

# Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Newsletter

January 2015

## 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 residents.

## NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00 PM

Daniels Fund Building

(Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Monroe – No Street Parking. Use Free Parking Lot on West Side of Building)

### Topic and Speakers

#### Parking, Parking, Parking

The entire meeting agenda will be devoted to the topic of present and future parking in our Cherry Creek area.

Speakers and topics will be:

- Councilwoman Jeanne Robb – Micro-unit parking and small lot development
- Julie Underdahl (BID CEO) – BID parking and traffic management plans associated with BID development
- Barry Hirschfeld (invited/not confirmed)– Micro-unit growth from the developer's perspective
- Wayne New / Dave Leahy – BID Cumulative Traffic Study parking and traffic

## Winter Solstice Reflections and Wishes - 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My old bones whisper to me just what I imagine was felt at Stonehenge and Bethlehem: the snowy skies of winter are surely upon us, but the days are now getting longer. The north winds out of Wyoming may be rattling my skeleton, but my face is bathed by the bright Cherry Creek sun. The road closures gone for the holidays will soon return only in limited edition and the twinkling lights along the shops beckon us to walk arm in arm. Even the beacon-topped building cranes add to the season. Like the season, our neighborhood is changing. There is rejuvenation. Spring is coming, and when it does, we will still be a neighborhood of caring, giving, and imaginative friends. I hope that you and yours enjoyed the happiest of holidays. Now, I wish you the healthiest of new years, and endless love, joy, and peace.

Bob Vogel, President CCNNA

## PHASE 2 OF STORM SEWER PROJECT

We had a short reprieve from storm sewer construction, to accommodate holiday shopping. Phase 2 of the storm sewer project is scheduled to begin in January, and is broken into 4 segments of construction, each lasting 4 weeks. The individual segment approach is intended to mitigate the impact of the project by reducing the footprint of construction at any given time to smaller areas. In conjunction with the Storm Drainage Improvements, Xcel Energy will replace or re-route a section of the natural gas pipeline that serves the businesses and residents in CCN. (1)The first segment of the project will begin on January 12<sup>th</sup> from the Whole Foods parking lot entrance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, moving east to Columbine Street. Both the Whole Foods driveway and the Clayton Lane Garage entrance at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Columbine will remain open at all times though detours will likely be required. This segment is to be completed through the intersection by February 9<sup>th</sup>. (2) The second segment will go north on Columbine to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and turn the corner onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue going east to near Clayton Street. This segment should be completed by March 9<sup>th</sup>. (3)The third segment continues east on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Detroit and turns north on Detroit to the northern edge of the CCN BID. This segment also includes some work to add capacity in Clayton Street north of 3<sup>rd</sup>. (4) The final segment continues north on Detroit to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This segment also adds some capacity on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to relieve some residential flooding risk in that area. The final segment and the overall project is planned to be completed by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Weather permitting, once the pipe work in each segment is complete, the trench will be backfilled and temporary paving applied. The regular work schedule for the project is Monday to Saturday, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. A noise variance to allow expanded work hours has been requested to expedite the project.

Project Website: <http://denverstorm.com>

Public Information and General Project Questions: Richard Marshall, RK Marshall Consulting 303.324.6961  
[rkmarshall@aol.com](mailto:rkmarshall@aol.com)

## CCNNA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER LOU RADERS

Lou Raders has lived at 5 different addresses in Cherry Creek since she moved to Denver in 1985. She now lives with her husband, Phil Johnson, on Clayton Street. An attorney with Kutak Rock LLP, Lou practices finance and real estate law. She participated on the board of Cherry Creek East and on the Cherry Creek District Zoning Technical Task Force before joining the CCNNA board.

## MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

Our mission is “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 residents.” All Cherry Creek North addresses receive the CCNNA Newsletter and all residents are welcome to attend the scheduled Cherry Creek North General Meetings. However, paid members of CCNNA receive additional benefits. Perhaps most importantly, only members receive email notifications, announcements including everything from special invitations to urgent safety warnings to unique opportunities. (Email addresses are kept in strict confidence.)

Members are eligible to join as many CCNNA special interest “clubs” as they wish, including: Book Clubs, Cinema Clubs, Clubs for Photography, Cycling, Hiking, Bridge, Golf, Languages, even Dog-Walking and more. (See this newsletter for more.) Members receive invitations to CCNNA Wine Tastings, Lecture Series, “Dines Out” dinners (where we support local restaurants), and our annual “Spring Fling” event.

Our Safety Committee works as a liaison with our District 3 Police Department relative to crime awareness notification and best crime prevention practices. Our Association closely reviews and monitors development plans and activities, zoning requests, and current construction work, supporting residents on important issues that will maintain and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood.

CCNNA’s membership and fiscal year run from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Become a member! Fill out and return the form included in this newsletter along with your check or, better yet, visit the CCNNA web site ([www.ccnneighbors.com](http://www.ccnneighbors.com)) and join on-line using a credit card. You can opt to become a renewing member and your membership will be automatically renewed each year on October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are not sure of your membership status, email [peterjanderson@ccnneighbors.com](mailto:peterjanderson@ccnneighbors.com). Annual dues are just \$40 per household.

## Social Groups

One of the easiest ways to get to know your neighbors and have fun is to participate in one of CCNNA’S many social activities. CCNNA offers the following activities so residents can meet other residents and just have fun!

**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 Mary Lynn Darcy at [mlbdar@msn.com](mailto:mlbdar@msn.com)

**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:** Contact Terry Cohen, [tpcohen@netscape.net](mailto:tpcohen@netscape.net)

**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 Denny McDougal at [denmcdg@aol.com](mailto:denmcdg@aol.com)

**Mahjong Group:** Contact Cindy Bauer at [cmatbauer@gmail.com](mailto:cmatbauer@gmail.com) (New)

**Lecture Series:** Contact Bob Vogel at [rvogelmd@gmail.com](mailto:rvogelmd@gmail.com) (New)

**CCNNA Dines Out:** Contact John Albers at [johnaaha@aol.com](mailto:johnaaha@aol.com) (New)

**Photography Club:** Contact Ron Brady, [rbradyconsult@msn.com](mailto:rbradyconsult@msn.com)

**Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; Contact Maria Arapakis, [Maria@Mac-Mentor.com](mailto:Maria@Mac-Mentor.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@Mac-Mentor.com](mailto:maria@Mac-Mentor.com)

**Jam Group:** Interested in playing musical instruments? Contact Anne Sandler, [annesandler6@gmail.com](mailto:annesandler6@gmail.com)

**Cycling:** Contact Mary Bryars, [Mary\\_Bryars@Comcast.net](mailto:Mary_Bryars@Comcast.net)

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.

## NEIGHBORS TURN OUT FOR 10<sup>th</sup> CCNNA SALVATION ARMY WORK DAY

The CCNNA annual Salvation Army event was well attended, with 40 neighbors turning out to help sort toys for children and gifts for Seniors into boxes to be transported to various church sponsored Christmas Parties and distributed to those in need. This annual event provides a needed service to the community and good feelings to participants. When the work was completed, CCNNA provided lunch at Las Delicias restaurant. Thanks to Tim David and Denny Head for making the arrangements for this highly successful annual event. We are already on the schedule for the second Saturday in December of 2015. (Picture)

## STAY SAFE THIS WINTER, FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTIONS

The following are precautions that you can take to stay safe in your home and avoid losses from theft:

- ❖ Salespeople must carry a permit. If they can't show it, you may call the police non-emergency number.
- ❖ Solicitations are illegal before 8 a.m. and later than 30 minutes after sunset.
- ❖ If someone rings your bell, let them know you are home even if you don't want to answer. Ask through the door. When someone is casing houses they always have a story about why they are there.
- ❖ Register your bikes. It gives you your best chance for recovering them, if stolen.
- ❖ Keep the doors and windows locked.

## CHERRY CREEK THEATRE OPENS ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> SEASON

It is hard to believe that the Cherry Creek Theatre will begin its fifth season when it opens **ALL MY SONS** by Arthur Miller on Friday, March 6. As usual, performances will be held Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sundays at 6:30. The performances will be at the Shaver-Ramsey Gallery, 2414 E. Third Avenue and will continue until March 29. The second production of the season will be an all-time favorite – **DRIVING MISS DAISY** by Alfred Uhry. This wonderful production will follow the same weekend format and will open on June 5th and close on June 28th. The 2015 season will close with the regional premiere of **SONDHEIM ON SONDHEIM** conceived by James Lapine. This musical will open on October 2 and close on October 25. More information about the plays and ticket ordering information is available at [www.cherrycreektheatre.org](http://www.cherrycreektheatre.org) or by calling the box office at 303- 800-6578.

Thanks to the wonderful support of the community, the theatre has achieved many significant accomplishments in its first four years of existence such as:

- Established the theatre as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization in 2010
- Produced 12 shows in four seasons (2011-2014).
- Averaged 85% capacity for all shows and sold 388 season tickets for the 2014 season.
- Kept positive cash flow since inception
- Over 12,000 people have attended our productions, over 60% coming from outside Cherry Creek North.
- Three of our actors were nominated for Henry awards, Denver's version of Broadway's Tony Awards.
- One actor was nominated for an Ovation award, sponsored by the Denver Post
- Received numerous Marlow and Flomby Awards, including the #9 and #2 show of the year (2012)
- Hired 16 Professional (Actors Equity Association) actors and/or stage managers
- Applied and was approved for funding by Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)
- Listed as an approved non-profit agency by ColoradoGives.org
- Founders (Mark & Maxine Rossman) received a Community Award from Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods
- Commenced acting classes for children in 2014

If you haven't attended one of the performances, this is the year to see what is happening right in your own neighborhood. Live theatre is alive and well in Cherry Creek North!

## BLOCKBUILDERS THRIVING WITH RON BRADY AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Promotion of a neighborhood that is safe and friendly is a major objective of Blockbuilders. Cherry Creek North thrives by being a community where residents know their neighbors. Our Blockbuilder goal is to have one Coordinator on every residential block in Cherry Creek North. Growth, innovation, and outreach have characterized the Blockbuilder program in 2014.

We have grown in our ability to build neighborhood community through block directories and block social functions. We now have a total of 36 block coordinators in our program. Innovation comes with growth as new Coordinators bring a fresh perspective to the program. The addition of our newest block Coordinator, Stephanie Richards, is an example; she is using her creative command of technology in organizing neighbors on Monroe Street. Stephanie planned and executed a progressive dinner for her block early in December that was highly successful. As a result of our growth and innovation we have greatly expanded our outreach. Interested in becoming a Coordinator for your block? Check out our website where you can view a video on Blockbuilders and a list of blocks that do not yet have a Coordinator: [blockbuildersofcherrycreeknorth.com](http://blockbuildersofcherrycreeknorth.com)

## 2014-2015 CCNNA Officers and Committee Chairpersons

### Officers:

**President** Bob Vogel (rvogelmd@gmail.com)  
**Vice President** Kathy Head  
**Secretary** Ingrid Glancy  
**Treasurer** Annette Woodward

**Membership** Peter Anderson  
**Website** Peter Anderson

**Other Board Members:** Arvino Singh, Craig Myers, Wayne New, Lou Raders

### Committees / Chairpersons:

**Newsletter** Kathy Head / Leslie New  
**Zoning** John Albers / Ingrid Glancy  
**Government Relations** Bob Vogel  
**Police Relations/Safety** Kate Taucher  
**Communications /** Kathy Head / Annette  
**Resident Meetings** Woodward

## **Your City Council Representatives**

District 10 Representative	Jeanne Robb	720-337-7710	jeanne.robb@denvergov.org
At Large Representative	Robin Kniech	720-337-7712	kniechatlarge@denvergov.org
At Large Representative	Debbie Ortega	720-337-7713	deborah.ortega@denvergov.org

## **Time to Join or Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2014-5**

**(Annual Membership Year is October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015)**

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.ccneighbors.com](http://www.ccneighbors.com)). CCNNA encourages you to use the credit card system which will allow you the opportunity to provide social activity interest information and optional automatic renewal.

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

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

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

Is this information new? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Benefits:

- 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.

*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.*

Please support our neighborhood and join CCNNA. Please use this form, enclose a check for \$40 (per household), and send to: **CCNNA, PO Box 6010, Denver, Colorado 80206.**

**Next Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 27th 7:00 PM**

**Parking, Parking, Parking**

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