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## Time to Join or Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2015-16

(Annual Membership Year is October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016)

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 *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 \$40 (per household), and send to: **CCNNA, PO Box 6010, Denver, CO 80206.**



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## Next General Resident Meeting

**Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 PM**

- Cherry Creek Greenway Project
- Walk Denver
- Cherry Creek East Shared Goals

# CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

January 2016

**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.

## NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

**Daniels Fund Building**

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

## MEETING TOPICS AND SPEAKERS



**ELLEN ITTELSON, CHERRY CREEK GREENWAY PROJECT:** One mission of the Cherry Creek Area Business Alliance is to implement the Cherry Creek Area Plan which identifies restoring the Creek between University and Colorado and reactivating the parks along it as a high priority. In September, the Business Alliance kicked off this initiative with a clean-up event in partnership with The Greenway Foundation and Denver Parks. Nearly 50 neighbors and business owners pulled junipers, planted trees, painted and picked up trash. The next step is to partner with The Greenway Foundation and Denver Parks to prepare an implementation plan to restore the Creek and activate the adjacent parks. Ellen will discuss the goals and the vision for the future of this section of Cherry Creek and what we can do to help.



**JILL LOCANTORE, POLICY AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF WALKDENVER** will discuss what her group is doing to establish policies and practices that will make Denver a more walkable city. With funding from Kaiser Permanente, WalkDenver has grown from a primarily volunteer-based organization to a professionally-staffed advocacy group. WalkDenver's mission is to provide education, research, and advocacy for policies and practices that lead to a more walkable Denver. Jill has more than 10 years of experience in community planning, with a specific focus on sustainable land use and transportation. In her previous position as Program Director for the national nonprofit PlaceMatters, Jill led the development of the pedestrian data collection tool WALKscope, a joint project of WalkDenver and PlaceMatters. Prior to PlaceMatters, Jill served as Principal Planner for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).



**SUSAN SMERNOFF, PRESIDENT OF CHERRY CREEK EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** will discuss goals that CCE and CCNNA share and opportunities for the two organizations to work together for the ongoing improvement of the greater Cherry Creek Area. Susan has a background in public policy analysis. In her former career, she was a land use planner and Financial Analyst.

## CHERRY CREEK THEATRE LAUNCHES ITS 6<sup>th</sup> SEASON

Mark Rossman, Cherry Creek Theatre Co-Founder and Board Chair, recently announced the 2016 season of the Cherry Creek Theatre with the following exciting plays:



1. Tennessee Williams classic - **The Glass Menagerie**. This play revolves around a young man begrudgingly supporting the family his father has abandoned. It also features a painfully shy and slightly crippled sister character, whose preoccupation with a collection of glass animals draws her away from reality. The play will run weekends from March 4-27.
2. **4000 Miles** by Amy Herzog. After suffering a major loss while he was on a cross-country bike trip, 21 year old Leo seeks solace from his feisty 91 year old grandmother, Vera, in her tiny West Village apartment. Over the course of a single month, these unlikely roommates infuriate, bewilder and ultimately reach each other. The play will run weekends from June 3-26.
3. The season concludes in October with Joe DiPietro's **The Last Romance**, a heart-warming comedy in which Ralph, a widowed senior citizen living with his sister, decides to take a different path on his daily walk . . . one that leads him to an unexpected second chance at love. This production will run weekends from October 7-30.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT OPTION: CREDIT CARDS WITHOUT A PAYPAL ACCOUNT

In order to accommodate CCNNA members who want to pay their annual dues each year by credit card but do not have or want to have a PayPal account, there are now 2 Regular Membership levels; "Recurring" and "Non-Recurring". Recurring members choose to have their annual dues automatically charged to their credit-cards each year on October 1. In order to be a Recurring member, CCNNA residents must have a PayPal account and use it to pay dues. This is because CCNNA does not retain credit-card information for members with which to make the recurring charge. Non-Recurring members can use a credit-card to pay dues for a one year period. While the PayPal site is still used to gather and collect the credit-card information for the one-time charge, no PayPal account is required and no information is retained.

To use a credit-card to pay your dues, login to the CCNNA web site ([www.ccnneighbors.com](http://www.ccnneighbors.com)) using the email address at which you receive CCNNA announcements; go to the "Membership" page and click on the "Join or Renew" link. You will see your current membership level displayed. If you wish to charge only a single year's dues, click on the "Change membership level" button and select "Regular membership (Non-Recurring)". When you get to the PayPal page to pay on-line, select the "Pay with Credit or Debit Card" option and complete the rest of the requested data. Conversely, if you want to be a Recurring member, select "Regular Membership (Recurring)" and enter your PayPal account email on the payment page.

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SALVATION ARMY SERVICE PROJECT

On December 5, about 35 neighbors from Cherry Creek North, including 5 year old Charlie Cost—grandson of CCNNA members, Bill and Dale Rudolph—turned out to sort food and clothing at the Salvation Army warehouse. The Salvation Army is a major provider for housing and feeding the homeless, for low income families in need, and as well for substance abuse support.

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year that CCNNA residents have volunteered their time to support the Salvation Army in helping the needy as our annual holiday project. Food and clothing that is sorted in the warehouse is subsequently distributed to local food banks and shelters. Thanks to all!



*"It feels good and it is good work."*

## 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 CCNNA'S many social activities. CCNNA offers the following activities so residents can meet other residents and just have fun!

- **Block Builders:** Kristin Des Marais, [madagascar5@msn.com](mailto:madagascar5@msn.com)
- **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 Marcel Dorsey at [marceld1217@aol.com](mailto:marceld1217@aol.com)
- **Bunco Group for Ladies:** Group Leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com)
- **CCNNA Dines Out:** Contact Kate Taucher, [ktaucher@mac.com](mailto:ktaucher@mac.com); and Ingrid Glancy, [ingrid@denverfineproperties.com](mailto:ingrid@denverfineproperties.com)
- **Cherry Creek Theatre:** Contact Mark Rossman, [info@cherrycreektheatre.org](mailto:info@cherrycreektheatre.org) or 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)
- **Cycling:** Contact Mary Bryars, [Mary\\_Bryars@Comcast.net](mailto:Mary_Bryars@Comcast.net)
- **Dog Walking Group:** Group Leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com)
- **Golf Group (men and women):** Contact Denny McDougal at [denmcdg@aol.com](mailto:denmcdg@aol.com)
- **Hiking and Skiing:** Group Leader needed Please contact Dick Cohen [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com)
- **Jam Group:** Interested in playing musical instruments? Contact Anne Sandler, [annesandler6@gmail.com](mailto:annesandler6@gmail.com)
- **Ladies Golf:** Contact Kim Bartlett at [normkin.bartlette84@gmail.com](mailto:normkin.bartlette84@gmail.com) or Roz Newman at [newman1329@yahoo.com](mailto:newman1329@yahoo.com)
- **Lecture Series:** Contact Bob Vogel at [rvogelmd@gmail.com](mailto:rvogelmd@gmail.com)
- **Mac/Ipad Group:** Contact Maria Arapakis, [maria@Mac-Mentor.com](mailto:maria@Mac-Mentor.com)
- **Mahjong Group:** Contact Karen Lowenstein at [atkarenwoof@gmail.com](mailto:atkarenwoof@gmail.com) or 513-460-6725
- **Newcomers Group:** Contact Laurie and Claude Pupkin at [lnpupkin@gmail.com](mailto:lnpupkin@gmail.com)
- **Photography Club:** Contact Ron Brady, [rbradyconsult@msn.com](mailto:rbradyconsult@msn.com)
- **Pickle Ball:** contact Dick Baumbusch at [dickbaumbusch@gmail.com](mailto:dickbaumbusch@gmail.com)
- **Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; Contact Maria Arapakis, [Maria@Mac-Mentor.com](mailto:Maria@Mac-Mentor.com)
- **Walking Group:** Contact Karen Dodge at [ksdodge01@gmail.com](mailto:ksdodge01@gmail.com)
- **Wine Tastings:** To assist with arrangements: Contact Ellen West, [ellen\\_west@comcast.net](mailto:ellen_west@comcast.net)
- **Yoga (Mon. & Fri. at 7:30 AM— all levels welcome), Dance Groups (Mon – Ballroom, Tue – Tango, Wed – Salsa — all at 6-7:00 PM)** Contact Marilyn Olen for all of these, [castleolen@yahoo.com](mailto:castleolen@yahoo.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 on membership and groups.

## DENVER CITY COUNCIL HOMELESS RETREAT



On December 11 Councilwoman Robin Kniech and I co-chaired a half day Denver City Council Retreat to brief Council members on national trends in homelessness, Denver's Road Home programs, information from other city efforts, and key issues that need to be addressed for improvement.

Homelessness has become a major issue in our City. Visit Denver reported that visitor comments on convention experience referenced safety concerns with the panhandling and sidewalk sleeping by the homeless on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. Neighborhoods and retailers on or close to Colfax are experiencing quality of life difficulties with homeless sleeping on private property, aggressively panhandling, using alleys and yards as bathrooms, and drug dealing, affecting homeowners and business owners. The key issues identified were:

1. **Housing** – The lack of affordable and homeless housing has been widely publicized in Denver and also has been found to be a common problem in other surveyed cities. It is known that, if homeless individuals must reside on the street and do not have housing, they will be vulnerable, cannot receive sufficient services, and will not break the cycle of homelessness. It is the most critical issue with reducing the difficulties facing the homeless.
2. **Mental Health and Addiction** – A significant percentage of the homeless population has mental health issues that limit their ability to take advantage of available treatment and job training services. Service availability remains limited due to provider and reimbursement limitations. Many homeless face a combination of mental health and addiction problems created by depression, poverty, and support service limitations. It is stated that our 40% of Denver's jail population suffers from mental health issues, substance abuse, and homeless problems.
3. **Job Training** – Many providers can assist with job training and placement but the lack of affordable housing and transportation difficulties hinder the exit from homelessness. Sustained employment is essential for success.
4. **Funding** – Other city survey information indicates a significant difference in funding than Denver provides for homeless services.

Meeting notes will be posted on the City Council website for your review. A second January meeting will be held to discuss improvements, which will be communicated to you with suggestions on ways you can help.

~ Wayne New, Denver City Council, District 10

## CHERRY CREEK LIBRARY ADDS PROGRAMS, THANKS TO CCNNA DONATION

A note of thanks from the Denver Public Library and the staff and customers of the Ross-Cherry Creek Branch reads, "Thank you for selecting us as the beneficiary of your spring 2015 Wine Tasting event. To date, the donation has funded nine unique library programs for all ages. Your generous gift will continue to enrich the neighborhood with programming and events well into 2016".

The donation helped to fund Science Saturdays each Saturday in October offering families fun programs that focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Additionally, funds enabled the Cherry Creek Library to offer four additional Active Minds courses to their outstanding adult educational programs.

The thank you note continues, "We could not have provided this quality and quantity of programming for our patrons without the help from CCNNA. We strive to make a positive impact in the lives of our patrons through engaging, dynamic programming, and CCNNA has been a large part of that this year."



## WINTER IS HERE! KNOW WHAT THE CITY EXPECTS OF YOU

Residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear and safe for pedestrians. According to Denver Public Works, the City requires property owners to clear their walkways so that everyone has safe access throughout the City. Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers depend on clear walkways. For residences, the rule is: once snow has stopped falling, residences have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. CCNNA notes that as a practical matter, waiting until 24 hours after snow has stopped falling makes clean up more difficult and puts pedestrians at risk, so it is suggested that we try to stay ahead of snow build up. If you are going to be traveling, it is your responsibility to arrange for clearing to be done in your absence. For businesses, once snow has stopped falling, they have four (4) hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. To report a problem contact Denver 3-1-1 to provide the address of sidewalks to be cleared.

Pushing snow onto sidewalks and driveways is an unfortunate consequence of plowing any street. According to Denver Public Works, there is no policy for addressing this issue. However, plow operators are expected to be conscientious in their work while recognizing their goal of clearing the street of snow.