

Cook Park News

COOK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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June 25th: The Annual Cook Park neighborhood sale

Our annual neighborhood sale will be held on June 25, 2016 from 8 am to 2 pm. This event has been a long-time tradition of the Cook Park Neighborhood. It's your chance to cash in on your unwanted treasures and put that money to good use purchasing NEW treasures or funding a family vacation.

Deadline to sign up is June 17th.

As organizers of this time-tested shopping extravaganza, your Cook Park Neighborhood volunteers will create a map of all sale participants that will be made available to you electronically. There will be a sign up box at Cook Park Rec Center on the front desk to sign up at to be included on the map. You can print a supply of maps to hand out to at your sale which will help shoppers navigate through the neighborhood. We think you'll agree that it's beneficial to sign up to get the most out of your efforts. We also submit our sale details to the Denver Post and we strategically plant SALE SIGNS around the neighborhood. The neighborhood is all a buzz with shoppers on this eventful weekend!



To join the list of neighbors participating in the neighborhood sale please contact Mary Walsh. To sign up please contact Mary Walsh at wdu5280@gmail.com or (303) 589-1981 or go to the Rec Center to be included on the list and map.

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Our Neighborhood

Cook Park Neighborhood is bordered by Cherry Creek to the North, Evans Avenue to the South, Quebec Street to the East and Holly Street to the West.

President's letter:

Get ready for an action packed summer in the hood. The Cook Park Neighborhood Board will once again bring you a summer calendar of events that will appeal to just about any of us. We have formed committees and divided responsibilities to bring more value to our meetings and more polish to our events. If you would like to join a committee, please contact a board member or email us at cpneighborhood@gmail.com for details.

We routinely use Nextdoor.com and our Facebook page to spread the word about monthly meetings, speakers and events. We hope to touch you all in various voices via a variety of mediums in hopes that we will catch a majority of your attention.

In this newsletter you'll find detail on our summer monthly meetings, the process used to sign up for the neighborhood sale, news about 4th of July and National Night Out. We included a great article on volunteering in hopes to inspire you to help us at one of our events. Each person on the Cook Park board devotes countless volunteer hours throughout each year. They most likely do this work for a variety of reasons but I would venture to guess they all get pleasure out of it or they wouldn't continue to sacrifice hours of personal time towards the position. I hope you'll consider volunteering as well - it's certainly good for the soul.

Thanks for reading!
Nancy Barlow,
President of the CPNA



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meets every
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The EEBA Annual Clean Up 2016

The 2016 East Evans Clean Up FUN Day was a HUGE success again this year. There were 35 neighbors, community leaders and business owners cleaning trash from our corridor. If you attended, we thank you for joining us to help. Together we conquered the trash and debris that settled in the nooks and crannies of our main thoroughfare. After an invigorating few hours outdoors we headed to Milo's for a delicious complimentary lunch. Everyone enjoyed the day and many new friendships were made. Plan to join us next year - you'll be glad you did. Thanks!



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Give your children the gift of (Financial) knowledge

It's almost Father's Day. If you're a dad with young children, you can expect some nice homemade cards and maybe even a baseball cap. But, of course, your greatest reward is spending time with your kids and watching them grow. In return, you can give them a gift – the gift of knowledge. Specifically, in the months and years ahead, teach them the financial skills that can help make their lives easier and more rewarding.

For starters, encourage your children to become savers. You can do this in a couple of different ways. First, set a good example. You might explain to your kids that you want to buy a



certain item, but you are waiting for it to go on sale. Or, if it's a particularly big-ticket item, like an ultra high-definition television, tell your children that you simply can't afford it now, but that you are putting away some money each week until you can. You might even make a chart showing your progress.

Another way to help your children become better savers is to provide them with a monetary incentive. To illustrate: For every dollar they put into a "piggy bank" or an actual savings account, tell them you'll put in, say, 50 cents. They are likely to be pleased and excited by how much faster their money grows with your contribution, and they may well become more motivated to save. Furthermore, you'll be giving them a valuable lesson for later on in life, when they work for a business that offers to match their contributions to a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Unfortunately, many young people, upon taking on their first "career" jobs, either under-contribute to their retirement plans or ignore them completely – thereby making it more likely that, later on in their working lives, they will have to come up with much bigger sums each year to accumulate enough resources for a comfortable retirement.

Learning to save is certainly important – but children should also learn about investing. To help get your children interested in becoming investors, point out that they can actually own shares of companies with which they are already familiar – the companies that make the games they play, the movies they watch and the food they eat. In fact, you could even simulate the investment process by letting them choose a stock and then follow it. To make the results more tangible, use "play" money to represent an initial investment, and add or subtract to the pile to track the ups and downs of the real stock. You might even explain some of the reasons for the stock's movements; for example, if you and your child are following the stock of an entertainment company, and that company produces a blockbuster movie that leads to sequels, spin-offs and merchandise tie-ins, you can point out how these developments have pushed up the company's stock price. You might also explain that while these short-term price movements are interesting – and maybe even fun – to follow, investing is actually a long-term endeavor, and the best investors often hold stocks for many years before selling them.

By following these suggestions, you can help your children acquire good financial habits – and seeing them put these skills to good use can provide you with many happy Father's Days in the future.

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Summer speaker series organized by your Cook Park Neighborhood Association

The Cook Park Neighborhood Association "Speakers Committee" has scheduled three events for our upcoming Summer meetings. We will continue to bring you interesting speakers and topics that are important issues for you to know about.

June 21, 2016: A representative from Parks and Rec will join us to share updates about our own Cook Park and the Rec Center summer activities.

July 19, 2016: Councilman Paul Kashmann will be providing an update of items that city council is addressing.

August 16, 2016: Our new City Auditor, Tim O'Brien will speak to us about recent audits that his office is addressing. The Rec Center closes the 3rd week of August for deep cleaning, therefore THE AUGUST MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CROSS OF GLORY CHURCH, 1991 S. Oneida, Denver 80224.

4th of July bike parade and picnic CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

The 4th of July Bike Parade and Picnic will commence on Mexico and Kremaria at 10:00 am. Plan your bike adornments to win a prize. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with light tasks. Please contact Stephanie Casey at 303.349.8981 or email caseystephanie1@gmail.com if you are able to help.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 2nd Cook Park 6:00 pm

This event is being organized by Nancy Barlow, President of the East Evans Business Association. You can contact her to volunteer at nb@barlowadvertising.com or by calling her office, 303.671.6639. The 2016 event is once again presenting the musical group - "The Highlands Ranch Swing Shift", a robust group of volunteer musicians who play swing and jazz music from the past 80 years. Please join your neighbors again this year to enjoy camaraderie, music in our park, ice cream and assorted food items from local restaurants all at no cost to you. Keep the NNO theme of safety alive and well in our community by joining us to meet your local emergency responders from police and fire departments and your fellow neighbors.

Our National Night Out celebration at Cook Park is typically one of the metro area's largest of the NNO events. Expect nothing less than last year's huge success.

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Welcome Officer Michael Borquez

by Mary Walsh



Our new Community Resource Officer (CRO) Michael Borquez came to District 3 in mid-October 2015. Mike didn't realize what a CRO's duties were until he started. He thought it was attending a few meetings. During that time, he has attended numerous meetings with Neighborhood Organizations and Homeowner Associations. He has never been busier! Mike has 17 years of experience on the force and has worked around the city, including all Districts, Narcotics, and the Impact Team. During his short time in District 3, he has been

the recipient of numerous awards, including the Service Cross, and credited with mentoring George Washington High School students. He has created a "Tips from a Thief" three video series: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmc6mDomJcxDYzMWuROOcQrCMfdEu8Sr>

Mike has also received four Tactical Stars, three Distinguished Service Crosses, Excellence in Community Policing and a Police Merit Award. Mike mentioned that he went from catching the bad guy to dealing with public, keeping them informed and crime prevention. He is available to help the public directly. Mike's area is in District 3 east of Colorado Blvd. He can be reached at 720-913-1183 or mike.borquez@denvergov.org. Officer Borquez is very personable and meets directly with the public on problems or concerns.

East Evans Business Association to host mini trade show mixer

The EEBA will host a mini trade show mixer on Tuesday, June 28th in the Atrium of the Panorama Building, 2055 S. Oneida, 80224. Local business members will be on hand to present their companies or services and answer questions. Refreshments will be served. The mixer will replace the regular monthly meeting and will commence at the usual meeting time of 5:30, ending at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in meeting our local businesses up front and personal is encouraged to attend. The EEBA strives to be vehicle for improvement of the East Evans corridor and its businesses while improving the lives of those that live and work in this unique southeast area of Denver. "We have a great opportunity to show unity in our area for the betterment of all and to partner with our local government leaders to recognize the need for improvement in our area." says EEBA President Nancy Barlow.



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Rummage sales go by many other names, depending on where you are from; they are also known as yard sales, rummage sales, tag sales, lawns sales, or moving sales. Even by another name, the garage sale is an irregularly held, informal sale where people sell their used household goods to make some extra money or to unload unneeded items. People in North America are particularly fond of these sales, making them a regular occurrence throughout the US and Canada, but they are also popular in Australia and are occasionally spotted in other spots throughout the globe.

The history says that the origins of the garage sale are a bit murky in a figurative and literal sense. The roots of the modern garage sale can be found in the word rummage. "Romage" entered the English language as early as the 16th century. It was a nautical term originally relating to how cargo was packed

into the hold of a ship, and then meaning bustle and commotion. Later, in the 18th century, the term would also refer to an exhaustive search. As the word continued to evolve, it came to refer to the great amount of miscellaneous cargo stashed away in the hold of the ship.

It seems that the first actual rummage sales would be held at the docks. Cargo that was unclaimed or damaged would be hauled out of the hold and put up for sale. By the 19th century, this practice was being called a rummage sale, and it would also refer to the sale of damaged or unwanted goods from warehouses or storehouses as well.

By the 1890s, the rummage sale was something that would be held at a communal location such as a park or a church, often for a charitable cause or to raise money for a church. Many people would donate their unused items to be sold off, something that is still common today.

Rummage or garage sales at the home evolved from a tradition that has spanned back centuries. In almost every corner of the globe, it has been common practice for people to set out a few items on a table or blanket in front of their homes to be sold or traded. As our homes and our amount of (often unnecessary) possessions increased the need for modern garage sales was born.

After World War II, people across North America found themselves with a greater amount of money to buy more and more of the new consumer goods and gadgets that were flooding the market throughout the 1950s and into the 1960s. They were also buying homes complete with easy to access driveways and garages. In the 1970s the garage sale became very popular, as these homes became the perfect staging ground for people to sell their unwanted goods and generate some extra money.

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Today garage sales are still a great way to make extra money, to prepare for a move, or to pare down clutter. The internet has taken the garage sale advertising aspect to a whole new level, as people are advertising their sales for days or weeks in advance at no cost to them. These sales are unregulated, with only select municipalities requiring those who wish to hold a sale to obtain a permit. It is estimated that garage sale sales could account for \$2 billion annually!

Famous Yard Sale Finds:

PAID: \$45 WORTH: \$200,000,000

A man bought 65 peculiar glass plates at a Los Angeles warehouse sale in 2000. The plates were later confirmed to be original negatives taken by famed photographer, Ansel Adams

PAID: \$5 WORTH: \$130,000,000

In 2008 a man purchased a box full of old papers at a garage sale for \$5. After he arrived home he found it included a stock certificate for an oil company which was acquired by Coca Cola company worth 1.8 million shares of stock, which was worth \$130 mil.

PAID: \$5 WORTH: \$2,000,000

In 2012 a Las Vegas NV man bought a sketch at a local yard sale that turned out to be an original Andy Warhol painting appraised at \$2 mil.

- Est. 125,000 yard sales each week in the U.S.
- 690,000 people are estimated to purchase something at a yard sale each week.
- 4,967,500 items are sold each week at yard sales
- Estimated weekly revenue from yard sales is \$4,222,375
- Average price of a yard sale item: \$0.85

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The EEBA meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. Local businesses, property owners, non-profits and neighbors are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the EEBA is to improve the quality of life on Evans and its surrounding neighborhoods and to support our business community.

The Panorama Building, 2055 S. Oneida St.
Denver 80224 at 5:30 pm, lower level

- June 28
- July 26
- August 23

Today is a gift *by Pastor Mike Lemke*

My friend Liz passed away a couple of weeks ago. Having been diagnosed with terminal cancer, she had been in hospice care for the past year. Her church was between pastors and I had been asked to bring communion to her from time to time.

Close to 80 years old, she had had an extremely difficult life. At the age of 17, having come through war-torn Germany, Liz immigrated by herself to the United States. She taught herself English and worked in sewing factories to make ends meet. Liz met her husband Paul while in New York City. When Paul passed away in 1992, Liz moved to Denver a year there after.

Liz did not talk much about Germany. She chose to spend our conversations talking about her two sons. I knew as the months went on that it became increasingly more difficult for her to visit with me. As always, however, Liz rose to the occasion. Though oftentimes exhausted, even unable to walk easily across the room, she greeted me with a genuine, warm and inviting smile. I would ask her about her pain. She said that discomfort was her constant companion but that she was attempting to center her thoughts on more positive things. Liz reiterated many times over the course of the year that it did not do much good to complain.

At her funeral, I mentioned Liz' resolve to forever remain optimistic even against the backdrop of concerning illness. I spoke of a passage from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi in which Paul, writing from prison, invited readers to focus thoughts and hearts on things worthy of excellence and praise.

Too often, we make mountains out of molehills. We are irked by the smallest of things... a person looks at us wrong... we are cut off in traffic... we occasionally have to wait in lines.

I said at Liz' funeral that I was going to try to be shaped positively by her commendable example. Having so many reasons to complain about her lot in life, Liz chose to center her thoughts and heart on things worthy of excellence and praise. She repeatedly remarked that it cost nothing to smile at even strangers. She contended that it was just as easy to say something nice about someone else then to say something hurtful.

My friend Liz passed away a couple of weeks ago, but her spirit lives on. The lessons that she taught her two sons and extended family will live in and through those she loved. And as for a pastor friend of hers who was privileged to meet with her regularly, well, let's just say then I am going to try to be positive today, realizing that life is too short to be negative and grouchy. Though we have heard it said many times, Liz reiterated the truth of the saying: Today is a gift... that is why it is called the present!

And you? How will you choose to meet the challenges of today?

Pastor Mike Lemke

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Benefits of volunteering #1: Volunteering connects you to others

One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.



Volunteering helps you make new friends and contacts. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities.

Volunteering increases your social and relationship skills. While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice and develop your social skills, since you are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests. Once you have momentum, it's easier to branch out and make more friends and contacts.

Benefits of volunteering #2: Volunteering is good for your mind and body

Volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health. Volunteering increases self-confidence. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals.

Volunteering provides a sense of purpose. Older adults, especially those who have retired or lost a spouse, can find new meaning and purpose in their lives by helping others. Whatever your age or life situation, volunteering can help take your mind off your own worries, keep you mentally stimulated, and add more zest to your life.

Volunteering combats depression. A key risk factor for depression is social isolation. Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn protects you against stress and depression when you're going through challenging times. Working with pets and other animals has also been shown to improve mood and reduce stress and anxiety.

Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. The physical activity involved in certain forms of volunteering—such as environmental projects in parks, nature reserves, or beaches—can be good for your health at any age, but it's especially beneficial in older adults. Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not, even when considering factors like the health of the participants. Volunteering has also been shown to lessen symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease.

What's happening with the Highline Canal?

Courtesy of the High Line Canal Conservancy

The High Line Canal is at a time of transition and the Highline Canal Conservancy is asking for your help to plan for its future! They believe the engagement from our neighborhood is very important to this process.

The High Line Canal Conservancy will soon launch the first phase of a 2-part planning initiative for the High Line Canal - "Adventure on the Canal: Charting our Course for the Next Century." The goal of this public outreach and vision planning phase is to develop a shared vision for the Canal that will guide the future planning process.

Input from Denver Neighborhoods, especially given some of their proximity to the Canal, is vital to this planning process and they're looking to you and our community to help them write the story for the Canal's next century! Will you share this information with your networks?

Each set of community open houses represents an important chapter in the mission to chart the High Line Canal's course for the next century. Together, the four open house series follow the arc of a typical story, starting with Chapter One - "Our Journey Begins" the week of June 6. Please invite your constituents to come to share their ideas and give feedback at one of these events on June 8th and 9th.

Their website posts documents to provide more detail - they ask that you share them with your networks to ensure their voice is heard. In addition, there is always up-to-date information on their website and social media channels: highlinecanal.org/community/, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

This is an exciting opportunity for Colorado residents from communities spanning 71 miles to come together to explore a shared vision for the future of the Canal. They greatly appreciate your efforts to get our community engaged in the visioning process.

Join them for these open houses to shape the Canal's future. Mark your calendars, and invite your friends and neighbors! Each phase will have several identical sessions in different locations throughout the region.

THE CANAL TODAY

As one of the longest (over 71 miles) continuous urban trails in the country, the Canal twists through the most populated area of Colorado while crossing multiple and varied communities. Over 350,000 residents reside within one mile of the Canal and recent data indicates that annually more than 500,000 people use the Canal as a recreational asset.

THE FUTURE OF THE CANAL

The Canal is at a turning point in its future - a point at which, we, the community, need to be proactive to envision uses for the Canal and its greenway that will preserve and enhance the well-loved qualities of this incredible environmental and recreational asset.

A FORK IN THE ROAD: CHAPTER TWO:

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 - 11am-1:30pm, Expo Rec. Center

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 - 4-8pm, Eloise May Library

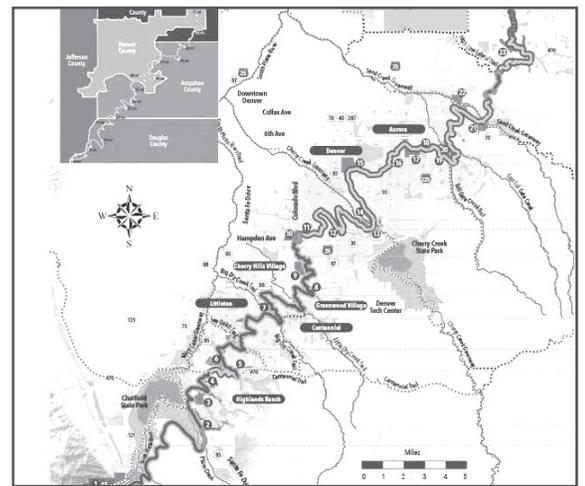
Thursday, July 21, 2016 - 4-8pm, Eisenhower Rec. Center

OUR STORY: CHAPTER THREE:

September 7 and 8 - More details coming soon.

LOOKING AHEAD: CHAPTER FOUR:

October 19 and 20 - More details coming soon.



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One Vote Can Make the Difference *By Barbara Fallon*



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- In 1778, the Continental Congress defeated - by one vote - a bill that would have made German our official language.
- In 1800, after a tie in the Electoral College, the House of Representatives elected Thomas Jefferson instead of Aaron Burr.
- In 1845, one vote brought the state of Texas into the Union.
- In 1859, Oregon was admitted into the Union as the 33rd state by one vote.
- In 1860, California became the 31st state by one vote.
- In 1868, one vote acquitted President Andrew Johnson at his impeachment trial.
- In 1876, Rutherford B. Hayes won the White House by a lone vote in Congress after the Electoral College deadlocked. (And the Indiana congressman who put Hayes over the top had won his own seat by a single vote.)
- In 1889, Washington, the 42nd state, won admission into the Union by one vote.
- In 1890, one vote made Idaho the 43rd state in the Union.
- In 1940, one vote made the draft for WWII.

- In 1948, Truman carried Ohio and California by an average of one voter per precinct.
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City Park Jazz FREE concert schedule



City Park Jazz is celebrating its 30th anniversary season of FREE Sunday concerts in the park.

“In celebration of our Pearl Anniversary, we have booked many local fan favorites,” says Bob Nelson, President of the non-profit City Park Jazz Board of

Directors. “This season we have Lannie Garrett, Hazel Miller and Chris Daniels, among many other talented artists.”

The season spans 10 Sunday evenings from 6–8 p.m. starting June 5th. The free concerts are staged at the City Park Pavilion.

- 6/5/16: Euforquestra
- 6/12/16: Lannie Garrett in Swing Sets – Benny Basie & Beyond
- 6/19/16: Hazel Miller
- 6/26/16: Otis Taylor
- 7/3/16: Ritmo Jazz Latino
- 7/10/16: Heavy Heavies
- 7/17/16: Selina Albright
- 7/24/16: SuperCollider with Very Special Guest Erik Deutsch
- 7/31/16: Imagine featuring Melvin Seals (Jerry Garcia Band), Ray White (Frank Zappa), Damon Wood (James Brown) & Friends
- 8/7/16: Chris Daniels & the Kings with Freddi Gowdy

The 2016 season will begin June 5th and continues each Sunday night from 6-8 p.m through August 7th. The free concerts are at the Pavilion in City Park. Please remember the City Park rules in order to keep this a fun family event:

No alcohol over 3.2%

No glass

No marijuana

No motorized vehicles including motorcycles and scooters are allowed in the pedestrian area which is defined by gates

More information about Denver park rules and regulations >

Glass bottles are NOT permitted in the park. Please bring aluminum cans or plastic bottles instead. Enjoy some of Denver’s finest food truck fare at affordable prices.

For information on supporting City Park Jazz as a sponsor or volunteer, see the web site at www.CityParkJazz.org.

Local Real Estate News

Denver’s market is still on the rise. Here is an overview from Debbie Vandre. For more information on our neighborhood, contact Debbie Vandre at 303-517-0891 or email her at Debbie@VandreProperties.com

Homes Priced Below \$400,000

3 Sold Avg Sold Price \$331,667

4 Under Contract Sold 97% of List price

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6 Under Contract Sold 99% list price.

5 Active

Average Days on Market 30

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Denver's Sidewalk Problem *by Barbara Fallon*

Cook Park Neighborhood's March meeting featured a "WalkDenver" program with speaker Jill Locantore. Councilman Paul Kashmann, who frequently attends CPNA's meetings and contributes city updates, chairs Denver's Sidewalk committee and provided the city's budgetary and operational overview to the sidewalk issue. Information provided about sidewalk problems should be of interest to many. For if you are ever a walker, or push a stroller, or have a disability, you know Denver's neighborhoods have, in current language, "walkability" challenges.

What's the reason for Denver's cracked, broken, or missing sidewalks?

Denver places responsibility for sidewalk construction and repair on private property owners. This system works relatively well for new or redevelopment projects. However, it does not address large portions of Denver built without adequate sidewalks. Enforcement of the policy is minimal, resulting in inconsistent and deficient sidewalks throughout the city.

What are some results of Denver's "no policy" policy? Safety is a primary concern for all. Between 2008 and 2011, an average of 350 pedestrian/motor vehicle crashes were reported each year in Denver, resulting in an average of 232 pedestrian injuries and nearly 7 pedestrian fatalities yearly. One-third of Americans do not – or cannot – drive an automobile and need transportation options. Low-income neighborhoods are the least likely to have sidewalks, marked crosswalks and other traffic safety measures. Low-income areas have more than double the pedestrian fatality rates of wealthier neighborhoods.

What are solutions to Denver's sidewalk problem?

A proposal offered is that Denver should assume responsibility for sidewalk construction and maintenance and establish a dedicated funding source for this purpose. It is also proposed that the city incorporate sidewalks into routine roadway maintenance programs, including assessment and repair of existing facilities. There also needs to be a system to track spending on sidewalks and pedestrian "facilities".

How about the cost which needs to be reasonable, fair, and accountable? In Englewood, Colorado, property owners opt-in for a fee paid into a "concrete utility fund." The cost is \$0.123 per square foot of concrete in the public right-of-way charged to each property owner's water bill. Needed repairs are rated 1-6 with 6 being a critical need for repair work. Ninety-five percent of homeowners participate.

A possible sidewalk funding method for Denver was proposed by Denver Public Works in 2002 for sidewalk construction and maintenance through a property fee of \$1 per linear foot of street frontage sidewalk. This is based on a 50-year lifecycle for the improvements. Updated 2015 estimated costs are \$1.25 per linear foot per year with a replacement rate of 2% or 1.72 million square feet of sidewalk per year.

How do neighbors keep informed about sidewalks and other neighborhood and city issues? Join us at CPNA's monthly meetings. We are frequently joined by Councilman Paul Kashmann and Denver Police Community Resource Officer Mike Borquez on city and safety issues. Knowing neighbors, our neighborhood leaders, and the issues that confront us make stronger and better neighborhoods. See you there!

A "typical" lot is about 50 feet wide, so an annual fee of \$1.25 per linear foot would be \$62.50.

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Everyone is invited to attend the Pro Police Rally Colorado (PPRCO)

Pro Police Rally Colorado (PPRCO) is a non-partisan grassroots movement combining community organizations and like-minded individuals for the support of local law enforcement while empowering the community with a united voice.

The unity of our community affects us all. Over the past year, Pro Police Rally Colorado has brought together leaders and organizations from across the broadest spectrum of belief and purpose to foster unity in support of those who serve and protect. Fundamentally, we all share the same goals: to raise our families in a safe community, fulfilling work to support our families, and greater opportunities for our children than we had ourselves.

Nationwide, as of March 29th, fifteen police officers have been shot and killed in the line of duty. That is an increase of 150% from last year at this time. Three of those officers are from Colorado. We seek to reclaim the connection, not lost, but strained, between our people and our protectors. PPRCO's goal is to also ensure that our young people can grow and thrive in a community where they feel safe and can respect the authority and service of our first responders.



In a continuing effort to ease the strains between the public and law enforcement, PPRCO is coordinating the 2nd annual Colorado Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 17, 2016 at Civic Center Park in Denver from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This event incorporates appreciation for law enforcement and a youth job fair, educational programs, live music, food, law enforcement and military recruiters.

For more information, contact Ron Maclachlan, Founder, Pro Police Rally Colorado propolicerallyco@gmail.com, 720-446-6823

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What you need to know about The Emerald Ash Borer - A threat to our Ash Trees

by Stephanie Casey

Emerald ash borer (EAB) was confirmed for the first time in Colorado, in the City of Boulder in 2013. The destructive, non-native insect now poses an emerging and serious threat to Colorado's urban and community forests. Emerald ash borer attacks and kills all true native North American ash trees, including green, white, black and blue ash, and their cultivars (including "autumn purple ash," a popular white ash varietal in Colorado). This pest kills stressed and healthy trees and is so aggressive that ash trees may die within two years after they become infested.

The 1/2-inch long, dark green adult beetles are active from late May through July, as they feed on ash trees and lay eggs on the bark. After hatching, the resulting EAB larvae tunnel into the bark to feed in the phloem and outer sapwood layers of the tree, producing galleries that girdle and ultimately kill the tree within two to four years. These expanding S-shaped galleries can be located when the bark is removed.

EAB adults typically fly up to a half-mile from where they emerge to infest new trees. Distribution of the pest over much longer distances is possible due to people transporting ash firewood, logs, nursery stock or other wood. It is possible for EAB to infest an ash tree for up to four years before visible signs of decline in the tree occur.

Emerald ash borer was first confirmed in North America in 2002 in southeastern Michigan. It likely arrived in the U.S. several years earlier, probably via ash wood pallets or wood packing material.

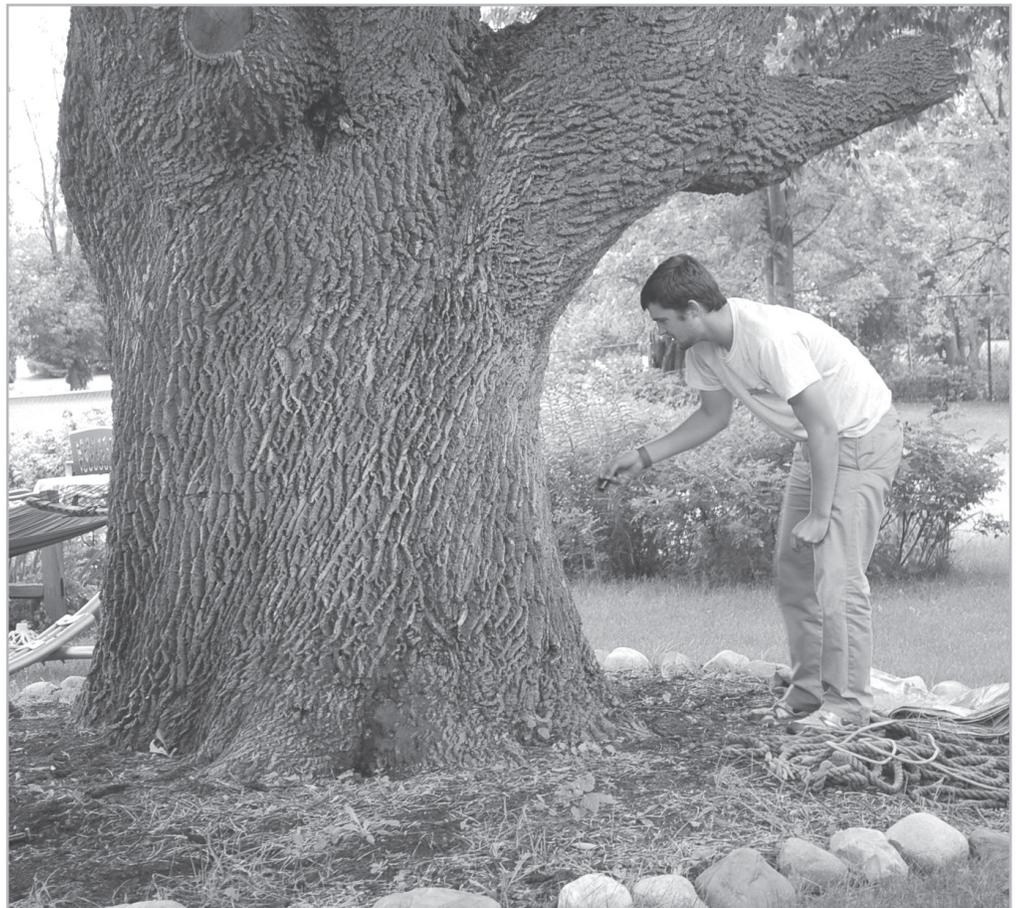
EAB now poses a serious threat to Colorado's urban and community forests, where ash trees comprise an estimated 15 percent or more of all trees. The Metro Denver area alone has approximately 1.45 million ash trees, which provide an estimated \$82 million annually in services including stormwater mitigation, energy savings and increased property values.

Although to date EAB has only been detected within the City of Boulder, it will not remain there. For communities on Colorado's Front Range and northeast plains, it's only a matter of time before this pest will arrive. And without ongoing treatment, any infested tree will die.

Is your tree infested? Here are warning signs of infestation. If you spot any, contact a certified arborist to inspect the tree.

- Leaves thin and die on the upper third of the tree. The dying leaves spread downward.
- Bark splits vertically.
- Bugs puncture through bark on the tree limbs and trunk, leaving D-shaped holes about one-eighth of an inch wide, smaller than a penny.
- Larvae leave S-shaped trails beneath the tree bark.
- Woodpeckers feed on the tree more frequently.
- Sprouts of leaves grow from the roots and trunk.

Homeowners should proactively treat their healthy ash trees to avoid infestation, and residents with infected trees must decide whether to treat or remove the trees after consulting with a certified arborist, highly rated tree service experts say. According to Brian Runyan, a certified arborist, "If you have an ash tree, it either needs to be treated, or you're going to lose it," he says. "There's 100 percent certainty your ash tree will die if left untreated." For more information go to www.saveyourash.com





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