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KIDS! Another Reason To Slow Down

by Tim O'Byrne, WWPNA President

When I moved into this neighborhood about 25 years ago, tumbleweeds and old hippies were what you saw crossing the streets. Our neighborhood is blossoming and one of the many changes is the influx of young families with children. We are blessed to be living in such a great neighborhood in such a vibrant city. Along with the growth of our city comes an increase in traffic. Cell phones are great for communicating but deadly for driving.

Yes, there are drivers from all parts of the city zipping through our streets but many of us are downright un-neighborly when it comes to getting from Point A to Point B. Roberta Bloom, Executive Director of the Washington Street Community Center is alarmed by two 'near misses' involving speeding vehicles and small children near WSCC.

As we welcome a new year, please make a resolution to slow down and be safe, not only for the kids but for each other; it's the neighborly thing to do!



What is WWPNA?

If you've ever wondered what it is we do for and around our community, here's a little bit about what the Association does and how it benefits you!

As we begin the New Year, we would like to try to answer the series of questions frequently posed to WWPNA; What is WWPNA? What do you do for the neighborhood? Why should I join the Association? The current character of West Washington Park is due in a large part to the many WWPNA volunteers and initiatives over the last five decades. We will all need to continue to work together to preserve our primarily residential neighborhood character in the decades to come.

WWPNA is an RNO

The West Washington Park Neighborhood Association, founded in 1964, is a Registered Neighborhood Association, (RNO), with the City and County of Denver.

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Mayor's Design Awards – *Two Winners in WWP!*



Byers Place and Illegal Pete's

Two recent developments in WWP won the prestigious Mayor's Design Awards, 2013 and were honored at the awards ceremony on Nov. 6th.

Byers Place, the infill development bounded by Pearl, Pennsylvania and Cedar Streets, won in the It Just Fits category for the complement to the existing neighborhood and contemporary adaptation of timeless style. Built by Mark Bethel of Arcadia Properties, Byers Place is built on the old Byers Sand Lot. The

basic design tenets were developed collaboratively between WWP residents, DPS and Arcadia Properties. Mr. Bethel and Arcadia Properties opened up one of the nineteen homes during the WWPNA Home Tour in 2012.

Illegal Pete's, located at 270 S. Broadway, won in the Eye-Catcher category for its welcoming front entries, the manner in which it engages the street and pedestrian activities and encourages informal public gathering. Owner Pete Turner renovated a former car dealership that was set back from the street. Illegal Pete's has been a very welcome and cooperative addition to WWP. They are one of the businesses that have signed a Good Neighbor Agreement with WWPNA. Good Neighbor Agreements are voluntary agreements between a business and WWPNA to help protect nearby neighbors from adverse effects of businesses with exterior elements.

You can read more about these and other winners on the DenverGov.org site at <http://www.denvergov.org/cpd/MayorsDesignAwards/tabid/432441/Default.aspx>

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RNO's are volunteer organizations formed by residents and property owners within a defined set of boundaries. RNOs do not have the same authority as HOAs, but exist to advocate for those residents within its boundaries. WWPNA's boundaries are Speer to the north, I-25 to the south, Broadway to the west and Downing to the east.

RNOs are self-forming and determine their own boundaries; therefore, an area can be represented by more than one RNO. Part of our neighborhood, the west side of Lincoln Street, is within the boundaries of both WWPNA and the Baker Historic Neighborhood Association, BHNA.

RNOs give residents a voice in the City

RNOs, such as WWPNA, receive notifications of proposed zoning amendments, landmark designation applications, planning board and board of adjustment hearings, liquor and cabaret license applications and complaints, and any other activity occurring in the neighborhood as stipulated in the Denver Municipal Code Chapter 12 Article III.

These notifications give residents the chance to express an opinion and more directly have a voice in the way our neighborhood and City are shaped.

Notifications from City Hall were not always standard practice. WWPNA, along with CHUN, protested loudly about the lack of process and community input when we awoke one day to find many of our streets turned into one-way streets overnight! According to then Mayor McNichols, our neighborhood was envisioned as a drive thru to get to downtown Denver in the 60's and

70's. Our protests and demand for input helped to shape the current RNO notification requirements in our City code.

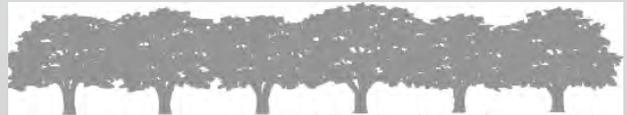
What has WWPNA accomplished?

There have been many WWPNA accomplishments (and disappointments) through the decades. This new column in our quarterly newsletter will review some of the history of our neighborhood, and the part WWPNA has played in that history.

Why should I join WWPNA?

Our neighborhood character is the result of working together to create the atmosphere, character and living environment we envision. Please get involved and become members of WWPNA. You can volunteer in your area of interest – there are many! If your time is tight, please support the organization with your membership fee, only \$15 per household and \$8 for seniors a year. See page 8, (the back page) for a Membership form you can cut out and mail in or contact Gloria LeFree at glfree@comcast.net and she will send you membership information.

WWPNA Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at WSCC, 809 S. Washington St. at 6:30PM. Come and find out how you can be involved. Also, check out the calendar on the website at www.wwpna.org.



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First WWPNA Happy Hour a Success & Planning For The Next!

Board Member Gertie Grant and WWP Neighbor Nita Lynch



The Walnut Room Pizzeria



Newsletter Production Editor Jennifer Thijs, Assoc. President Tim O'Byrne and Assoc. Vice-President Nick Amrhein

Thanks to everyone who made our first WWPNA Happy Hour such a great time. About 30 neighbors showed up at The Walnut Room Pizzeria at 2 Broadway on Tuesday night, Nov. 12th. Complimentary pizza was graciously provided and the gift of gab was supplied by everyone in attendance. It was fun getting to meet new people who came to meet the old people who try to make WWPNA a useful neighborhood organization. Congratulations to Mary Dreger who took ownership of the Grand Door Prize, a most excellent Travelling Tractor Water Sprinkler. This very collectable lawn and irrigation system will make her the envy of all her neighbors!

Six new WWPNA members were so moved by the festivities and camaraderie that they signed up and paid to be members on the spot (only \$15!). Thanks again to the Walnut Room Pizzeria for the hospitality in accommodating our event.

The next WWPNA Happy Hour is scheduled to take place Wednesday night, Jan. 15th from 5:30 'til 7:00 at the Pub on Pearl, 1101 S. Pearl. Please join us for the gift of gab!

Psssssst – pass it on!

Cari L. Roberts-Wheat, Community Preparedness & Resiliency Manager, American Red Cross

This winter's cold means that more and more people are going to use substitute methods to warm their homes. Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the US. With that in mind, try these helpful tips for staying warm and safe during those cold winter nights:

- Always keep flammable items at least 3 feet away from space heaters, fire places and furnaces.
- Never use a stove to heat your home. Stoves can emit harmful carbon monoxide and are not designed for home heating.
- Don't leave space heaters unattended. Make sure you shut off all portable heaters before leaving the room. Winter weather is

often unpredictable. Storms can leave you without power for days or even weeks. Be sure you have a preparedness kit on standby!

For more Red Cross winter weather tips and how to keep our feathered and furry family members safe in snowy, cold weather go to: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library>

Logan St. Traffic & Broadway Parking

WWPNA thanks the residents that attended the Logan Safety meeting that was held in early November at the Indian Bible Church, as well as Pastor Burton and his wife for hosting our group. The discussion was lively, informative, and, with your help, enabled us to establish a path forward to engage the City and address a number of issues related to transportation safety, especially for pedestrians crossing Logan.

WWPNA is working with the city to address these issues and others around the neighborhood, including parking in the Broadway corridor. Upcoming meetings will be announced on Next Door and on the WWPNA Listserv.

Broadway Parking Issues: Our goal is to hold a joint public meeting with the Baker Historic Neighborhood Association (BHNA) near the end of January to discuss parking on the residential streets near Broadway. Please e-mail LUT@WWPNA.org if you have interest in attending this meeting.

Did You Know... WWPNA's Land Use and Transportation Committee is presently working



on parking issues surrounding South Broadway. Contact LUT@www.wwpna.org if you are intested

Greater Sustainability is Coming!

As you may have heard, Mayor Hancock recently has advised residents of his intent to update the City's Master Plan for Solid Wastes. Commencing in 2014, approximately 20,000 Denver residences will see their dumpsters replaced with individual trash carts. Details have not yet been provided, but we anticipate that residents in areas where this change will occur would simply place their carts in the alley on designated weekly trash days, and that the City would provide a schedule for pickup of solid waste in excess the amount which may be disposed of weekly in the cart. The City already maintains such a schedule for large-item pickups, which is available online at DenverGov.org. As a gentle reminder, help us to keep our alleys clean by putting all solid waste items in the designated receptacle. And remember - large items are not to be placed in the alley before the scheduled large-item pickup date.

We don't know yet which neighborhoods will see this change in 2014, but we understand the change will ultimately be made

to all Denver neighborhoods. The change is intended to promote fulfillment of one of the City's key sustainability goals of reducing waste disposal in landfills by 20%, and to provide simple methods to allow residents to recycle and compost. Additionally, the Mayor hopes this change will reduce illegal dumping in neighborhoods where this is a problem.

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As part of the updated Master Plan, the City also will expand the number of homes eligible to participate in its composting program. To see if your home is eligible, go to DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles, and follow the easy instructions. If you are eligible, you can sign up on the spot, and begin your composting program in January!

WWPNA supports the Mayor's goals of encouraging greater sustainability. We are looking forward to getting more information about the City's plans, and would like to hear from residents regarding the updated Plan. Please weigh in by emailing us at president@wwpna.org.

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Washington St. Community Center

Ongoing Programs at the Washington Street Community Center
Ongoing programs at the WSCC include Zumba, Yoga, Tae Kwan Do, Active Minds lecture series, health care events for seniors, senior lunch (Tuesdays, noon), community breakfasts (Fridays, 8:30 – 10 am) and dinners (the third Thursday of every month, 4:30 – 6:30 pm) and book club, as well as room rentals for meetings and special events and more. Check out our website (www.wscc-denver.org), give us a call (303-733-4643), or drop in Monday-Friday 7 am – 6 pm (809 South Washington Street).

Super Foods for Super Toddlers

The Washington Street Community Center Preschool knows eating habits are developed in those first important six years of life. And studies have shown exposing children to a variety of fruits and vegetables before they enter the public school system will make it more likely they will eat these foods later on. To address this need the WSCC teachers have begun a series of cooking lessons that involve fun, healthy and unique snacks. Our classroom has featured crunchy kale chips, savory baked pumpkins straight from a local garden and freshly made granola, all of which the preschoolers participated in creating.

And the WSCC preschool food program, which offers breakfast, lunch and snack to our full-time families, serves a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables and whole grains. A typical menu will include homemade roasted chicken, edamame salad, baked squash, spinach omelets and savory tamales. All of which is evidence of our strong collaboration between our families, teachers and cooking staff.

The preschool currently has open Enrollment for children ages

2/5-5. As a Qualistar 3 facility we offer affordable, exceptional childcare focused on school readiness, the arts and exploratory learning. Open 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Friday, with full-time care at \$200 per week, part-time care at \$180 per week. We have DPP tuition assistance for children 4 years of age and we accept CCAP. For more information or to schedule a tour please call our Children's Program Director Darcie Klassen at (303) 733-4643 or email her at darcie@wscc-denver.org.

Volunteers Needed!

The Washington Street Community Center is looking for a front desk volunteer(s) to staff the front desk on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am – 1 pm. This involves answering the phone, greeting visitors, and some administrative tasks. Choose Wednesday, Friday, or both!

We are also looking for volunteers for the following times and tasks:

- Tuesday mornings at 10 am to assist with set up (tables, chairs for 30 guests)
- Tuesdays at 12:45 to clear, wipe and take down tables, stack chairs, remove decorations (about 30 minutes)
- Fridays, 7:30 am to set up tables and chairs for 20 guests for breakfast which starts at 8:30 am
- Fridays, 10 am, clear, wipe and take down tables, and stack chairs

Note that volunteers earn a free meal! Call Nicole or Roberta at 303-733-4643.

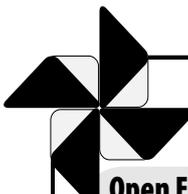
Parent Volunteer Opportunity

Denver South Community Partnership Board: We are looking for two parents to be part of this board. We meet once every other month on a Wednesday from 4:00-5:30 pm. with sub-committees meeting occasionally in between our full board meetings. Our board is made up of students, community members, businesses, and South staff. If you want to know more, please contact me, Karen at my email address or the phone number below. Karen Duell at Karen_Duell@dpsk12.org, Community/Family Liaison at South High School 720-423-6271 <http://denversouth.org>

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New Ash Borer Infestation Could Affect WWP Tree Canopy

Press Release from Denver Digs Trees

DENVER, CO – Recently, arborists and forestry experts have expressed concern about Emerald Ash Borer, an insect that has devastated ash tree populations in mid-western cities and was recently discovered in Boulder in September. With 15 percent of Denver’s tree cover consisting of ash trees – some 330,000 trees, the detection of this insect in Colorado raises concerns about the health of the city’s urban forest.

“We do not want ash tree owners to panic. Emerald Ash Borer has not been found in Denver yet,” says The Park People’s Executive Director Kim Yuan-Farrell. “At this point, ash tree owners should get educated about their options. Treatment may be a good choice in some cases, though not recommended until the pest has been found within five miles of their tree.”

The State of Colorado’s Emerald Ash Borer website is the go-to source for information about the pest, identifying ash trees, and learning about treatment. Visit www.eabcolorado.com.

Yuan-Farrell emphasized that, as the full impact of the Emerald Ash Borer invasion unfolds over the next decade, enhancing Denver’s tree canopy now is imperative to minimize the future negative impact of ash trees lost to this invasive pest.

Through its Denver Digs Trees program, The Park People works with Denver homeowners to ensure a vibrant tree canopy, adding more than 46,000 trees through this program in the past 25 years.

Low Cost Trees from Denver Digs Trees!

“Our annual Denver Digs Trees distribution has become a Denver tradition, and, with the serious situation facing the ash trees in our city, mobilizing our community to plant trees is even more vital,” says Yuan-Farrell. “The time to plant is now, and we are excited to offer affordable trees to Denverites interested in keeping our city’s forest beautiful and healthy and maintaining a high quality of life in our neighborhoods.”

Applications are available now, and the deadline to apply is February 15. For application information or to see a list of the target neighborhoods that face particularly low canopy cover, visit www.TheParkPeople.org, or call 303-722-6262. Street Trees (right-of-way) trees and Yard trees are available \$35 per tree. Yard fruit trees available for \$10 for targeted neighborhoods.

No Retail Marijuana Stores Near Byers

The quick response of the WWPNA Zoning Committee resulted in the city denying retail marijuana sales license application for two locations within 1,000 feet of Byers School. The building is now under renovation to house the Denver School of Science and Technology in the summer of 2014 after volunteers from the neighborhood including WWPNA convinced the school board not to sell the historic building and pass a bond issue for the renovations. City ordinance prohibits retail marijuana sales outlets within 1,000 feet of schools and day cares.

Medical marijuana is now distributed from 285 S Pearl and 80 S Pennsylvania. Those licenses were approved when Byers was empty and Registered Neighborhood Organizations were not told of medical marijuana license applications.

By City Ordinance, neighborhood organizations that register with the City are notified of many issues which may affect them such as zoning changes, Board of Adjustment Zoning appeals, liquor licenses and marijuana license applications.

Snow Update from Denver Public Works

As snow season approaches, it is important to remember that Denver requires property owners to clear their walkways so that EVERYONE has safe access throughout the City! Homeowners must shovel sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after the snow stops falling; businesses have four hours after the end of snowfall to remove snow. Residents can sign up to be a “Snow Buddy” and volunteer to help an elderly neighbor shovel their walks. More information on the Snow Buddy program is available here: <http://www.vo-a>



colorado.org/Volunteer/Snow-Buddies.

Please call Ann Williams (303.880.0597) to arrange for Tuesday morning phone interviews. Phone interviews will be available after 5:30 a.m.

Visit our website, www.DenverSnowPlan.com, for more detailed information on snow removal. During snowfall, we update the website in real time to reflect current conditions and our strategies. Also, follow Denver Public

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