

Cook Park News

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What's up with the Kmart building?

by Nancy Barlow, President of the East Evans Business Association

The vacant Kmart building has been the hot topic of discussion for several years. It's undoubtedly an eyesore to our corridor and recently had become a convenient location for vagrants to camp out. Thanks to our local police, District 3, the later problem has been controlled. The following is great news about positive change possible for our community.

In May, Mayor Hancock was guest speaker at the East Evan Business Association meeting. Members and guests asked the Mayor questions of concern for our corridor and by no surprise, what to do with Kmart was once again a focal point.

At the July meeting of the EEBA, our speaker was Tracy Huggins, Executive Director of Denver Urban Renewal. DURA partners with communities and city agencies to ensure redevelopment is done thoughtfully and carefully. Thanks to the EEBA and our City leaders, Kendra Black, Paul Kashmann and Mayor Hancock we now have movement that could be promising for redevelopment of the Kmart location. A blight study on the property was initiated in mid July.

Tracy shared with us the process that would necessary to finally provide a solution for our community. Through its redevelopment efforts, DURA provides financing for projects that otherwise would not be feasible. Redevelopment provides an *(cont. on page 2)*



President's letter:

There's a heck of a lot of great things happening in our neighborhood!

Our fingers are crossed that we will have movement on the Kmart building and adjacent properties. This won't happen quickly but for the most part, our city officials are working on our behalf to initiate change.

Our summer events were well attended and could not happen without volunteers coming forward to devote hours of their personal time to organize and invite local businesses and individuals to financially support us.

Some of the articles in this newsletter were derived from speaker presentations over the past few months. If you aren't a regular visitor at our meetings you will get a flavor of what value our speakers bring to our community. Neighbors are encouraged to attend to ask questions and come away with a better understanding of valuable resources in our great city.

Please note we have a few new advertisers this Fall Make a point to support them if you can. Their commitment to our newsletter is vital to our ability to sustain.

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Thanks for reading!

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anchor for further revitalization, enables affordable housing development, creates jobs, improves property values, generates new tax dollars and ensures investment in public amenities such as schools, infrastructure and art. DURA's involvement is needed because there are unique challenges in areas that have been determined to be blighted. Previously developed sites can be burdened with contamination from years of neglect or through prior uses, making redevelopment costly. Many of these sites have deteriorated, negatively impacting the surrounding neighborhoods and making the location less than desirable for new businesses. With such problems plaguing a site, there is little appeal for private developers to redevelop the site, and it can sit untended indefinitely. The tools provided to DURA through urban renewal support and encourage redevelopment of such sites, making the community safer and more productive, and generating new permanent tax revenues for schools and other special districts in the area.

Urban renewal is the act of revitalizing a failing urban area in order to restore economic vitality and improve the safety of the area. The urban renewal statute can be used for development, as well as redevelopment. Understanding that redeveloping urban areas is much harder and more expensive than new development, Colorado has empowered local authorities with certain tools, including tax increment financing, to encourage urban renewal activities.

There are several points when the public can provide input in the urban renewal process. A developer may seek neighborhood input on a project even before coming to DURA for assistance. DURA engages the community through presentations and neighborhood meetings. When a redevelopment plan reaches Denver City Council for approval, the public has another formal opportunity to comment. Colorado Urban Renewal Law requires a public hearing on every plan before Denver City Council takes action, and that public notice is given not less than 30 days before the hearing in a general circulation newspaper. All property owners, residents and owners of business concerns in the proposed urban renewal area must receive written notice of the public hearing.

Urban renewal is critical to the success of local communities and the long-term prosperity of citizens living in urban areas. Without urban renewal, there would be no incentive for developers to tackle the challenges associated with redevelopment. In turn, blighted urban areas could see increased crime and safety problems, while continued growth on the fringes of communities could add to the problem of urban sprawl. Thanks to urban renewal, DURA has been able to save older parts of town and make significant improvements to communities in Denver.

We will continue to keep you updated as to the progress through DURA's efforts.

2017 GO Bond - Denvergov.org

In November Denver voters will be asked to decide whether to authorize \$937.5 million in General Obligation Bonds to restore, replace, and expand infrastructure and capital assets across the city. The projects have been divided into seven categories:

- Transportation and Mobility
- Cultural Facilities
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- Public Facilities

Voters will be asked to vote on each category of GO Bonds. For more information about the General Obligation (GO) Bonds, go to www.denvergov.org and search Department of Finance, Denver 2017 GO BOND. The website provides answers to frequently asked questions, plus a link to the complete list of projects.

Diversify Your Investments... But Consolidate Your Providers

You have probably heard that diversification is a key to investment success. So, you might think that if diversifying your investments is a good idea, it might also be wise to diversify your investment providers – after all, aren't two (or more) heads better than one?

Before we look at that issue, let's consider the first half of the "diversification" question – namely, how does diversifying your investment portfolio help you?

Consider the two broadest categories of investments: stocks and bonds. Stock prices will move up and down in response to many different factors, including good or bad corporate earnings, corporate management issues, political developments and even natural disasters. Bond prices are not immune to these dynamics, but they are usually more strongly driven by changes in interest rates. To illustrate: If your existing bond pays 2 percent interest, and new bonds are being issued at 3 percent, the value of your bond will fall, because no one will pay you full price for it. (Of course, it may not matter to you anyway, especially if you planned to hold your bond until maturity, at which point you can expect to get your full investment back, providing the bond issuer doesn't default.)

Here's the key point: Stocks and bonds often move in different directions. If you only own U.S. stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn, but if you own domestic and international stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other types of investments, your portfolio may be better protected against market volatility, and you'll have more opportunities for positive results. (Keep in mind, though, that even a diversified portfolio can't prevent all losses or guarantee profits.)

So, it clearly is a good idea to diversify your investment portfolio. Now, let's move on to diversifying financial service providers. Why shouldn't you have one IRA here and another one there, or enlist one advisor to help you with some types of investments and a different advisor assisting you with others?

Actually, some good reasons exist to consider consolidating all your investment accounts with one provider. For one thing, you'll keep better track of your assets. Many people do misplace or forget about some of their savings and investments, but this will be far less likely to happen to you if you hold all your accounts in one place. Also, if you have accounts with several different financial service providers, you might be incurring a lot of paperwork – and many fees. You can cut down on clutter and expense by consolidating your accounts.

But most important, by placing all your accounts with a single provider, possibly under the supervision of a single financial advisor, you will find it much easier to follow a single, unified investment strategy, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You won't get conflicting advice and you'll receive clear guidance on important issues, such as the amounts you can afford to withdraw each year from your retirement accounts once you do retire.

Diversification and consolidation – one is good for building an investment portfolio, while the other can help you invest more efficiently and effectively. Put the two concepts together, and make them work for you.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



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Breast cancer awareness month

by Stephanie Casey

Did you know...October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month? BCAM, also referred to in America as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM), is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. The campaign also offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer.

NBCAM was founded in 1985 in October as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries (now part of AstraZeneca, producer of several anti-breast cancer drugs). The aim of the NBCAM from the start has been to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer.

In 1993 Evelyn Lauder, Senior Corporate Vice President of the Estee Lauder Companies, founded The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and established the pink ribbon as its symbol, though this was not the first time the ribbon was used to symbolize breast cancer. In the fall of 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation had handed out pink ribbons to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors.

A variety of events around the world are organized in October, including walks and runs, and the pink illumination of landmark buildings. In the United States, the National Football League promotes breast cancer awareness by incorporating pink on and off the field. In October 1983 the Race for the Cure was held for the first time in Dallas, Texas, where 800 people participated. According to the organizers, by 2002 the number of participants reached 1.3 million and the event was held in over 100 US cities. The event is also being organized in several other parts of the world.

There are various two-day-long walks to raise money for breast cancer research institutes. The Susan G. Komen 3 Day "For the Cure" is a 60-mile fundraising walk, which is spread across 3 days, raises money for breast cancer research. This walk, occurs in several cities in the United States. The Breast Cancer 3-Day was previously sponsored and managed by Avon and is held in countries around the world.

Male breast cancer, which is rare, is generally overlooked. In 2009 the male breast cancer advocacy groups, Out of the Shadow of Pink, A Man's Pink, and the Brandon Greening Foundation for Breast Cancer in Men, joined together to globally establish the third week of October as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week".

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast cancer is the second most common newly diagnosed cancer and second leading cause of cancer death among women in the US. Show your support in October by scheduling your mammogram, learning how to identify signs and symptoms, learning how to reduce your risks and wear pink!



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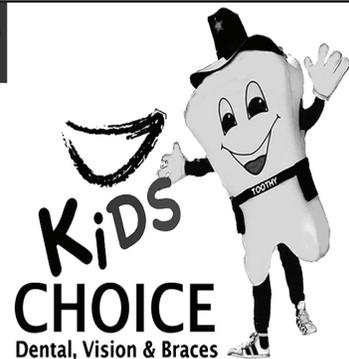
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by Neighbor, Judy Vanderbosch, Master Gardener

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How to control adult Beetles

1. Identify that you have Japanese Beetle in your yard. They will be attractive, metallic green with coppery wing covers and along the sides are 5 patches of white hairs. They are oval and 8 to 12 mm in length. They fly.

2. Decide the method to rid them from your plants. You can get trap bags, or pick them off with your hands and throw into a bucket of water

with soap suds. Or do what we did and get out your shop vac. Pour water into the container and add 1 table spoon dish soap. Vacuum the beetles right off the plant.

3. Do not squish these beetles because they release a hormone and attract more beetles.



How to control the grubs in your lawn

1. Identify grubs. Japanese beetle grubs are white, C-shaped, six legs, up to 2.5 mm long. They can be distinguished from other grub by the pattern of hair on the hind end of the abdomen which forms a V shape.

2. How do you get rid of them? About 2 months before the ground freezes apply Milky Spore. (we purchased St Gabriel Organic Milky Spore on line). It is a safe application to rid your lawn of grubs up to 10 years. It can be expensive and you may want to share your package with a neighbor if you have a small yard like we do. Or ask your lawn caretaker to use a safe non toxic remedy. Something that is safe for your children and pets and the wildlife.

For more information and a picture go to the Colorado State University:
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by Xcel Energy

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- ALWAYS assume that electric lines and equipment are energized, even when overhead lines are lying on the ground and/or equipment is damaged.
- Before working outside, always look up and all around for overhead electric lines.
- Keep yourself and any tool you're using at least 10 feet away from overhead electric lines and carry all tools horizontally, especially ladders.
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A letter from Milo's Tavern

by, TC Clark, Owner and Operator, Milo's, Monaco and Evans

It has been my pleasure to be a part of this neighborhood for over 8 years as a business owner and as an ambassador through my affiliation with East Evans Business Association. I've come to know many residents of Cook Park over the years and I'm proud to call many of you friends.

As many of you know, I am very passionate about our neighborhood, both from a professional and personal perspective. I have spent time and energy with business owners, residents, and city officials trying to collaborate and ignite a movement towards creating the right vision for us to grow appropriately.

Milo's has been a part of the many rumors swirling in our area as to an uncertain future. It is my intention to set the record straight. I do not own the property or the building that Milo's resides so I am unfortunately at the behest of the property owners. Yes, my landlord will be redeveloping the corner at Monaco and Evans. And yes, Milo's will most likely not be a part of that redevelopment. That's the bad news. BUT... the good news is Milo's isn't going anywhere anytime soon. We have signed an extension and will be here a few more years. More good news is that our landlord has been in direct contact with city officials and is aligning her redevelopment strategy with the city's vision for the neighborhood.

It has been a sincere privilege to be a part of this neighborhood for the better part of a decade. My children have literally grown up in Milo's. We are a proud, locally owned and operated business that loves calling Denver home. You'll be seeing some changes inside and out over the next six to twelve months as we spruce the joint up a bit to better serve everyone. So, please stop by again or pop in for a first time visit. We've got great food and even better people hanging out, enjoying each other's neighborhood company. Thanks again for all of your support, Cook Park Neighbors. We look forward to serving you in the future.
- Thomas "TC" Clark

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We love meeting new faces!

Ask your Realtor: *By Debbie Vandre*

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More and more sellers today are seeing the value of investing in a pre-inspection while preparing to list. Whether or not you are confident in the condition of the home, an inspection can either give us the professional, third party validation or reveal issues you should attend to before listing your property – or issues a buyers inspection could surface later making them a part of the final price negotiation and omit delays in closing. We are the professionals with the highest quality inspectors and vendors, thus securing the highest and best price in the shortest amount of time.

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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

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5 Active

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National Night Out 2017

Did you attend the 2017 National Night Out celebration at Cook Park? This year's event was once again a success. If you missed it please consider attending next year. National Night Out happens all over the country on the 1st Tuesday of August. We are fortunate to hold the largest NNO event in the city of Denver. Our event brings together 100s of neighbors from Cook Park, Virginia Village, Glendale and beyond to listen to great music, enjoy free food and traditional ice cream sundaes. We meet local businesses that hand out free trinkets and information. We greet our local responders and talk with them about issues that concern us. And, we have a great time! Our thanks go out to the Cook Park Rec Center for their generous use of the grounds, tables and chairs. The Glendale Target donates all of the ice cream every year. Local Boyscout Troop 376 came early to help set up and present the flag at the opening ceremony. Thank you to volunteers from the neighborhood, the EEBA and CPNA! And, thank you to Councilman Kashmann for your generous sponsorship of this year's event.

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News from the East Evans Business Association

by Nancy Barlow, President of the EEBA

The EEBA Board will be taking the rest of the year off to re-structure the organization. Monthly meetings will be suspended.

We want to thank each and every one of our members and attendees for your contributions over the past 5 years. We have come a very long and successful way with your help. Together we have been a powerful voice for our corridor. We are now at the crossroads for change.

The Board will be evaluating our present structure, procedures, policies, and membership initiatives throughout the remainder of the year. We will keep you apprised of our solutions and will announce our plan in early 2018!

Again. There will be NO MEETINGS for the remainder of the 2017. We look forward to a new era of supporting the prosperity of the East Evans Corridor and will continue our work with businesses, government and our community.

Fall Cook Park meeting speakers *By Ed Hornung*

Fall upcoming presentations: Meetings at the Cook Park Recreation Center, 5:30 pm

- Tuesday, September 19,
- Tuesday, October 17, Denver Parks and Recreation Commissioner's officer
- Tuesday September 19, 'Vision Zero'; their goal: to eliminate auto related injuries and deaths in Denver especially for pedestrians.

Additionally, City Councilman Paul Kashmann and Denver Police Department Community Resource Officer Mike Borquez speak at our monthly meetings and address community concerns.

Speakers that we had: 2017

- January, Denver Water
- February, Animal Protection
- March, Better Business Bureau
- April, Virginia Village Head Librarian
- May, County Judge Colleen Clark
- Xcel Energy, a discussion about safety
- State Senator Lois Court, District 31
- Tuesday, August 15, Denver Health

A successful 2017 4th of July bike parade and picnic

By Stephanie Casey

This year's annual July 4th bike parade and picnic proved to be very well attended and was a huge success (even though we changed the meeting place and the location). Our neighbors celebrated independence with lots of food, prizes, face painting and FUN! Based on the number of hot dogs cooked and served about 200 neighbors gathered at the Cook Park Rec Center parking lot in all of their glory and festive attire. Young and old were decked out in all kinds of red, white and blue outfits as well as bikes that were completely transformed into a patriotic mode of transportation. Some of our most memorable historic figures chose to attend our event to include George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Davy Crockett, Paul Revere, Uncle Sam and Pocahontas. Many thanks go out to the Denver Police Department and the District 6 mounted patrol for attending and leading the parade. Everyone loves to see the beautiful horses – oh...and the officers too! While the Denver Fire Department came and was prepared to spray everyone with water they were called away on an emergency. We'll try again next year! We were extremely happy to once again be able to have a face painter attend who I think was the most popular person there! A special thanks to all of our sponsors who helped us provide another great event for our community. Thanks to Addison Auto Center, Kids Choice Dental, Esters Neighborhood Pub, Virginia Village Library, PSCU, Christy Sports and the Colorado Athletic Club.



Left to right: Abe Lincoln, Pocahontas, George Washington, (a young Martha Washington perhaps?) Uncle Sam, and Davey Crockett. Thank you board members, neighbors and friends for dressing for the vent!

Enter to WIN: Colorado trivia contest *by Ed Hornung*

How much do you know about Colorado's official state animals, fauna, symbols, and facts? One \$50 gift card to Ester's restaurant will be awarded to a randomly-selected entry drawn from all correct submissions.

The winner, one entry per household*, will be selected on Tuesday, November 21, at the Cook Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) monthly meeting at 5:30pm. There are four convenient ways to enter:

1) Mail your entry to: CPNA, PO Box 221656, Denver, CO 80222

2) Email your entry to: cpneighborhood@gmail.com

2) *To double* your chances of winning, hand-deliver this entry to any CPNA board member. (See front page of this CPNA newsletter for board member names. This contact will double your chances of winning by our submitting your entry two times.)

3) *To quadruple* your chances of winning, attend a CPNA meeting on September 19, October 17, or November 21, and your answers will be entered into our drawing four times.

1. The official state animal of Colorado is?

- a. The rocky balboa
- b. The rocky raccoon
- c. The screaming hairy armadillo
- d. The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

2. The official state fish of Colorado is?

- a. The swim shady
- b. The Tuna Turner
- c. The Arlo Guppy
- d. The Greenback Cutthroat Trout

3. The official state amphibian of Colorado is?

- a. The newt Gingrich
- b. The Kermit frog
- c. The open-toad shoe
- d. The Western Tiger Salamander

4. The official state bird of Colorado is?

- a. The sitting duck
- b. The Taylor Swift
- c. The Hicken-Looper
- d. The Lark Bunting
- e. The twitter tweet

5. The official state fossil of Colorado is?

- a. The bronco-saurus
- b. The Thesaurus
- c. The humongous
- d. The Stegosaurus

6. Your local District 6 Councilman is?

- a. Paul Revere
- b. Johnny Cash
- c. Manfred Mann
- d. Paul Kashmann

7. The official state flower of Colorado is?

- a. King Arthur's flour
- b. The dandelion
- c. Cau-leaf-flower
- d. The Rocky Mountain Columbine

8. The official state grass of Colorado?

- a. Gracias
- b. The prograssinator c. Cannabis
- d. Blue Gamma

9. The official state motto is?

- a. "Whatever you do, don't fumble"!
- b. We're playing the Raiders? - I thought that we only got ONE bye week?
- c. When someone tells you nothing is impossible, ask him to dribble a football
- d. Nil Sine Numine (Nothing without Providence)
- e. The trouble with a rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

10. Colorado's officially recognized state insect is?

- a. The blue hairstreak teenager
- b. Heerz tooya (Look it up!!)
- c. The agra vation (a type of beetle)
- d. The Hairstreak Butterfly

11. The official folk dance of Colorado?

- a. The touchdown zone celebration
- b. The break dance
- c. The politician's handshake
- d. The Square Dance

12. The official plant of Colorado is?

- a. The power plant
- b. The Suckleberry Finn
- c. The skunk cabbage
- d. The Claret Cup Cactus

13. The official state tree of Colorado is?

- a. The pastry or paste tree
- b. The toilet tree
- c. The money tree
- d. The Blue Spruce

14. The official state reptile of Colorado is?

- a. Lizzannardo Da Vinci
- b. The juana iguana
- c. The rumple snake skin
- d. The Western Painted Turtle

15. The official summer heritage sport of Colorado is?

- a. Sumo wrestling
- b. ultimate tazer ball
- c. looking for the hairiest back
- d. Pack Burro Racing

16. The official state rock of Colorado is?

- a. The Denver nugget
- b. The Gold E. Hawn
- c. The stoner
- d. The Yule Marble

17. Colorado has two official state songs. What are they?

- a. "Won't eat prunes again" by Weird Al Yankovic
- b. "If I only had a brain" the Wizard of Oz
- c. "All my ex's live in Texas" recorded by George Strait
- d. "Rocky Mountain High" by John Denver & Where the Columbines Grow" by A.J. Fynn
- e. "My wife ran off with my best friend and I sure do miss him" by artist Wayne Carter

So we may contact you when you win, please complete the following:

Your name _____

Your email, mailing address or phone number _____

Common code violations you may not know

Outdoor storage: Items intended for outdoor use on a residential property such as picnic tables, children's toys and bicycles are allowed to be kept outdoors. Items intended for indoor use such as upholstered furniture and household appliances may not be stored outside. Tools, equipment and supplies utilized for automobile repair or construction may not be stored outside.

Parking on unpaved surfaces: Parking on dirt areas is not allowed. Allowable parking surfaces for single-family dwellings include 6 inches of gravel, road base material (recycled asphalt), asphalt, or concrete. Allowable parking surfaces for 2-unit dwellings or multi-unit dwellings include road base, asphalt, or concrete.

Too many cars: Denver households are allowed one vehicle per licensed driver, plus one extra vehicle. For example, a household consisting of three licensed drivers may have up to four vehicles at the residence. Additional cars would be considered in violation of the code.

Lawn care: Lawns may not exceed 6" in height. Plant growth may not extend onto adjacent sidewalks, streets or alleys.

Fences: Fences must be maintained, built to proper height (generally 4' in the front and 6' in the sides and back of residential lots), and constructed with approved materials (no barbed wire, corrugated metal or salvage materials). Check to see whether your fence requires a permit.



Sidewalk safety: For public safety and safe access, snow, landscaping, debris and other obstructions must be removed from public sidewalks. Once snow has stopped falling, residences have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. Once snow has stopped falling, businesses have four (4) hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.



Inoperable vehicles: Parking or storing inoperable motor vehicles in any residential zone district is restricted to one vehicle that must be stored inside an enclosed garage. A vehicle that is not operable cannot be stored on the street or in a driveway of a home.

Yard/garage Sales: Residents may have one yard sale every six months in Denver, provided that the sale



lasts for less than 72 hours, items offered for sale were not bought for resale or received on consignment for the purpose of resale, and all external evidence of the sale is removed immediately afterward.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Power Stretch 8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	Total Body Conditioning 8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	Essentrics™ 8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	Total Body Conditioning 8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	ZUMBA Gold 8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	Yoga Level I 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Δ Circuit Training 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Club: Party Bridge 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Δ Circuit Training 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Club: Cribbage 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Δ Circuit Training 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	
Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	SilverSneakers Circuit 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Club: Quilting 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Club: Party Bridge 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		
Club: Knitting 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	SilverSneakers Classic 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Club: Quilting 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.			
Club: Coed Billiards 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Seated Yoga 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	SilverSneakers Classic 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.			
SilverSneakers Yoga 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	SilverSneakers Stability 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Yoga Level I 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.			
Club: Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Club: Party Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Club: Duplicate Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Club: Mah Jongg 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.	
Yoga Level II 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Group Training 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Yoga Level I 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	ZUMBA 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.		

Gymnastic Schedule (Subject to change without notice)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Open Gym 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Open Gym 7:00 - 11:30 a.m. 2:45 - 5:15 p.m.	Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Open Gym 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Pickleball 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pickleball 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pickleball 9:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m.			

HOURS OF OPERATION:

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News from Virginia Village Library *Martha Garbison, Senior Librarian*

Hello Virginia Village neighbors! I thought you might want to know a bit about the staff at Virginia Village Branch library as faces have changed over the past few months and we do have a myriad of staff that fill in for us when we are on vacation, at a Denver Public Library training class, or a meeting at another location. We are a medium sized staff of 12 when we are fully staffed, but just this year, I have hired a new librarian, a new part time clerk and a new Lead Clerk, so, yes (!), you are seeing new smiling faces and can expect to see more. New to our staff is part time clerk, Sierra. Sierra also works at Tattered Cover, so, in addition to her wonderful customer service skills, Sierra knows a lot about books and is, like the vast majority of VVI staffers, an avid reader. Our new librarian, Renate, was formerly a Denver Post Reporter and her newspaper team won a Pulitzer for their coverage of the Columbine High School shooting in 1999 . Renate returned to school at DU and, after two years of hard work, was awarded her Masters in Library and Information Science and we were lucky to hire her at VVI. Look forward to another face (coming soon!!) that may be quite familiar to you from another Denver Public Library branch, the Schlessman Family Branch. In September, Jamie, currently at Schlessman as their Lead Clerk, will be joining the Virginia Village staff as our new Lead Clerk. Please stop in and welcome our new staff!

I hope you and all of your kids and teens enjoyed our 2017 Summer of Adventure! We had more than 1,100 kids registered at Virginia Village (over 31,000 for all of Denver Public Library!) and gave away many books, journals and other fabulous prizes like Chipotle coupons and Elitch tickets. This happens every summer, so look forward to this in summer of 2018, too. It is fun and super exciting to hear just how energized the kids get about reading their favorite books. We love helping them find new authors and titles to get excited about, too.

In collaboration with Astronomers Without Borders, we and multiple DPL branches are collecting leftover eclipse viewing glasses that will be sent to countries experiencing an eclipse in the next few years. Why not recycle yours for someone else to enjoy? Bring your glasses to any Denver Public Library location and we'll take care of the rest. It's our way of helping the eclipse live on.

Something else to look forward to is our new e-book and e-audio book application called "Libby". Libby is new to us and is an additional platform so that you can more easily download e-books and e-audio books from Denver Public Library... Come in and ask us about it!! Thank you, Martha Garbison

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Code violations cont.

Home occupations (at-home businesses): Home occupations are allowed in Denver. The business must be operated by the resident in a completely enclosed structure, the primary dwelling unit or a detached accessory structure as allowed by the zoning code. The home occupation shall not display or create outside the building any external evidence of its operation. A sign of up to 100 square inches in size is allowed. See the Project Guide for Home Businesses for information.

Too many animals: The Denver Zoning Code regulates how many household pets can be part of a home residence. Violations occur when the number of household pets exceeds 3 dogs, 5 cats, 2 rabbits, or 25 pigeons, or 5 total dogs and cats or 2 domestic honey bee hives.



Construction without a permit: Most construction projects require a zoning permit and may also require a building permit. For example, construction of fences, sheds, and gazebos all require zoning permits and depending on their design require a building permit too. Check the requirements for your project under Home Projects.

Too many unrelated people:

Any number of persons related by blood, marriage or adoption may live together in a dwelling. In a single-unit dwelling, two unrelated persons per household are allowed, and with a home occupation permit, an additional unrelated person is allowed. In a

two-unit dwelling or multi-unit dwelling, four unrelated persons per household are allowed, and with a home occupation permit, two additional unrelated persons are allowed.



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Times. They are a changing.

by Pastor Mike Lemke

Dear Cook Park Friends!

It was the preacher from Ecclesiastes who wrote, "To everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Unbelievably already, we move from summer into September's fall. As the years roll on (or more certainly, as I age!), the seasons seem to be getting so much shorter!

I just left a precious lady from my congregation who is experiencing a change in seasons as well. Veronica is European indeed! Taking great pride in her appearance, she strives always to be dressed immaculately. With gracious hospitality, she, the consummate hostess, always offers me coffee and dessert as I visit her at home. Now, the years taking their toll on her physically, she is barely able to dress yourself. No more than ten days ago, I had met her in her apartment and now she finds herself, today, in a skilled nursing facility. When we last visited, she talked about investigating various new living arrangements. She still can do light housekeeping, throw something in her microwave oven, administer her own medications and bathe herself. Nonetheless, walking across the floor, even with her trusty walker, is becoming all the more concerning for her.

As I met with Veronica, now in a skilled nursing facility, she explained that her family was making all the decisions for her as she wondered about an uncertain future. I thought to myself, "How scary it would be to lose the ability to make decisions, to resign to someone else's choosing." I prayed with Veronica and asked her what she thought about her soon-to-be new living arrangements. I could have guessed! Dignified, classy and courageous, Veronica shared with me her resolve, against worry and apprehensions, to remain positive. Though she has not seen her new, little apartment, said that she has ALREADY decided that she is going to LOVE her new living place! She said that she has chosen ALREADY to make new friends and to be involved in the new activities the assisted-living center offers. Even as I listened to Veronica, given her staunch, determined optimism, I felt humbled in her presence, and embarrassed, to think about the many times that I complain about little things. I am so privileged to rub shoulders with amazing people in our Cook Park neighborhood, people with tough circumstances who choose to remain positive and optimistic against difficult "seasonal" changes.

All of us have experienced the angst of financial hard times, health concerns and worries stemming from the television and newspaper reports, particularly as of late. The preacher from Ecclesiastes, noting that all things change, reminds us... encourages us... however that God remains forever faithful, sure and trustworthy. Amidst the Bob Dylan "Times They Are A-Changing" uncertainties, we can always try to choose the higher ground and loftier thoughts.

I pray for Veronica's well-being and that she will continue to teach me monumental lessons as I, we, all move into uncertain futures. Veronica said it best but moments ago, "What good does it do to worry? So many things are being chosen for me. At least I can choose to stay positive and hopeful!"

If that spirit is truly European, I am going to pray that someday, in my life and yours, it is universal!
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Pastor Mike Lemke, Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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