

Cook Park News

COOK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Where were you on the 4th of July?

Red, white, and blue decorated Cook Park neighbors paraded bikes, strollers, dogs, and wheelchairs at the annual Cook Park Neighborhood Association July 4th Bike Parade and Picnic.

Commanded by President George Washington (Matthew Harris, S. Locust St.), and with able assistance from dignitaries: Benjamin Franklin (Clint Wood), Paul Revere (Ron Weiss, S. Locust St.), Pocahontas (Kymberly Botelho, S. Leyden St.), Abe Lincoln, (Ed Hornung, S. Locust St.), and Uncle Sam (Vince Seelbach, Cook Park Recreation Center), marchers were led on a patriot parade around Cook Park.

Sponsored by neighbors and businesses: Addison Auto, Studio Shop, Councilman Paul Kashmann, Denver Dwellings, The Primrose School, The Paul Aceto Team, Barbara Fallon, Laura Davidson, and



Vandre Properties, the parade and picnic were a huge success. Thank you sponsors!

Photos by Ray Vreeland. (cont. on page 2)

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**The CPNA meets
on the
3rd Tuesday
of the month
at the
Cook Park
Rec Center**

6:00 pm Sept 17

6:00 pm Oct 15

6:00 pm Nov 19

Editor's letter:

We continue to search for ambitious volunteers who want to help our neighborhood.

Volunteers are the life blood of the quality of events we bring to you every year. If you'd enjoy meeting your neighbors or want to know what's

happening in SE Denver, please consider volunteering. Time commitment is totally up to you – you'll find a lot of fun things to help with!

HELP NEEDED:

1. Are you a website developer or designer? Your Cook Park website could use your help once per quarter to post updates. Time necessary is typically no more than an hour per quarter. The site is built in Wordpress.
2. Are you a Facebook user that would enjoy posting to our page on a regular basis? We would love to have you join our FB admin team!

3. Quarterly email reminders via our MailChimp account is another task that we could use a volunteer to maintain. Content would be provided by the Board. We simply need someone to add the new content, add any new subscribers, and send the reminders to our growing list on a monthly basis.

4. Are you an aspiring graphic designer? Our quarterly newsletter would be a great opportunity for a creative graphic designer! Proficiency in Adobe InDesign a must.

Thanks for reading!
Nancy Barlow,
Interim Editor of the
Cook Park News

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.

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4th of July cont.

Pizza was donated by Basil Docs, water supplied by The Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, and ice contributed by Fast and Friendlies.

Special thanks go out to the Denver Police Department for escorting participants and the Denver Fire Department for providing a cooling spray at the conclusion of the event. This year also featured the first appearance of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Maggie Janco, S. Leyden St.), who served as judge and jury to award prizes to all winners.



L to R: Paul Revere, (Ron Weiss, S. Locust St.), Uncle Sam (Vince Seelbach, Cook Park Recreation Center), Abe Lincoln, (Ed Hornung, S. Locust St.), Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Maggie Janco, S. Leyden St.), George Washington (Matthew Harris, S. Locust St.), Pocahontas (Kymberly Botelho, S. Leyden St.), and, Benjamin Franklin, (Clint Wood).



Your CPNA upcoming meeting:

Cook park neighborhood meeting on September 17: 6:30 PM guest speaker Kevin Krieger, Residential/Commercial Sr Solar Consultant, Cam Solar of Colorado. Learn about the costs, benefits, why one would buy versus lease a solar system, government incentives, etc.

National Night Out 2019

On the hottest day of August, 2019 the East Evans Business Association held it's annual NNO event at Cook Park. Our community event is the largest in Denver and continues to grow each year. Neighbors, business owners, non profits and local emergency responders from Denver Police and Fire gathered to show our gratitude to one another. Live music, face painting, balloon artistry, hot dog grilling, ice cream and general summer fun were enjoyed by a crowd of over 500.

Also in attendance were Denver Police Chief Paul Pazen and our very own Governor Jared Polis.



Pictured above: Governor Polis and Nancy Barlow, President of the East Evans Business Association. Right, top: Chief Pazen, Nancy Barlow, Jill Butterly, owner of Carpet One, and Peter Kandell, neighbor. Right bottom, Chief Pazen with neighbors.

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Cook Park's artistic treasure: Pottery teacher Penny Woolsey

by Danielle Corriveau

Penny Woolsey is as inspiring as the art she makes – and teaches others to create. In over two decades she's grown as a “maker” to a teacher to a master potter in Cook Park's art studio.



Her first clay class came via George Washington High School. She gestures to a poster pinned to the wall of the art room. It's of Mark Zamantakis, her teacher at that time. Mark passed in 2016 at age 90. “He's with me in the studio every day. He was a wonderful teacher and a huge influence,” she relays with sentimental respect and admiration.

In 1998, Penny reconnected with clay. While her son ran in the field for pee-pee soccer, Penny sat in the Cook Park studio to study pottery with Barbara Dillavou. That was the first of many Cook classes, followed by an invitation to teach. “Barbara saw how much I loved clay. She said she wanted to retire soon and asked if I would be interested in teaching. I was shocked. I wasn't ready for that.”

In response, Penny co-taught with Barbara. “She's a sculptor and I love the wheel so we worked well together.” The two are still great friends and Barbara can be found in the studio most Tuesdays at Cook. Penny started her solo teaching career with a single youth class. “The kids started taking classes again and again and getting really good. We needed an advanced class, so I got that going.” Today, Cook offers nine pottery classes a week and boasts over 100 potters.

Studio amenities also grew. Nine electric wheels line one wall. Penny points to a humble group of jars. “That's all the glaze we had when I first came.” Now Cook Park's collection of glazes looks like inventory at Home Depot. Floor to ceiling shelves are stuffed with cans and jars. “We are the only rec center with the capability to mix our glazes from scratch.” That's all Penny.

Over the years she has been self-directed in building her art skills. She takes workshops of all kinds and brings the learning to others, such as the addition of classes in precious metal clay and fused glass. She's been a guest lecturer at Denver School of the Arts. *(cont. on page 5)*



Standard Poodle Bennett, who is a service dog to a blind student of Penny's, watches intently.

Pottery teacher cont.

Penny is incredibly proud of every student, punctuating pictures of their work with, “I love our incredible chess sets” or “Isn’t that the cutest giraffe you ever saw?” Penny often asks students what they would like to learn next. Their responses become themes.



Currently, Penny is focused on the upcoming Pottery Show & Sale, which showcases all kinds of art from Cook Park. “It’s wonderful for the students to see their pots in a show. It lifts their work to another level. For me, I look, and I think, ‘Wow I have fired all those pots twice.’ It’s marvelous.”

Penny doesn’t just do pots and chess sets. Last year she created awards for local businesses including “Best Grilled Cheese,” a high city honor presented to the winner by Denver’s Mayor. Her clay sculpture sandwich, with its oozing cheddar cheese and perfectly browned toast, is mouthwatering!

“I love everything about my job: the people, the manual labor, scraping shelves, hauling clay, firing pots. And every day is new. I never say, ‘Oh, I got this.’ It never gets old. There are so many variables. One thing leads to the next. I go to galleries, go to workshops, I read things like Ceramics Monthly. It’s better than anything I could have

imagined for myself.” Cook Park has a treasure in Penny Woolsey.

To see Penny’s work visit her on Instagram at PennyWoolseypots

The Cook Park Pottery Show and Sale is on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Annual genealogy seminar hosted by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado

by Linda Volin, JGSCO Publicity Chairperson

An annual genealogy seminar hosted by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado (JGSCO) will be held on Sunday, September 22nd from 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. at the Elaine Wolf Theater in the Staenberg Loop Jewish Community Center, 350 S. Dahlia Street, Denver. Co-sponsors of this event are the MACC Neustadt JAAMM Festival at the JCC, Ellen Beller Glass, Feldman Mortuary, Mount Nebo Memorial Park and NAI Shames Makovsky.

Guest genealogy researchers, writers and lecturers, Emily Garber and Nancy Adelson, will share a wealth of information in presentations for two separate tracks, one for beginners, the other for more experienced family history researchers. Admission to this full-day conference, which includes a Kosher breakfast and lunch, is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. We hope you will join us and register online by September 15th. Additional information can be obtained at JGSCO.org or info@JGSCO.org.



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Fall at the Virginia Village Library *by Martha Garbison*

There are some wonderful things happening at your local Virginia Village Branch library this fall! We hope you find something in these upcoming events and fun programs that brings you to the library.

We continue to grow our collections and services, too. Be sure and ask us about the new Denver Public Library Educator Card (denverlibrary.org/educators) for teachers, home schoolers and more! With this card, you can supplement the materials you already have at home or in your classroom to enhance your teaching without impacting your personal library card.

AND, know that you are welcome here!!! We have a truly diverse and rich community and our goal is always to welcome that very same diversity and richness into the library and for everyone to consider the library a home away from home. Visit us in person or online!

Martha Garbison, Senior Librarian
Virginia Village Branch Library
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Fall STEAM Programs for Kids 8-12:

Questbotics

Tuesday, September 17, 4 p.m.

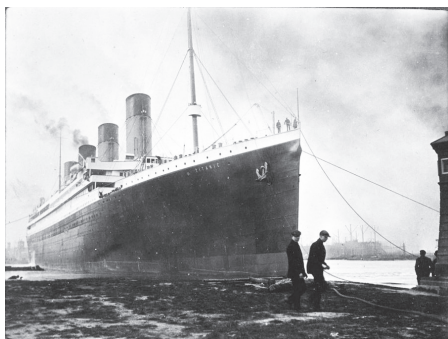
Learn core programming and math skills in a fun way by a robot to run an obstacle course!
Limit 24.

Sugar Skulls with Mandy Medrano

Tuesday, October 8, 4 p.m.

Participants will decorate their very own pre-molded sugar skull using a variety of materials. Sugar skulls can be used for a Día De Los Muertos altar or home decoration, and can be reused.

Limit 35.



Science of the Titanic with the Molly Brown House

Tuesday, November 19, 4 p.m.

We all know that the Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg, but was that the only cause? In this program, we will learn about the scientific processes behind building and sailing of the Titanic, while also putting on our investigative hats as we discuss the myths surrounding the sinking and come to conclusions for ourselves! Limit 30.

Multicultural Music & Dance Series for Adults and Kids:

Taiko with Toni

Saturday, September 7, 2 p.m.

Thrill to the thunderous sounds of the taiko (Japanese drum) performed by Toni and her group!

Fun for all ages.

Indian Dance with Deepali

Saturday, October 5, 2 p.m.

Enter an enchanting world of Indian dance with Deepali.

Open your senses to moves that sizzle and dazzle!

Ideal for ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult.



Read a book and create some art.

Learn about color and experiment with different textures using paints, paper, clay and more. Come dressed to get messy.

Third Friday each month 10:30 a.m.

Sept 20

Oct. 18

Nov. 15

Dec. 20

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Library cont.

Art & Culture of Indonesia with Arcinda

Saturday, November 2, 2 p.m.

Enjoy beautiful Javanese Gamelan music and graceful Ramayana dance with Arcinda.

Holiday Music & Classical Guitar with James Cline

Saturday, December 14, 2 p.m.

James Cline has performed professionally since 1988. He combines traditional classical repertoire with familiar jazz and popular tunes. Please join us for this joyful musical celebration and some holiday cheer

Preschool Stem

Ideal for ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult.

Explore simple STEM concepts in this program just for preschoolers.

Second Friday each month, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 13

Oct. 11

Nov. 8

Dec. 13

Awesome Art Adventures: Early Literacy Fair

Ideal for birth-5, accompanied by an adult.

Nov. 16, 2019, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Read! Talk! Sing! Write! Play! Join us for a play-based, hands-on morning of activities encouraging the development of early literacy skills. This drop-in program features interactive stations that will be fun for both caregivers and children. Take home crafts and new ideas for early literacy and family fun. Children begin developing language and literacy skills at birth. The activities are focused around children birth-5.

Useful phone numbers/websites

- Police/Fire/Medical Emergency 9-1-1 City Services 3-1-1
- Police (non-emergency) 720-913-2000
- District 3 Police Station (admin. and info.) 720-913-1300
- Neighborhood Inspection Service 720-865-3200
(for zoning violations, un-shoveled snow, weeds, front yard junk, abandoned vehicles, etc.)
- Graffiti Hot Line 720-865-7867
- Street Maintenance/Pothole Repair 720-865-6855
- Animal Control/Barking Dogs 3-1-1
- Denveranimalshelter.com
- Dumb Friends League to report a lost or found pet
303.751.5772 x 7254
- Denver's Household Hazardous Waste Collection 800-449-7587
- Power Failure—Xcel 800-895-1999
- Denver Recycles 720-865-6805
- Solid Waste Department (Trash Pick Up) 720-865-6900, after hours
call 720-865-6855
- Mayor Hancock, MileHighMayor@denvergov.org, 720-865-9090
- Emily Sirota, State Rep. District 9 303-866-2910 or
emily.sirota.house@state.co.us
- Councilman Paul Kashmann's office - 720-337-6666
- Ann Rowe, School Board Rep. 720-423-3210
- Kate Williams, RTD Rep. 303-316-6768
- Rocky Mountain Poison Center - 1-800-222-1222
- Leetsdale Cop Shop - 303-329-0500
- The Colorado Crisis line: 1-844-493-8255 hot line for mental health

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Please note we do not meet in
December.

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR
EVENTS and MARKETING COMMITTEES

Contact Ed Hornung via email at:
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Neighborhood History *by Maggie Janco*

Depending on how long you've lived in the neighborhood, you may or may not know that the Valley Drive-In Theater used to exist near Monaco and Evans, as well as the indoor Valley 3 movie theater. In 1979, this became a popular music venue called Rainbow Music Hall which hosted acts such as U2 and Bob Dylan.

Beth Glandon with Historic Denver recently spoke at a Cook Park Neighborhood Association meeting, sharing her expertise and findings of the recent Discover Denver neighborhood survey of Virginia Village (the statistical neighborhood of which Cook Park is a part). These surveys are a citywide program to identify, document and share the buildings that are historically, architecturally or culturally significant. Discover Denver is a collaboration between Historic Denver, Inc., the City and County of Denver, and History Colorado.

Here is Discover Denver's summary of the findings in Virginia Village:

Farms, Greenhouses and Mid-century Gems

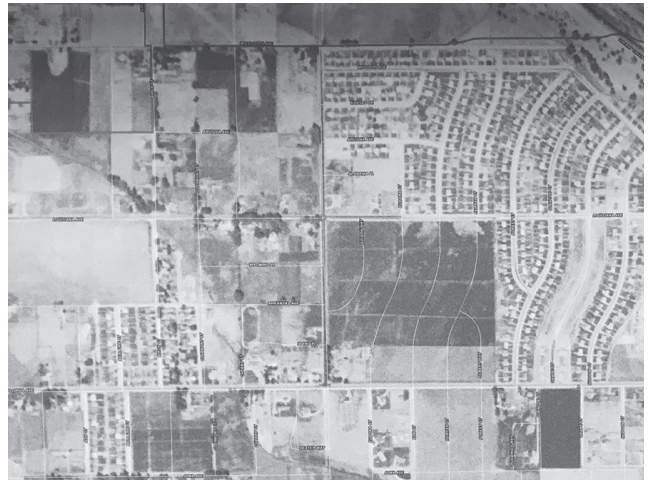
Discover Denver volunteers spent 10 months surveying Virginia Village, documenting each of the neighborhood's residential, commercial, and civic buildings. While Virginia Village is best known for its winding streets lined with mid-century ranch and contemporary homes, surveyors were surprised to find remnants of the area's agricultural past. Farm houses and ditches are tucked among newer homes throughout the neighborhood, there for observant passers by to discover.

Virginia Village was a largely agricultural area in unincorporated Arapahoe County before its annexation by Denver in 1954. Before widespread residential development began here in the mid-1950s, the area was home to greenhouses growing prized Colorado carnations, and stables from which riders on horseback followed the bridle paths that snaked through the neighborhood.

- Originally the area housed farms, dairies and greenhouses
- South Fairfax Street in 1955. (photo by Melvin Erikson, Courtesy of Karen Erickson Stover)
- A variety of home plans in Lynwood (off Jewell between Holly and Monaco).

Stay tuned for more historical photos in future newsletters!

Pictured to the right: Top image: Before 1953, middle image: After 1963, bottom image: South Fairfax Street in 1955 (cont. on page 9)



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Neighborhood History cont.

Share your memories and stories.

At the meeting, long-time neighbors also shared their personal stories of the area including gathering places such as:

- White Sands Beach Club - a 54 acre area of man-made swimming ponds and beaches in the 50's and 60's near Glendale's Target
- Glacier's Barn - a popular place for dances

We'd like to learn more about these places and other neighborhood centerpieces. Please share any information or photos you have (or corrections) and we'll include it on our website and in future newsletters. cpneighborhood@gmail.com

Discover Denver also welcomes this information as it improves the understanding of each neighborhood.

discoverdenver.co/share-what-you-know


Interested in volunteering with the surveys?

Discover Denver is primarily staffed by volunteers that document buildings, research building histories, and collect stories from members of the community. Trainings generally occur monthly and the application form can be filled out on their website discoverdenver.co

Discover Denver staff are in the process of compiling data and stories gathered throughout their time in Virginia Village, and expect to make results available to the public this fall on their website.

Beth's presentation is linked from the Cook Park Neighborhood Association website cookparkneighborhood.com

Buying and selling safety tips from DPD, District3



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Buying & Selling Safety Tips

denvergov.org/police

- Conduct any transactions during the day.
- Don't go alone. Have a family member or friend with you when you meet the buyer/seller.
- Let family/friends know when & where you'll be conducting the transaction.
- Make sure you can examine the item before you buy it.
- Meet in a public, high-traffic area.
 - Police stations are great options. Just stop in and let the clerk know why you're there.
- If you can't meet in public, do not go into anyone's home, or invite strangers into your home. Move the item outdoors or into a garage.
- Do not share any personal information when creating an ad.
 - Create a special email account for conducting business.

News from the Cook Park Recreation Center



What's Been Happening?

Summer has flown by in the blink of an eye. Kids and adults alike dove into some fun here at Cook Park. We had six baseball teams, two softball teams, two T-ball teams, and two outdoor volleyball teams with over 125 youth participating in some sport at Cook Park. Additionally, we hosted a Bike Camp with MY Denver and an Acting and Stage Performance Camp with Arts & Culture. The outdoor pool served over 1,700 people over the season and hosted the All City Swim Meet and an amazing Seas the Summer pool party. Now that summer is in the books and school is starting back up, we are excited to move into our fall schedule and activities. Check them out below.

What's Coming Up?

Acrylics Painting- An experienced instructor leads you as you experiment with a variety of acrylic painting techniques.			Gymnastics- Designed to introduce the fundamentals of gymnastics, tots learn stretching, rolls, cartwheels, and more with their parents.		
Cost: Ages 18-64: \$65 Ages 65+: \$45	Tues. Sept. 3 rd - Nov. 11 th	6:30-8:30 PM	Cost: \$15 Parent-Child- Ages 6mo-3yrs: Preschool- Ages 6mo-3yrs: Parent-Child- Ages 6mo-3yrs:	Mondays Session I: Aug. 26 th -Sept. 16 th Session II: Sept. 30 th -Oct. 21 st	Parent-Child- 9-10 AM Preschool- 10-11 AM Parent-Child- 11-12 PM
Bricks 4 Kidz- Learn architectural and engineering concepts through building our motorized Bricks 4 Kidz models.			DIY Create!: Canvas Painting- The instructor takes youth through step by step instructions for painting on canvas.		
Cost: Ages 8-12: FREE	Tues. Sept. 3 rd - 24 th	5:30-6:30 PM	Cost: Ages 8-12: \$5	Wed. Oct. 2 nd	4:30-6:00 PM
Educational Presentations: Cuba Today – Join us for this interactive, educational discussion on Cuba today.			DIY Create!: Canning Jams and Jellies- Learn the basics of making homemade jams and jellies.		
Cost: Ages 50+: FREE	Tues. Sept. 24 th	11:00-12:30 PM	Cost: Ages 18-64: \$15 Ages 65+: \$12	Tues. Oct. 8 th	6:00-8:00 PM
Family Cooking- Parents and kids work together to create healthy delicious meals. (one adult must register together with kids)			Day Trips: Out to Lunch: Dazzle- If you enjoy Jazz, this place is for you. Join friends for a ride to Dazzle downtown to listen to Jazz and enjoy lunch. Cost does not include lunch.		
Cost: Ages 18-64: \$15.50 Kids: FREE	Tues./Thurs. Sept. 24 th -Oct. 3 rd	5:30-7:00 PM	Cost: Ages 50+: \$4	Fri. Nov. 8 th	11:00-2:00 PM



Fall Fair and Trunk-or-Treat!

Are you looking for a safe place to celebrate Halloween for all ages? This fall Cook Park is hosting a Fall Fair and Trunk-or-Treat event. On Friday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00pm, businesses from around the community will stop by to hand out candy in the west parking lot. Additionally, kids can enjoy other fall activities such as pumpkin stacking, mummy relays, and pumpkin chucking.

Winter registration will be here before you know it. We also know it's frustrating when you can't get into that program you wanted, but we have some advice for signing up! Follow these steps to have the best chance of snagging that coveted spot.



1. Make sure you have an account and you have your online registration info. Registering online is the fastest way to sign-up.
2. Log on and "shop" the two weeks prior to registration. Write down activity numbers or place them in your online wish list.
3. Log in at 12pm on registration day and dump the wish list into your cart (or quickly find the activities). Then pay out! The system is 1st come, 1st served. Remember, don't hit the back button while processing or it could kick you out.

**Winter Registration and Activities- The Winter Activity Guide will be available to view online starting October 22nd. Registration for all activities will open Wednesday, November 6th, at 12pm.*



Meet the Staff!

Deja Heston-Holiday (Recreation Assistant)

What's your favorite way to spend the weekend?

I love to draw and write. Sometimes I like to hang out alone and enjoy what's around me.

What do you enjoy most about working at Cook Park?

I enjoy the people I work with as well as getting to know the community and building relationships.



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World Art Drop Day *by City and County of Denver*

Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Denver Arts & Venues and Denver City Council are participating locally in World Art Drop Day on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

World Art Drop Day aims to generate random bonds between strangers and communities through the act of creating and spreading art on the first Tuesday in September each year.

Denver City Council members will each hide at least one piece of art in their districts, as will Mayor Hancock. Artwork hidden by Mayor Hancock and City Council was purchased by Denver Arts & Venues from Access Gallery, whose programs support young adults with disabilities through creative, educational and economic opportunities.

Denver Arts & Venues is dropping clues starting at 8 a.m., and hiding miniature blue bears that Lawrence Argent's "I See What You Mean" (colloquially known as "The Big Blue Bear") and "Red Rocks Live" (a vinyl album collection featuring

20 songs recorded live at Red Rocks Amphitheater shows). Clues include photos and hints posted on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and in the Art Drop Denver Facebook Group using the hashtag #artdropdenver.

More than 1700 people have joined the Art Drop Denver Facebook group, indicating their interest in the event.

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Denver Solar Co-op by Bryce Carter, Solar United Neighbors

Solar United Neighbors and the City and County of Denver have partnered to support the Denver Solar Co-op, a vendor-neutral solar bulk-purchasing program to support a streamlined process for home and business owners to go solar. (Denver Post article, CBS4 segment)

We invite your Registered Neighborhood Organization to participate in helping spread the word about this program, including partnering to host a local or regional solar information session for your neighborhood.

Please reference the RNO flyer for more information. Let me know by September 16th if you would like to schedule an information session for your area. bcarter@solarunitedneighbors.org

Our Colorado program was started with solar co-ops in Fort Collins and the Yampa Valley earlier this year, so far securing a combined \$1.2 million+ of investment and half a megawatt of solar capacity in those communities.

We're excited to now bring this opportunity to Denver for our community to create jobs, keep energy dollars local, and support our community's commitment to a sustainable and renewable energy future by making solar more accessible to all.

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Updates from Councilman Kasmann's office *by Councilman Kashmann*

Kentro Group continues to refine its development plans for both the 13-acre former CDOT Headquarters site at Arkansas Ave. and S. Birch St. and the 11-acre former CDOT Region 1 site at 2000 S Holly St. The Arkansas/Birch site will be a mix of affordable and market rate housing, retail space and commercial uses. The Holly St. property is slated to house some 190 3-story, for sale, market rate townhouses on about 10-acres, and has submitted an application for state tax credits to facilitate construction of about 60 units of affordable senior housing on the northern portion of the site. The tax credits sought are limited in availability. Should the application not be successful, Kentro may shift the senior housing focus to a retail or office medical use. Meanwhile a site development plan for horizontal improvements has been submitted to the City, with a goal of beginning construction in 2020. In the meantime, the Denver Police Department is using the old CDOT buildings for training purposes, so residents may notice a police presence in the area.

Denver Public Works (DPW) is upping its efforts to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities on our streets by reducing speeds and improving speed control signage across the city. Over the next few years, DPW will adjust speed limits in areas where there is a high level of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. With attention focused on Denver's High Injury Network, several Denver roadways with a history of speeding will see speed limit reductions in the coming months: which include:

- West Evans Ave. - Federal Boulevard to Huron St.
- Cherry Creek Dr. South - University to Colorado Blvds.
- 1st Ave./Steele St./Cherry Creek Dr. North/Alameda Ave. - University to Colorado Blvds.
- Peoria Street - 47th to 39th Aves.
- 56th Avenue - Quebec St. to Tower Rd.

In addition to speed limit adjustments, DPW is adding more in-street pedestrian crossing signage to improve safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists. Yield to Pedestrian signs are ideal for un-signalized mid-block locations and intersections on roadways with one travel lane in each direction and heavy pedestrian volumes. The new signage is more visible than normal curbside pedestrian signage and can increase compliance with state and city laws that require drivers to yield for pedestrians in a crosswalk. Recent placements include: the E. Virginia Ave./Marion St. Pkwy, Mississippi Ave./Josephine St. and Mississippi Ave./Columbine St. intersections.

Denver Public Works crews recently installed a variety of in-street signage around the city to provide safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. District 6 locations include the E. Virginia Ave./Marion St. Pkwy, Mississippi Ave./Josephine St. and Mississippi Ave./Columbine St. intersections.

I will end this month's missive with my thoughts that **Denver Public Schools** needs to front burner the discussion of how to mitigate unsafe learning environments in our non-climate-controlled school buildings created by sky-high temperatures in the early weeks of the school year. Either adjusting the school year itself to start later at summer's end and end later in late spring, or figure out how to better manage the heat.

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Ask your Realtor: *by Debbie Vandre*

How do I get started when it comes to decorating my home? *By Debbie Vandre*

Beginning a new habit, job, or task could be daunting. Your debut as a designer could even be frightening. However, like any other task, some tips help starters and experienced decorators alike.

Several tools aid in creating great designs, but often the whole design process is left to the designer to decide, and that could be hard for beginners. However, the tips below will help you when starting.

- Keep it simple. Most beginners think their designs will make sense if they include all they know about designing into a project. However, results have shown that the opposite is the case. As much as possible, ensure that your designs are simple and carry the message for which you created them. That is what makes it a design, not clustered ideas.
- Use colors wisely. Another problem most beginner designers fall into is using too many colors. Colors are a sensitive part of any design, and you should be careful in using them. Of course, you need colors in your plans, but use ones that are complementary with the general design. For instance, in choosing a color scheme, you don't need more than one to three primary colors and an additional one to three secondary colors that complement each other.
- Create an order with alignment. Order is critical in design. So, don't create a project without ensuring it is properly in order through alignment where each item connects to the others. Using alignment makes sure that your design elements aren't scattered but relate well with each other.
- Be creative and original. Creativity and originality are virtues that are must-haves in designing.
- Ask for help. In any endeavor one takes up, some people started earlier with whom you can ask questions. These people have the experience, so when you run into a problem or are not sure about something, don't hesitate to ask questions.
- Take a break. Designing takes a lot of mental energy, and you can feel drained after or during designing. When you do, ensure you take a break. Leave the design for a while, and take a break. You can see a movie before going back to it. By the time you are back, you will be fully refreshed to start all over again.

If you need professional help, ask me, your Realtor to give you a referral.

Let me know how we can help. Debbie Vandre, Your Cook Park Realtor 303.517.0891. Debbie@VandreProperties.com, Vandre Properties, LLC, Keller Williams DTC.

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

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6 Active

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Average Days on Market 48



Ask your Rental Expert:

Will I Get a Premium to Rent My Home Furnished? *by Laura Davidson*

Cook Park neighbors! With summer officially coming to an end, this is the time of year when the market begins to cool. After the busy spring/summer season, we see a general slowing of tenant activity, while inventory remains relatively high. Many of the homes that did not sell in the ideal spring/summer season will try to list on the furnished rental market, to get back into spring of the following year to list on the sales market. Over the past few years, with the increase in popularity of short term rental sites like AirBnb and VRBO, we can no longer achieve the high premiums for furnished listings. This is particularly true in fall, when we see a surge of homes hitting the market that did not sell. We typically achieve approximately the same amount of rent for furnished and unfurnished. This may seem counterintuitive, but tenants have an abundance of inventory to choose from! There is a very small tenant pool looking for furnished, and most are looking only to rent for 2 or 3 months furnished. Tenants are picky about furnishings, and the furnished listings that do the best feature newer West Elm, Restoration Hardware, Pottery Barn, etc.

Should you list your home furnished? If you are looking to rent your home long term, and you don't have new designer furnishings--probably not!

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