

Harkness Heights



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HHNA Design/Conservation Overlay Update

Our Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) Overlay project has made great progress since our July Newsletter update. On August 22, our 25-member Overlay Task Force met with our newly elected City Councilwoman, Amanda Sandoval, who enthusiastically endorses our overlay. Amanda introduced two new staff members, Naomi Grunditz and Matthew Bossler, who will assist District 1 neighborhoods in pursuing their land-use issues. Naomi and Matthew were interns with Pel-Ona Architects & Urbanists and worked on their HHNA study last winter. Also participating in the August 22 meeting was Brad Johnson, the lead City Planner managing our overlay application process through the zoning approval.

Since August our smaller working group (Greg Sader, Joan Mobley, Peggy Lentz, Keith Chamberland, and Tom Mobley) has been working with Naomi and Matthew to respond to questions posed by the Planning Department and tighten up any open issues in our proposal for an overlay. The Planning Department is in support of a significant majority of our proposal, and we hope to reach a consensus shortly.

The Harkness Heights community will have a chance to review and approve the proposed overlay before it will be submitted for review and approval by the Zoning Board and City Council in the spring.

HHNA Annual Summer Picnic Recap

The annual summer neighborhood picnic and block party on Sunday, August 25 was a great success with well over 350 of our neighbors attending. Special thanks to the picnic chairman Mark McDonald and all the volunteers for their hard work before, during, and after the picnic. Also thanks to our sponsors: Jeff Campbell, Mountain Vista Wealth Advisors—Bounce House; Linda Fuss, Sierra Nevada Real Estate—Wine; and Sandy Mazarakis and Stefan Burris, Generations Team Denver/Your Castle Real Estate—Beer. District 1 Police Commander Jeff Martinez stressed that HH is a role model for all of District 1 with our involvement with Neighborhood Watch and thanked us for the support we have given him and District 1 Police Department.

Crime Prevention Message I

With the holiday shopping season upon us, take some precautions to ensure those gifts purchased online or sent from family make it into your house instead of into the hands of a porch pirate. Steps you can take to deter porch pirates include: 1) Ship to an Amazon Locker (available inside Safeway at 44th and Lowell), 2) Ship to FedEx Office or UPS Store, 3) Ship to neighborhood grocery store, convenience store, or other businesses, 4) Ship to work address, 5) Ship to a friend or neighbor that you know will be home, and 6) Install an outdoor security camera or doorbell (Officer Robert Gibbs, Denver Police District 1).

SAVE THE DATES!

Annual Luminaria Walk | Sunday Dec. 15 | 6:00-9:00 pm

Enjoy this holiday festivity that lights up our streets between Federal and Lowell Blvds. and West 41st and 44th Aves. Co-chairs are Justin and Danielle Wilson. Please contact Justin at 816-547-1326 or Cuttingedgejw@gmail.com to volunteer with luminaria assembly (Saturday Dec 7, 10:00am-1:00 pm) and distribution and to host a warming hut.

Seasonal Recycling | Leaves, Christmas Trees, and Holiday Lights

Denver is again collecting leaves, Christmas trees, and holiday lights for recycling.

Leave collection: Now–Dec 6.

Treecycle: Our trash collection days Thursday, Jan 2 (delayed one day for New Year's Day holiday) or Wednesday, Jan 8; set out by 7 am.

Holiday lights: Nov 29–Jan 18, drop off at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop Off site between Nov 29 and Jan 18.

Visit '<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/trash-and-recycling/seasonal-programs.html>' or call 311 (720-913-1311) for more information.

Membership Committee— Volunteers Needed

Do you want to get to know more of your HH neighbors and be part of the Neighborhood Association?

The HHNA is looking for volunteers and a Chair for our Membership Committee. The duties included kicking off the Annual Membership Campaign, coordinating distribution of materials with the Block Captains, maintaining the membership database, emailing the newsletter to members, and brainstorming ideas to welcome new neighbors. Please contact Roberta Andersen (roand4270@cs.com, 720-244-0865) if you are interested in volunteering.

Crime Prevention Message II

Denver Police report that with the onset of cold weather there has been increase in thefts of vehicles that are puffers—vehicles that are left unattended and running to warm up. See a puffing video at '<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exiOnWtRfqk>'.

Harkness Heights History

Denver's first electric Christmas lights shone in our very own neighborhood at 4282 Grove Street in 1914! According to Phil Goodstein in his book 'North Side Story, Denver's Most Intriguing Neighborhood' (p. 507), the son of electrician David Dwight Sturgeon was too ill to get up to see the family Christmas tree in 1914. To make his son's holiday brighter, Mr. Sturgeon dipped lights bulbs in brightly colored paints and hung them in a tree outside his son's window. Denver subsequently boasted that David Sturgeon was the father of electric Christmas lighting everywhere, although in 1895 President Grover Cleveland requested that the White House family Christmas tree be illuminated by hundreds of colored electric light bulbs (<https://www.loc.gov/everyday-mysteries/item/who-invented-electric-christmas-lights/>).

Be A Good Neighbor

We all enjoy safe, clear sidewalks—whether walking or running. Please shovel sidewalks and wheelchair ramps around your home as soon as it is practical and safe to do so that snow does not get packed down and become ice. Offer to help your neighbor if they are unable to shovel. Denver has a Snow Angel program where you can request assistance or volunteer to help with snow removal: call 720-913-8452 or email snowangels@denvergov.org. The Volunteers of America operates the Snow Buddies program to help with shoveling (<https://www.voacolorado.org/volunteer-opportunities/snow-buddies>).

For additional information on snow removal in Denver or to report unsafe sidewalks, visit '<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/streets-and-sidewalks/snow-removal.html>'.

Your HHNA Block Captains

4200 Federal-W	OPEN
4100 Green-W	Shannon Miller & Eric Fitzgerald
4200 Green-W	OPEN
4200 Green-E	Lisa Montagu
4100 Grove-W&E	Heather Tritten & Jason Youngstrom
4200 Grove-W&E	Neil Burris
4100 Hooker-W	Reed Weimer
4100 Hooker-E	Lisa Gustafson
4200 Hooker-W&E	Wendy Weigler
4100 Irving-W&E	André Turrettini
4200 Irving-W&E	Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore
4100 Julian-W&E	Joleen & Jeff Campbell
4200 Julian-W&E	Steve Taylor
4100 Knox-W&E	Katie Doyle
4200 Knox-W&E	Rebecca & Travis Caldwell
4100 King-W&E	Mary Ann Burroughs
4200 King-W	Peggy Lentz
4200 King-E	Linda Fuss
4100 Lowell-E	Lisa Gelaude
4200 Lowell-E	OPEN
3000 W. 41st-S	Kristen Messer
3100 W. 41st-S	Cecilia Masson

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the OPEN blocks. Please contact Roberta Andersen at roand4270@cs.com or 720-244-0865 to volunteer.

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Denver Police Non-Emergency Dispatch:
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