

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!*

Snowcapped mountains and cascading leaves remind us that autumn will soon be a memory and winter a reality. Personally, the change of seasons is always a time of renewal for me and I am grateful I live in a place that marks them so distinctly.

Change is also in the air for our Association Board and we hope the changes will bring a renewed interest and energy to the organization!

**Our RHGNA Board is once again seeking neighbors to come forward to serve as an officer or committee chair.** We have been working on amendments to the Bylaws that will mean changes to the structure of the board to make it smaller and also streamlining the job descriptions of many of the Board positions. Details of these changes will be posted on our website and presented at our **January 21st Annual Meeting** where they will be voted on (up or down) by those members in attendance.

As many of you know, it is a struggle to find enough neighbors to serve on the board. I urge each of you to consider joining the Board in some capacity by putting your name forward for our January elections. **Remember, you don't have to serve on the board to give back to our community.** With the new streamlined structure, it's even more important for neighbor volunteers to participate on committees and be ready to help with community events.

We live in a vibrant neighborhood and change is all around us. The RHGNA Board is a place for neighbors to stay informed, give input to authorities who govern us and meet new people. If you have any questions about board positions please call or email me.

**Bev Cox** 303-778-1018 bjcoxden@gmail.com  
**& Pamela Quigley**  
**Co-Presidents**

*Transforming our neighborhood into a community!*

## **Our Board Elections will occur at our January 21 Annual Meeting.**

Join the meeting and vote as a community member! We will say good-bye to some friends who have served the Board well, yet also welcome new creativity, and new ideas. We are seeking candidates for several positions. **Serving on the Board is a fun, gratifying way to meet new friends, and to support the community you love.** You can help us create events to connect our neighbors, maintain our lively new website, and keep our neighbors in touch with city issues, resources, and events! **If you'd like to serve on the RHGNA Board, please get in touch with any Board Member (see pg. 2) and we will add your name to the ballot!**

## 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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of \$15 may be mailed to  
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## Harvard Gulch Recreation Center HOURS

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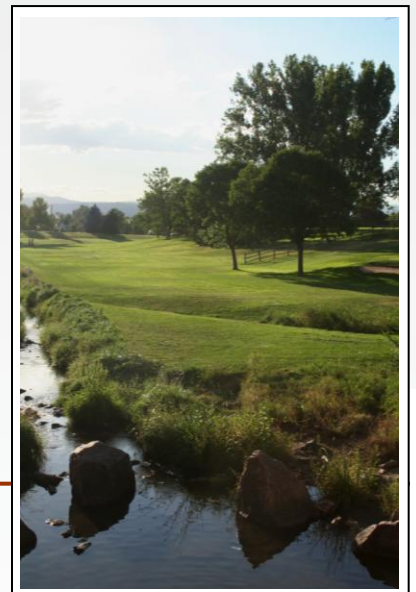


Photo by Cathy Wise

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.

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 regular email updates and crime reports**). Contact Bev at [bjcoxden@gmail.com](mailto:bjcoxden@gmail.com) or Lynne at [scholfield@comcast.net](mailto:scholfield@comcast.net) 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 see below for details and contact Lynne if you are interested.

## CONTACT US!

RHGNA Board Members  
**Board Elections are planned for February 2016!**  
**To be included on the ballot, please contact any Board Member.**

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### **RHGNA Address**

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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 [www.rhgna.org](http://www.rhgna.org)**, or by mail (see left, bottom) or in person at a neighborhood meeting.

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.

**EMAIL PARTICIPANTS:** If you've enjoyed our Email Newsflashes, 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 website - [www.rhgna.org](http://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! If you know of new residents on your block, contact Lynne at 303-522-4507 to request that 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 Bev for details.

**Block Captains Needed** Great neighborhoods don't happen by accident. Our local neighborhood association (RHGNA) works hard to help make our neighborhood better all the time and we could use your help. RHGNA board members interface with the city government, communicate important news to area residents via newsletters – both emailed and printed - and host regular neighborhood meetings for area residents.

You can help RHGNA board members and your neighbors by becoming a Block Captain. It's an easy task, but it's a big help to our organization and our neighborhood. A block captain's primary function is to distribute the quarterly newsletter to the few residents on his or her assigned block who don't receive them by e-mail. That takes just a few minutes every quarter. And once or twice a year you'll be asked to circulate flyers announcing special neighborhood events like our annual picnic or important meetings.

It's time to give some of our existing Block Captains a little help. Some have been doing this for years. So please think about pitching in. We can't reach all of our neighbors without you. As Paul Kashman (our new city council member) wrote "it's in your best interest, as well as your brethren, that you spend part of your waking hours taking part in the world in which you live. It can be about being *in* community, as much as doing *for* the community."

To help RHGNA by being a block captain, please email Lynne at [scholfield@comcast.net](mailto:scholfield@comcast.net)



# The State of the Real Estate Market in Rosedale/Harvard Gulch

*Provided by A.J. Reed, RHGNA Zoning Chairman and neighborhood Realtor*

The real estate market here in Rosedale continues to boom. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year we have seen a record high, the average price of the homes sold was nearly \$550,000. The demand for home-ownership in Rosedale has never been greater and many homeowners are making significant capital improvements to their homes. I am seeing many home additions, renovations and complete remodels and I know of at least 6 more complete remodels coming soon.



Rosedale had been one of the last of the south central Denver neighborhoods left unscathed by the development and modernizing of homes. This trend was seen most recently in the neighborhoods of Platt Park, West Washington Park and Cory-Merrill.

However, as you have witnessed during the last year and a half and even more as of late, Rosedale is in the epicenter of this phenomenon.

After much discussion by the Federal Reserve over the last year, interest rates are still low. Barring any interest rate increase or stock market correction, I expect the demand for homes and the investments being placed into homes to continue here in Rosedale.



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# Rosedale Park Beautification Project

*Greg Reger, RHGNA Parks and Recreation Chair*

Denver Parks employees are passionate about making our parks beautiful, safe, and enjoyable. Our Rosedale neighborhood is a beneficiary of an employee's commitment to beautify our park.

Tim DeShong, a local artist and Parks employee, was asked if he would help remove a large concrete block adjacent to a path in Rosedale Park. After spending a considerable time and effort, it was apparent that a trailer and lift were required to remove the concrete eyesore. Instead, Tim transformed it into functional art.

Tim's idea was to create a grass-filled park bench, something he calls Urban Natural Art. "Creating a grass bench is an idea I have had for a while, and we didn't need any new materials." He partnered with a few enthusiastic team members and a horticulturist to re-purpose dirt, native plants, mulch and surplus stones to create this urban oasis.

Now, instead of seeing a concrete blemish in an otherwise pristine park, we have native flowers and stone steps leading up to the top of a knoll. It's great to see Parks employees using their creativity and passion to beautify the Rosedale neighborhood!

## Connect with the Denver City Council

Denver City Council makes laws, budgets City money, and has authority to investigate City agencies and employees. The Denver City Council has 13 members, 11 from equally populated districts and two elected at large. Our district # 6 is represented by Paul Kashmann. The full Council meets most Mondays in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in the City and County Building. Council committees also meet frequently to discuss and prepare proposed laws. All Council meetings are open to the public. **To stay informed about the Council's activities, go to [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org) and sign up for Council updates.**



## HISTORIC COLORADO STATE CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.

The Colorado State Children's Home housed orphaned children, from infancy to age 18, during the years 1896 to 1971. The orphanage was located in Denver at South Logan Street and East Iliff Avenue on a 54 acre tract of land that was owned by the State Government. Throughout its 75 years of operation, 17,000 boys and girls came to call this institution home.

In 1999, an alumni association was created and named Historic Colorado State Children's Home, Inc. This group, consisting of an 8 member board, represents the many who lived or grew up at this orphanage.

A few of the original buildings remain standing on the grounds of what is now known as Harvard Gulch Park. A long term alumni association goal is to convert one of the existing original buildings into a museum that will tell the stories of the orphanage era and specifically, The Colorado State Children's Home.

For more photos and information on the history of the Colorado State Children's Home explore their wonderful website, at

<http://www.coloradostatechildrenshome.org/>



*State Home residents, 1953*

*State Home property, 1963*



# SustainAbility Announces Grand Opening of the first Hard-To-Recycle (H2R) Center in the Denver Metro area



DENVER, CO – SustainAbility, an all inclusive recycling services provider, celebrated this summer the grand opening of its second public recycling drop-off center located at 1270 S. Bannock in Denver. The new site employs a total of thirty-one individuals, twenty-five of which have developmental/intellectual disabilities. SustainAbility is a recycling company that combines a passion for the environment and recycling with an understanding that every human being is unique and

has gifts and talents to offer our communities and our planet.

The facility is the first Hard-To-Recycle (H2R) Center in the Denver area acting as a one-stop-drop for residents and businesses. The center accepts traditional recyclable materials such as paper, plastic, metal and glass but also takes a wide range of non-traditional materials (see list, at right).

SustainAbility accepts items that other recyclers cannot take such as fire extinguishers, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, wine corks, CD's, vegetable oil, books, paint, bikes, clothing and much more. Using exclusively e-Stewards certified recycling partners SustainAbility accepts electronics and appliances, which are ethically and sustainably demanufactured and recycled.

Founded in 2010, SustainAbility offers two public drop-off sites in Denver and Arvada and performs residential and commercial recycling pick-up services.

A majority of SustainAbility's workforce is comprised of individuals who have developmental/intellectual disabilities; a segment of our society that struggles with an over 70% unemployment rate in Colorado.

The company has grown to employ over 140 individuals and is saving millions of pounds of materials from landfills.

For additional info, [www.sustainability-recycling.com](http://www.sustainability-recycling.com)

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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)

In Colorado, EAB was detected for the first time in September 2013 in Boulder. As a non-native insect, EAB has no native predators to keep populations in check, and threatens all true ash species (*Fraxinus* spp.). As a result, the beetle poses a serious threat to Colorado's urban forests, where ash trees comprise about 15 to 20 percent of all trees; the Denver Metro area alone has an estimated 1.45 million ash trees. Green and white ash, including 'Autumn Purple' ash and other varieties, have been widely planted in Colorado due to their fast growth, ability to tolerate urban growing conditions and high aesthetic value. Many of the state's ash trees are located on private property and in parks and other community areas.

The Emerald Ash Borer Response Team has a great website to address issues concerning our urban canopy and the ash borer problem we face - visit

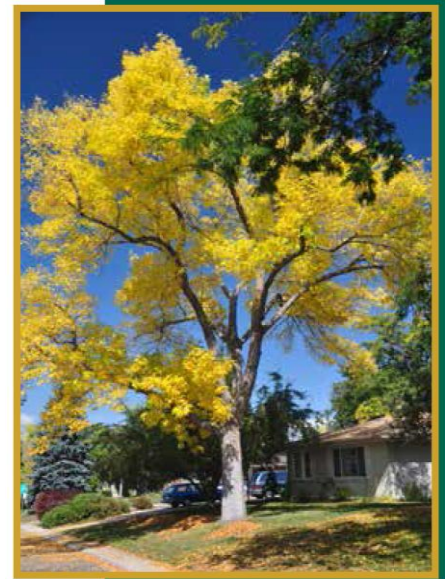
[eabcolorado.com](http://eabcolorado.com).

City Forestry staff will be addressing our RHGNA Annual Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> to update our neighborhood about the health of our trees so mark your calendars!

**There are multiple fact sheets and updates online here:**

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/atoms/files/EAB%20Quick%20Guide.pdf>

[https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Emerald\\_borer.pdf](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Emerald_borer.pdf)



**Figure 10.** Ash trees have been planted extensively in Colorado over the last 50 years because they grow quickly and can tolerate the growing conditions in urban areas. Photo: William M. Ciesla



**Figure 1.** Adult emerald ash borers are approximately 1/2-inch long. Photo: David Cappaert, Michigan State University\*



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