

Cook Park News

COOK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

www.cookparkneighborhood.com



President's Note

We have some great projects in the works for 2010! Please consider donating your time to assist CPNA in strengthening our community. We have volunteer opportunities available, as well as elected board positions to fill.

The 2010 elections of CPNA officers will take place at the next board meeting on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cook Park Recreation Center. We will also be discussing our new plans for the upcoming year. Please join us!

For more information, please contact me (Becca Reidy) at: association@cookparkneighborhood.com

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What's Cookin' at Cook Park

by Nancy Barlow, Cook Park Neighborhood resident

In 2010 your Cook Park Neighborhood newsletter will be adopting a new format, filled with, well let's say a new slant on information about your community. We can be proud we live in a vital neighborhood of mid-century style, proximity to downtown and support of unique and vibrant businesses.

I have lived in the Cook Park neighborhood for a mere 6 years and I am thankful that I have landed in this enclave of an exceptional group of 1500 homes surrounded by truly unique businesses. One really has no idea how great this neighborhood is before choosing it as "home." We as Cook Park residents are fortunate to be supported by a collection of eclectic businesses that make our neighborhood a great place to live. I can say that when I was searching for a neighborhood to call home I was actually looking for a community not to merely live in but to belong to... a community like Cook Park. At a recent gathering of our neighbors I was eager to ask my neighbors what some of their favorite businesses in our "hood" were and here's a bit of what I found out.

Rebecca Reidy, CPNA President, commented about Caboodle, 1515 So. Holly. "Do you know about Caboodle she queried? I hadn't so I asked her to please share ..." It's this wonderful creative space that is committed to many unforgotten or lost arts and preservation of things that have, well, been lost in today's "electronic concentrated world." Caboodle, to my surprise is an eclectic shop on the corners of Florida and Holly that displays artwork from local artists and which remarkably, provides educational classes on obscure topics such as canning one's garden harvest or even darning socks. Becca told me that Caboodle concentrates somewhat on the green movement as well as provides space to display local artist's wares. Sounds like a jewel for our neighborhood, don't you think?

Across Florida from Caboodle's location you'll find our neighborhood hardware store, an independently owned Ace Hardware. As a business owner myself I make an effort to support other small business owners rather than "BIG BOX" stores so I ask you; what is better than your own neighborhood

hardware store? I know myself, growing up in a small town in the Midwest, my neighborhood hardware store provided my family with everything we needed to repair broken plumbing, seed our spring garden, repair the sprinkler system, feed the dog or simply to give safe haven to choose a Christmas gift for mom. But from my neighbor's mouths' I learned that our local Ace Hardware most importantly provides us with the (undetermined at any point in time) various items that our mid-century homes will require for REPAIRS, when we least expect it of course.

These are just a few gems in our Virginia Village/Cook Park neighborhood. In the coming year we'll be bringing you all sorts of news you'll be excited to learn about and be glad you live in this great part of Denver. Be proud of our neighborhood, Cook Park family! This is what "neighborhood" is all about."

**Sir Speedy, 11th and Lincoln, 303-839-5889, donates the printing of our newsletters. Thanks, Jo and Don!
Check out Sir Speedy for great service, friendly people, and assistance for any printing needs.**

Denver Police News

At the recent District 3 monthly police meeting, they advised that there has been a 193% increase in theft from motor vehicles from Jan-Sep 2008 to Jan-Sep 2009. They urge everyone NOT to leave anything of value in sight in your car. Please do not leave your car running and unattended. Not only is this a ticketable offense, but it also invites auto theft which may not be covered by your insurance.

Parks & Recreation

Cook Park will have "Countdown to Santa" from December 21-23. Sessions are aimed toward children aged 6-14 from 12-1:30 p.m. Dec. 21 will be on decorating gingerbread houses; Dec. 22 will be on decorating cookies and candies; Dec. 23 will be on ornament making. Cook Park is accepting any NEW hats, gloves and coats for Place Bridge Academy—ages 4-14. On Mondays and Tuesdays, December 21-22, 27-28 from 2:30-4 p.m., youth ages 8-14 are invited

to design and build their rockets then watch as it flies up to 200 ft. in the air! Only \$5 each day — please sign up at Cook Park — space is limited. Three will be a free Holiday 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Cook Park on Tuesday, December 29. Call 720-865-0610 for more info.

In January 2010, the Denver Parks and Recreation Dept. will formally begin the Park Stewardship Program. Park Stewards will be asked to commit to one or two year enrollment in a designated Park, trail or open space location to support staff by performing general care and maintenance based on the needs of the area. Volunteers will perform a variety of tasks, including tree planting, planting and maintaining flowerbeds, filling and maintaining dog bag dispensers, park ambassador program, litter management, landscape maintenance, playground care, painting/graffiti removal, picnic shelter care, athletic field and facility maintenance. To get involved or obtain more info, please contact Susan Fry at: 303-331-4040.

Business & Community Supporters

Please patronize these businesses

Caboodle, 1515 S. Holly St.,
303-759-3966, www.caboodlegifts.net

Angela's Hair Design at Salon on the Boulevard, 1485 S. Colorado Blvd.
303-753-8660

Sir Speedy Printing, 40 E. 11th Ave.
303-839-5889

Virginia Village Liquor, 1455 S. Holly,
303-756-4999

Basil Doc's Pizza, 1481 S. Holly,
303-782-9900

Snap Fitness, 1441 S. Holly,
303-757-7627

Ace Hardware, 1417 S. Holly,
303-691-3435

Calvary Presbyterian Church,
1420 S. Holly, 303-756-5042

Michael Beninati, CORE Real Estate Services, 303-627-7667
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