conditioning
have offered to serve as 2014 Annual Sponsors for the RHGNA!

Our special thanks to Leigh Rhysling, Kim Ritter and Rich Savich - neighbors who recognize the importance of
connecting our community with resources, ideas and opportunities.

They are generously contributing to our newsletter publications for 2014.

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