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Annual WWPNA Meeting Wed., April 24th at 790 S. Corona St.



The guest speaker at WWPNA's meeting will be Historic Denver to discuss the unique history and qualities of West Washington Park.

Historic Denver launched an outreach program last year to educate neighbors about the history of their neighborhood, talk about preservation and answer questions. Thus far they have visited Park Hill, Cole, Lowry, Berkeley, Platt Park and

West Highland neighborhoods.

Historic Denver's mission is to promote historic preservation. They are assisting 16 homeowners of the 200 S Lincoln Street block apply for historic designation. There are 8 homes designed by William Lang on the west side of S Lincoln (2 were featured in WWP Home Tour 2012) and gorgeous Queen Annes on the east side. The homeowners wish to preserve their unique block, and believe that historic designation will achieve this common goal.

Historic Denver is a private non-profit and was founded to save the Molly Brown house from demolition. They have since grown to assist property owners in historic preservation and to maintain the historical buildings in Denver. Historic Denver has collaborated with the City of Denver's Landmark Preservation Commission to provide helpful information concerning designation and the processes required when making changes to your building.

Their goal is to serve the unique neighborhoods in Denver. If you want to learn more about the unique history of our neighborhoods, or have questions for Historic Denver, then please attend WWPNA's meeting April 24th. Check out their web site www.historicdenver.org or call them at 303-534-5288.

Help! The Cop Shop Needs a New Home

Our WWP Cop Shop, the second busiest and best-staffed COP Shop in the city, needs a new home. The donated building space near Ace Hardware on Broadway has been leased, so the Cop Shop is searching for a donated storefront space.

Citizens frequent the Cop Shop to file police reports, pick up free bicycle helmets, gunlocks, steering wheel locks, graffiti abatement supplies, and information on safety and city topics. Police officers frequent the shop so that there are police cars and officers inside throughout the day and night.

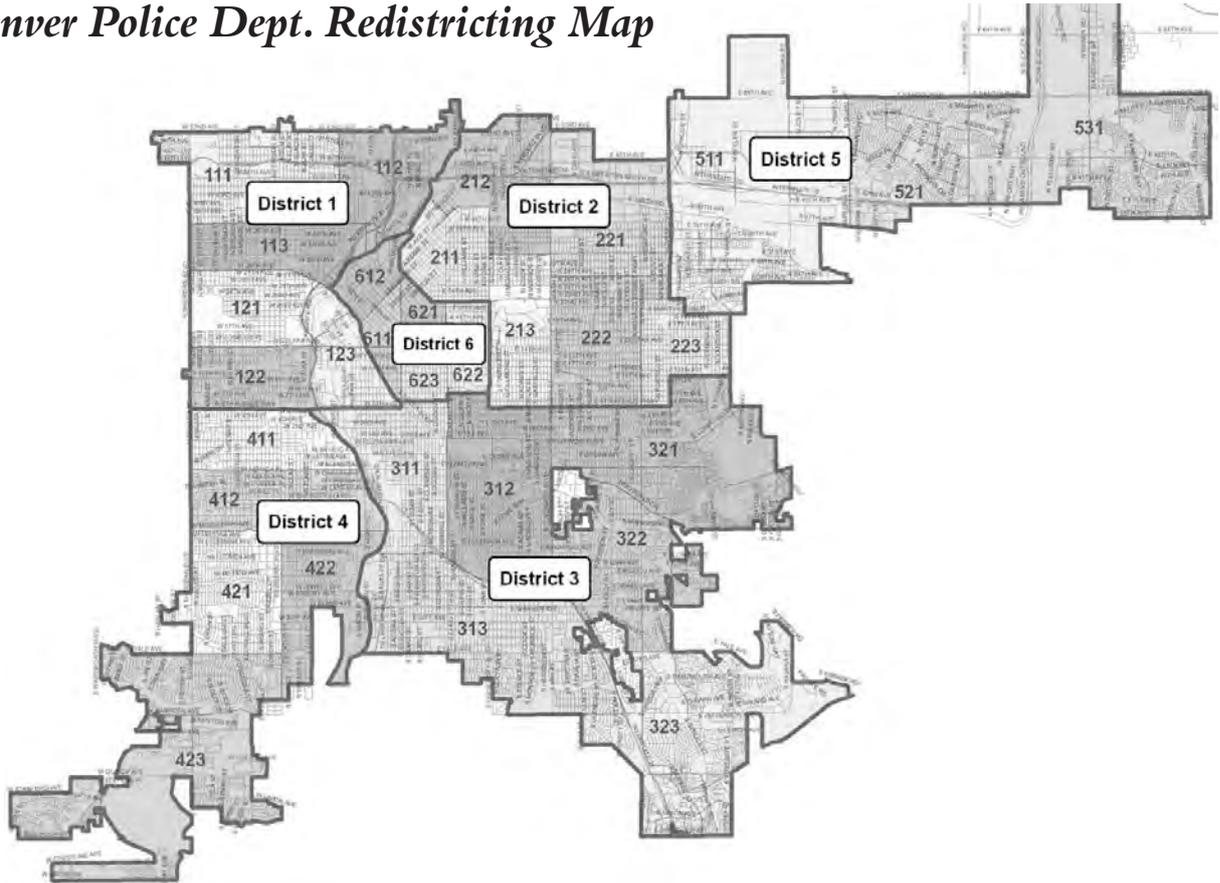
Until a new location is found, the Cop Shop is seeking space to store boxes of papers, a file cabinet, some stacking chairs, and other supplies.

Contact Merce Lea with any questions or offers of assistance at meredithzml@aol.com

4th of July Picnic at the Park!
Help Needed - See Pg. 5

West Washington Park Will Be Part of District 3

Denver Police Dept. Redistricting Map



The City and County of Denver will be creating new, larger districts for the police force. The new district teams will help in balancing workload and staffing across precinct, focus more time on crime prevention and assure officers within a district are familiar with a particular area of their district, rather than having to understand the entire district.

The WWPNA neighborhood will move to District 3 this summer. Currently, the western boundary of District 3 is Downing St. The new District 3 will extend west to the Platt River. This extension will encompass the WWPNA neighborhood, along with neighbors in Baker, Platt Park, Overland and Rosedale.

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Notes from the WWPNA Zoning Committee

by Charlotte Winzenburg, Zoning Chair

Though the adoption of the new 2010 Zoning Code two and a half years ago decreased the number of appeals to the Board of Adjustments, the Zoning Committee has still been keeping busy with other work. liquor license applications. In all cases, we ask the applicants to sign a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) in exchange for not opposing the license. Our goal is to limit the external effects from these licenses to nearby residential neighbors. Overall, the owners of the liquor licenses have been very cooperative and the meetings we have had with them while developing the agreements have raised their awareness of how their businesses can impact their neighbors.

WWPNA's GNAs typically disallow amplified music outside the building, limit the hours of patio use and for noise causing trash disposal and limit light pollution to adjacent neighbors. We can ask for up to four conditions to be part of the license. Violations of the listed conditions are violations of the liquor license and can have serious consequences for current and future license holders at this address. The most recent GNAs were with Illegal Pete's, 279 S. Broadway, Historian's Ale House, 24 Broadway and Vert, 704 S. Pearl, the 11th the GNA. We have accomplished GNAs with all new and modifications of existing licenses in the last 2 ½ years.

Last year, Excise & License changed its policies to allow Hotel & Restaurant licenses within 500 feet of a school. Neighbors were concerned about establishing a liquor license at Vert so close to Lincoln School and the possibility of such a license becoming a nuisance in the future. The applicant, Noah Stephens, was very cooperative. He agreed to license conditions that would not allow patrons in Vert after 11:30 p.m. and restrict signage on the building advertising alcohol.

On December 12, 2012, we attended a public hearing for a hotel and restaurant liquor license at 24 Broadway. In consideration for not opposing the license, the applicant signed a Good Neighbor Agreement with WWPNA that disallows amplified music outside the building, limits the hours for noise causing trash disposal and limits light pollution to adjacent neighbors. These three items will be posted on the license, and violations of the items are violations of the liquor license and can have serious consequences for the current and future license holders at this address. This is the 10th Good Neighbor Agreement we have accomplished with all new licenses and modifications of existing licenses in the last two and a half years. Our goal is to limit the external effects from these licenses to nearby residential neighbors. Overall, the owners of the liquor licenses have been very cooperative and the conversations we have had with them while developing the agreements have

raised their awareness of how their businesses can impact their neighbors.

Last fall, we have had had two applicants approach us with zoning issues. You may have noticed seen the a sign advertising a mixed use residential/office building at the vacant lot on the 900 block of South Logan just north of I-25. The owner of the lot approached asked WWPNA asking if WWPNA we would support a change in zoning that would allow zoning that would to allow a 5 story building instead of the 3 story limit in place since the new zoning code was adopted. We distributed flyers to near neighbors inviting them to a meeting with the developer. Approximately 25 neighbors attended. The sentiment of the neighbors was definitely opposed to any change in the height limitations in place. The property owner told us he would not pursue a zoning change.

We have also been were contacted by an applicant who wants wanted to lease a former convenience store at 620 S. Logan for the purpose of opening a restaurant with a full liquor license. This property is zoned single family but, because it was built many years ago as a commercial building, it can, with restrictions, be granted a "special exception permit" for such a use. Again, we invited near neighbors to meet with the applicant. Approximately 30 neighbors attended the meeting. They voted overwhelmingly to oppose such a use in their low density neighborhood. At this time, we don't know if the applicant plans to pursue his desire for the restaurant. We haven't heard anything more from this person.

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Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock Visits WWP

W WPNA was honored to have Mayor Michael B. Hancock attend the February Board meeting along with DPD Commander Fair, District 4, and Councilman Nevitt. It was a packed house with many local residents and business people in attendance.

Questions to Commander Fair addressed our neighborhood recent rash of robberies. Some of the solutions presented were a greater police presence on our streets, Neighborhood Watch, and calling the non-emergency number with any suspicious activities. As always, it was emphasized the importance of being vigilant and not allowing crimes of opportunity by leaving valuables in vehicles, leaving garage doors open or having unlocked bicycles visible.

Questions to Mayor Hancock focused on the new law allowing liquor licenses closer to schools, pedal bars, and the new Director of CPD. The Mayor spoke about his 'Cabinet in the Community' program. "Every few months, I bring our entire administration into one of Denver's neighborhoods for our quarterly Cabinet in the Community. All of the city's agency heads and myself meet you where you are, bringing updates on subjects that matter to you and answering your questions."

The afternoon of March 27th, Mayor Hancock was again present in our neighborhood. He and other city officials were at the Washington Park Recreation Center for the official launch of the *My Denver Card* program for Denver kids aged 5 - 18 years. This program highlights the investment made in Denver's kids made with the passage of Measure 2A. The *My Denver Card* will not only give Denver kids free access to recreation centers and pools throughout the city but will also act as a library card so our kids can easily take advantage of our library system.



For more information contact: Michael D. Sapp Jr., Neighborhood Liaison- Office of the Mayor 720.865.9024 or michael.sapp@denvergov.org

Neighbors Working Together, Staying in Touch

Keeping the neighborhood informed of social happenings and topics have always been a challenge. There is a new communication tool in the 'hood. **Nextdoor**, an intra-neighborhood social network, has connected local neighbors during the recent spate of burglaries with real time communication and awareness, an effective part of a Neighborhood Watch program.

Many of our WWP residents have been working together on this site to bring positive results and fresh ideas to our neighborhood. **Nextdoor**, first introduced by neighbor Eric Johnson, now has 500 members and is growing. However, the website is not meant

to be a Facebook style free-for-all. As one neighbor recently pointed out in response to a posting, the **Nextdoor** concept of being neighborly includes "Respecting your neighbors. Be honest, authentic, and straightforward in all actions. Show tolerance to each other, even if you don't share similar opinions."

Talking with to your neighbors face-to-face, utilizing the internet and email, (sign up for the WWPNA list-serve on our homepage) are all part of staying in touch and keeping each other informed. You can see what **Nextdoor** is all about at <https://washparkwest.nextdoor.com/login/>

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You won't want to miss this 10th Anniversary Event, so bring your picnic lunch, blankets and folding chairs, and join us from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boathouse Thursday, July 4th!

Summertime is special at Washington Park because of all the wonderful activities the park offers during the warm-weather months. One of the most anticipated events is the 11th annual Washington Park July 4th Celebration and neighborhood picnic co-sponsored by the Washington Park East and West Washington Park neighborhood associations and local business owners. This year's event will be held Thursday, July 4 at the boathouse.

The festivities kick-off at 11 a.m. with kids and their parents exploring the Station 21 fire truck in the boathouse parking lot, visiting with the Denver Mounted Patrol horses and police cars, picnickers listening to the patriotic music played by the Denver Municipal Band's Brass Quintet, and attendees checking out free giveaways and information at the sponsors' tables. Free ice-cream and beverages are provided immediately

**JULY 4TH IN THE PARK PLANNING
Organizer, Volunteers and Planners Needed!**

For the past 10 years, July 4th has been a time for residents of both Washington Park West and East to join together for fun in the park. This year's event will be held Thursday, July 4 at the boathouse. We need residents to help plan and organize this event (or else the tradition may end). If you would like to help with the July 4th event, contact Lori Poole at 303-903-5892 or email WPENA@comcast.net for more details.



following the parade, while they last.

Make sure you arrive early so that your children can decorate their strollers, trikes, and bikes for the parade, which begins about 11:45 a.m., with free decorations provided. The bike parade starts from the parking lot just west of the boathouse. The procession takes 15 to 20 minutes with each participant receiving a ribbon at the end.

We also need sponsorships to help make this event a success. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the community and strengthen your company's name or organization's visibility in both the west and east Washington Park neighborhoods.

We are also looking for people to volunteer for one hour or more with decorating the boat house, outlining the parade route with American flags, setting-up and staffing the food/beverage areas, and removing decorations and cleaning up after the event. In addition, parade route monitors are also needed to assist with bicycle safety and to help clap for and cheer on our parade participants. Please contact Lori Poole at WPENA@comcast.net or 303-903-5892 for more details.

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Garden Checklist for Spring

By Ann Montague, Horticulturist,
Denver Botanic Gardens

As the cold days of winter fade to a memory, bright daffodils emerge to announce the arrival of spring and the promise of another great year in the garden. Whether you are going to plant a vegetable garden big enough to feed half the neighborhood or just a couple of containers of bright annuals it's worth taking a few minutes to pull together a game plan.



There are several tasks on the spring to-do list that can be done in early spring. All of the garden clean up that wasn't done last fall or during the warm days of March can be done in April. Cut back and compost any remaining debris from last year's perennials along with last year's annuals. Take a few moments to dig any weeds that pop up in the garden before they mature and generate seed. It will save many hours of weeding down the road. And before they start sending up green shoots, cut back ornamental grasses.

As the soil dries after the spring snows, annual beds and vegetable patches can benefit from the addition of compost to improve the structure of the soil and aid in moisture retention. Spread an inch or two of compost over the garden and cultivate it into the soil. To avoid compaction of the soil in the beds, don't walk on it or work it when it is wet or muddy.

The added compost will provide some nutrients, but it is not substitute for the fertilizer needed by annuals and vegetables. Fertilizer can be mixed into the soil along with the compost.

Shrubs and perennials can be planted in early spring, but waiting until the last chance of frost has passed is best for tender annuals

and warm-season vegetables. In the Denver area the last frost is usually right around Mother's Day.

Gardening magazines, seed catalogs, and the plants staged at the entrance to the grocery store are all very enticing. But many of the plants promoted are not a good fit for Denver gardens due to climate, soil pH and type, lack of humidity, wind exposure, soil drainage and even irrigation coverage. These are all factors to consider when choosing the best plants for your garden.

At the nursery or garden center look for sturdy plants and avoid tall spindly ones. Choose plants with healthy white roots. If the roots have circled the inside of the pot be sure to take the time to interrupt their circular pattern when planting so the roots will spread out and stabilize the plant.

As spring gardens reawaken after a winter's nap, they beckon us to reconnect with the earth. It's time to grab the gardening gloves and celebrate spring.

A Beautiful and Important Film- Girl Rising, at South H.S.

10x10 is a global campaign to educate and empower girls. At the center of the campaign is a feature film, *Girl Rising*. The South High School PTSA has just signed up to bring this incredible film to South High School in Denver. The film is directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins and features performances from Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Selena Gomez, Salma Hayek, Alicia Keys, and others.



This beautiful and important film tells the stories of 9 remarkable girls from around the world. Each one is striving beyond circumstance, pushing past limits, and demonstrating an extraordinary powerful message.

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HOW: If you live within the City or County of Denver you are eligible to participate in this FREE program. There are no income qualifications; this program is open to all residents looking to cut energy waste and save money.

WHY PARTICIPATE: If you have high utility bills, are uncomfortable in your home (or specific rooms), or are concerned with the indoor air quality of your home, contact a FREE, neutral advisor to help you figure out what measures make sense for your home. In addition to these recommendations, advisors will also help you locate qualified contractors and determine what financing, rebates or incentives are available so you won't have to spend time doing the research.

STATS: Over 6,150 homes are currently participating. In fact, three out of four homes who participated in the program have made some type



Our very own Councilman Chris Nevitt, took the Denver Energy Challenge at his home in WWP.



of upgrade. Citywide, homeowners who upgraded with the help of the Denver Energy Challenge have reduced their energy consumption by an average of 19%. Over 110 residents in your West Wash Park neighborhood have already taken advantage of this program, so what are you waiting for?

GET STARTED: Call 720.865.5520 or sign up at DenverEnergy.org to start working with an advisor. The only thing to lose is wasted energy!

The Park People's 'Denver Digs Trees' Earth Day Tree Sale!

Come and purchase a tree at The Park People's Denver Digs Trees Earth Day Yard Tree Sale on Sat., April 20, 9 a.m.-noon, at Sloan's Lake (entrance on W. Byron Pl. between Wolff St. & Winona Ct.) and at City Park Greenhouse (2500 E. 23rd Ave., near 23rd Ave. & York St., west of the Zoo).



"We are excited to offer shade, ornamental and fruit trees at our yard tree sale," says The Park People's Kim Yuan-Farrell. "I can't imagine a better way to celebrate Earth Day than to buy and plant a tree. Trees improve the environment -locally and globally- by filtering air pollution, improving water quality, and absorbing and storing greenhouse gases. Visit www.theparkpeople.org for more information on the Earth Day Yard Tree Sale.



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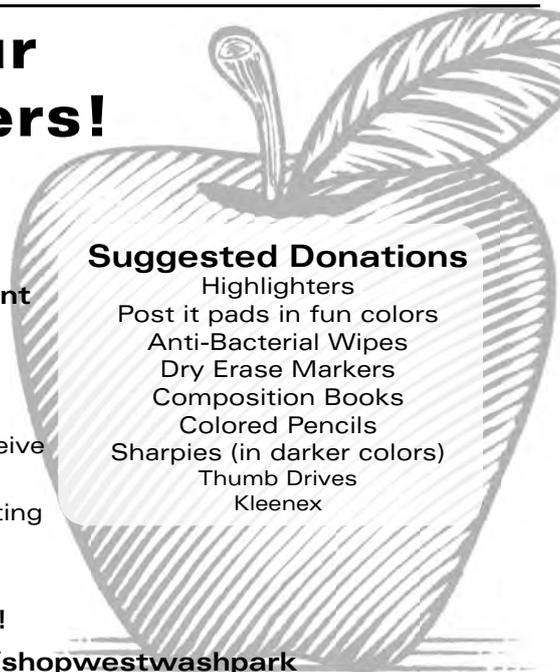
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