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# CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

March 2013

**CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MISSION:** To promote, protect, preserve and enhance the character of the CCN neighborhood, the quality of life of its residents, and the feeling of community; and to inform and represent its members.

## YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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## Time to Join or Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2012-13

(Annual Membership Year is October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013)

You can now either pay your annual membership dues using the form below or use the credit card payment system on the CCNNA website ([www.ccnneighbors.com](http://www.ccnneighbors.com)). CCNNA encourages you to use the credit card system which will allow you the opportunity to provide social activity interest information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this information new?  Yes  No *Your email address is important, as it is the primary method of communicating to our membership. Your email address is private information and will not be shared. If it has changed in the last year, please note.*

### BENEFITS OF CCNNA MEMBERSHIP:

- CCNNA email keeps you informed on the latest Cherry Creek neighborhood developments and events.
- CCNNA represents your interests with the City and the Cherry Creek business community.
- CCNNA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life in Cherry Creek North.

Please support our neighborhood and join CCNNA. Please use this form, enclose a check for \$30 (per household), and send to: **CCNNA, 283 Columbine, Box 129, Denver, Colorado 80206.**



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## Next General Resident Meeting

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Topics:

CCN Safety Report  
Traffic Count Study  
Denver Zoo  
RTD Transportation Update

## NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Daniels Fund Building (Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Monroe Street – Use Parking Lot)

### TOPICS AND SPEAKERS:

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND CRIME UPDATE** – Commander Joseph Montoya for District 3 of the Denver Police Department and our neighborhood has 28 years of diversified police experience. Commander Montoya and his team will give us an update on crime in our neighborhood, provide safety tips, and answer questions. Commander Montoya directs police services toward building and maintaining safe and healthy neighborhoods.

**RESULTS OF NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC COUNT STUDY** – Cindy Patton, senior planner from Denver Public Works, will present the findings from the Cherry Creek North traffic count study that was conducted in January.

**DENVER ZOO** – Did you know that the Denver zoo is an international leader in sustainability and conservation? Pat Trefry, former trustee and long term zoo trustee, will present and answer questions about the Denver Zoo. She will also talk new zoo babies being born this spring.

**RTD UPDATE** – Our RTD representative, Bill James, will give a report on public transportation in our region, the status of new light rail lines and ways that RTD might work within our area to relieve traffic congestion and parking pressure posed by increased density.

**REFRESHMENTS** – Patxi's Pizza (185 Steele Street). Do you have a passion for fresh deep dish pizza and genuine hospitality? Patxi's embodies what your favorite neighborhood restaurant should be—a warm, welcoming place where you can share a delicious meal with friends and family. Stop in for **Happy Hour** (3-6pm) or enjoy our **Lunch Special**—fresh slices served with a salad and fountain beverage. The website is [www.patxispizza.com](http://www.patxispizza.com).



## DEVELOPMENTS COMING AND PROPOSED FOR CHERRY CREEK NORTH

Over the next 6 to 12 months many major building developments will be occurring in the Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District. The following is a list of these developments and their approval status.

1. **200 - 250 Columbine** – This major project will redevelop the east side of Columbine Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. The development will be comprised of an 8 story office building on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Columbine, a mid-block condominium building of 80 units, and 3 - 5 story condominium building at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Columbine. All buildings will have 1<sup>st</sup> floor retail. Property rezoning has been approved, and building plans are underway.
2. **245 Columbine** – This 7 story office building will replace the old post office building site and will have first floor retail, 5 floors of Class A office space, and 2 condos on the top floor. The property rezoning has been approved, and building plan development and discussion are beginning.
3. **Fillmore Place Apartments** – 33 apartments will be constructed above the Fillmore Place parking deck facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Fillmore and Milwaukee. The new first floor retail space will remove the below ground retail entrances to allow a full 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue presence and visibility. This project is in the City approval process.
4. **Coors Foundation Office Building** – The Coors Foundation is moving to Cherry Creek and will be constructing its office building at the corner of St. Paul and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (the old Aviano and Brandon's Pub sites). The project is approved. 3 of the top 5 Colorado Foundations are located in the Cherry Creek community, and the Coors Foundation will join this prestigious list.
5. **1st Bank Office Tower and Condominium Buildings** – The project was approved several years ago and should begin construction this year. The 8 story office tower at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and St. Paul Street will be the first phase of the project, with the 6 story condominium building facing Steele Street being the future second phase.
6. **1st Avenue and Steele Street Apartment Building** – This controversial proposed 12 story, 175-unit apartment building at the NE corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Steele is in the City approval process.





## CHERRY CREEK REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Data from MLS (as of 2/13/13) comparing CCN residential sales in the past 100 days with the same time period last year shows a leveling off of real estate values. Citywide, values are increasing at the rate of 10%, and no doubt will increase here soon. There are currently 54 properties on the market in Cherry Creek North. Based on the 1800 total number of CCN properties, the properties for sale is close to 3.5%, which is a very low number. A healthy market would be 5-6% of homes for sale. This is consistent with Denver Board of Realtor statistics that show an inventory (properties for sale) to be down 40% this year. Given the limited number of properties for sale in Cherry Creek North, the good news is that properties are no longer remaining on the market for months. Sales are moving quickly, frequently with multiple offers, something that has not been experienced in several years. Buyers are now overlooking modest housing flaws and buying for location, location, location.

## SPRING WINE TASTING AND MORE – Friday, April 12 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

The Spring Wine Tasting is a fun opportunity to meet your Cherry Creek North neighbors and to sample great food and wine provided by local merchants. The setting for our wine tasting is the locally owned **HW Home** showroom of unique home furnishings from around the world located at 199 Clayton Lane. **Vinue Food and Wine Bar** will be pouring several selections from their extensive wine list. **Chateau Liquors** is providing a sampling of some of their great wines. And, **The Vineyard Wine Shop**, Denver's premier wine store, will be pouring tastings of some wonderful wines. **Opus Restaurant & Aria Wine Bar**, a new addition to the neighborhood, will be offering appetizers that highlight their French inspired cuisine. **Continental Deli**, which offers a wide selection of European products in an authentic deli atmosphere, will offer gourmet samplings. And **True Foods Kitchen**, Cherry Creek's new health conscious restaurant, will provide tasty selections that draw inspiration from around the globe.



The cost for this event is \$30. To register send your check (\$30 per person) made payable to CCNNA by Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> – mail to: Ellen West, 449 Columbine Street, Unit C, Denver, CO 80206. Please include the name of each attendee. For more information, email [ellen\\_west@comcast.net](mailto:ellen_west@comcast.net) or call her at 303-377-3867.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CCNNA offers the following social activities so residents can meet other residents and just have fun!

- One of the easiest ways to get to know your neighbors and have fun is to participate in one of the many social activities listed below. Recent reports include:
- CINEMA CLUBS** – great film discussions with one club recently having a behind the scene theater tour and a wonderful Academy Awards party with food and prizes.
  - CAMERA CLUB** – local photo exhibits by George Vago – one of the Club founders and photography instructors.
  - BRIDGE CLUB** – players of all levels welcome for social bridge. See contact information below.

**Book Groups:** Contact Judy Albers, [judyalbers23@aol.com](mailto:judyalbers23@aol.com) for availability in all book groups ■ **Books, Etc. Social Group** (*Books, Movies, TV Shows, etc.*): Contact Linda Miller, [lmiller840@comcast.net](mailto:lmiller840@comcast.net) ■ **Bridge:** Contact Carole Baumbusch at [cbaumbusch@q.com](mailto:cbaumbusch@q.com); 303-663-0020; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening each month. ■ **Bunco Group for Ladies:** Group Leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com) ■ **Cherry Creek Theatre:** Contact Mark Rossman, [info@cherrycreektheatre.org](mailto:info@cherrycreektheatre.org), 303-800-6578 ■ **Cinema Club #3:** Contact Ildy Koepke, [ildy.koepke@gmail.com](mailto:ildy.koepke@gmail.com) ■ **Conversational Spanish Group:** Contact Chris Thompson, [chrishthompson@comcast.net](mailto:chrishthompson@comcast.net) ■ **Dog Walking Group:** Group Leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com) ■ **Hiking** (any morning), **Yoga** (Mon. & Fri. at 7:30 AM—all levels welcome), **Dance Groups** (Mon – Ballroom, Tue – Tango, Wed – Salsa — all at 6-7:00 PM) and **Skiing:** Contact Marilyn Olen for all of these, [castleolen@yahoo.com](mailto:castleolen@yahoo.com) ■ **Men's and Ladies' Golf Group:** Contact Wayne New at [newleeway@msn.com](mailto:newleeway@msn.com) ■ **Photography Club:** Contact Ron Brady, [rbradyconsult@msn.com](mailto:rbradyconsult@msn.com) ■ **Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; Contact Maria Arapakis, [maria@everydayleaders.com](mailto:maria@everydayleaders.com) ■ **Wine Tastings:** To assist with arrangements: Contact Ellen West, [ellen\\_west@comcast.net](mailto:ellen_west@comcast.net) ■ **iPad and Mac Group:** Contact Maria Arapakis, [maria@everydayleaders.com](mailto:maria@everydayleaders.com) ■ Are you interested in **Cycling?** Group leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com)

If anyone is interested in starting a group, please contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com). See CCNNA website [www.ccnneighbors.com](http://www.ccnneighbors.com) for additional information.

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## HISTORY OF HARMAN COLORADO OR CHERRY CREEK NORTH (Part 4)

The entire history by CCN Resident, Helen Christy, is posted on the CCNNA website ([www.ccnneighbors.com](http://www.ccnneighbors.com)).

During Bromwell's Bicentennial Reunion in May 1976 a booklet was published giving the history of the school. "The original frame school stood about where old Bromwell's gym now stands. It was a two story building with a separate room for each grade including a kindergarten. The entire building was heated by a coal furnace which set the school on fire in 1883, and burned it to the ground. The school was replaced by a Colorado sandstone building in 1885. In 1892 The Rocky Mountain News reported in an article on the school that "It contains a library with a large amount of literature which is being added to rapidly."

In 1911 Bromwell again caught on fire. The damage in that fire was greater than it might have been as the horse drawn fire carriages were sent by mistake to Stevens School at 12th and Columbine rather than to Bromwell at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Columbine. Until the school could be repaired classes were held in neighboring homes, disappointing the older students who felt since the school had burned down there would be no classes. The Kindergarten class met in the home of Mrs. Boot who gave them cocoa and cookies at recess, an unexpected bonus. The sandstone school survived fires, but not progress and the needs of the growing population.

In 1976 the sandstone school was demolished (against the wishes of the parents and students) and replaced by the current "open school" model of the times. Today the class rooms have been enclosed again.

With the incorporation of Denver as a County, the jurisdiction of Harman School changed from Arapahoe County to Denver County and in 1906 the Denver School Board changed the name of Harman School to Bromwell Elementary School to honor Judge Henry Pelham Holmes Bromwell. In 1869 Judge Bromwell came to Colorado from Illinois, where he had been very active in politics. Judge Bromwell was born in 1823 to a Quaker family in Baltimore, Maryland. His family moved often, living in various places in Ohio, but eventually settling in Vandalia, Illinois. Bromwell first taught school in Vandalia and worked on the family newspaper, The Age of Steam, but his ambition was to study law which he did while working at the paper. Rather than go to law school he read law in a law office in preparation for the examination which he wanted to pass without making any mistakes. To his chagrin the Board did not examine him at all but gave him his certificate of law in November 1853. Soon after, he was elected County Judge of Fayette County.

## NEW BUSINESSES ADD VITALITY TO THE BID

Wandering through the BID for dinner or shopping, it is exciting to see many new retail businesses opening in the district. Welcome these new businesses and support all of our wonderful unique retailers and restaurants.

- HOME FURNISHING:** **Castles Interiors** (3000 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave); **Essentia** – Natural Memory Foam Mattresses (250 Fillmore); **Flor** (2500 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave) **Jonathon Adler** (158 Fillmore); **Joi** (2445 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave)
- KITCHEN:** **Sur La Table** (121 Clayton)
- Restaurants:** **Ay Carumba** (2817 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave); **Big Easy Creole Kitchen** (250 Steele); **Paxti's Pizza** (185 Steele); **True Food Kitchen** (2800 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave)
- CARDS AND PAPER:** **Paper Source** (201 Fillmore)
- FITNESS:** **Half-Hour Power** (250 Steele)

- BOUTIQUES:** **Alex and Ani** (2827 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave); **Beyond 9** (231 Milwaukee); **Kate Spade New York** (coming)
- FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY:** **Balyeat - La Vie En Couleur** (235 Fillmore)
- BEAUTY; SPA AND FITNESS:** **Fresh Nail, Wax, & Dry Bar** (180 Steele); **Live Love Lash** (275 Clayton)
- JEWELRY:** **SHR Jewelry** (231 Milwaukee)
- KITCHEN:** **Le Creuset** (158 Fillmore)
- FINE MINERALS & ROCK COLLECTING:** **Luster** (2609 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave)

## CHERRY CREEK THEATRE'S DOUBT Now Through March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Doubt: A Parable** is the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play about belief, faith, and the truth and is now playing at the Shaver Ramsey Gallery. The play is a gripping story of suspicion cast on a priest's behavior. In this powerful drama Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. **Doubt** will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Check the website ([www.cherrycreektheatre.com](http://www.cherrycreektheatre.com)) for ticket information.



## ANNETTE WOODWARD Outstanding Volunteer

Our long time CCNNA Board member was honored with the 2012 CHUN Outstanding Volunteer Award. Annette is currently our CCNNA Secretary and one of our representatives to CHUN and INC. We are truly lucky to have her talent and commitment working for our neighborhood.



**Congratulations, Annette!**