

Harkness Heights

THE HEIGHTS
Our Neighborhood Newsletter

April 2023

HHNA Annual Meeting

The Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) Board invites you to the HHNA annual meeting on Thursday, May 18th, from 6-7:30 pm at Leever's Locavore, 2630 W 38th Ave. Pizza will be served again, on behalf of the association. The agenda for the meeting includes a budget and financial review, recap of 2022 events, Committee updates, and neighborhood events for 2023. We will finish with a roundtable for comments/concerns or questions.

A volunteer is needed to be the HHNA Secretary. Please let Amber know if you interested (amber.kraska@gmail.com).

Luminaria Recap

The cold weather on Sunday December 18th did not stop many of us from participating in the annual Harkness Heights luminaria walk. It was most enjoyable to visit with neighbors at the warming stations throughout the neighborhood. Standing or sitting by fireplaces was especially welcoming. Thanks to all the neighbors who hosted the warming stations and to Liz Rossof and Camron Assadi for being the Luminaria Chairs. Also thanks for the volunteers who assembled about 1,500 luminaries on Saturday December 10th in Janet Elsil's garage. Thank you Janet for the use of your garage.

Tree Distribution

The Park People's annual *Denver Digs Trees* distribution is April 22nd, Earth Day this year. For those who applied and were pre-approved for trees, distribution will be from 8-11 am at Sloan's Lake Park, 17th and Sheridan (5003 W 17th Ave). If you did not pre-order trees, additional trees will be available at discounted prices from noon-2 pm on a first-come first-serve basis. More information is available at: <https://theparkpeople.org/What-We-Do/Denver-Digs-Trees/Tree-Sale>

Japanese Beetles

Now that it is spring, it is time to start thinking about Japanese beetles (*Popillia japonica*), the insect pest whose larvae (grubs) can damage lawns and whose adult beetle can damage flowers and leaves of susceptible landscape plants, such as roses and leaves of grapevines. The Japanese beetle larvae are white grubs that feed on the roots of grasses, and the adult beetle is oval, about 7/16 inch in length and generally metallic green with coppery brown wing covers. There are online resources about the Japanese beetle and its control, including:

- Colorado State University Extension, <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/insect/05601.pdf> (source of information in the above paragraph)
- Colorado Department of Agriculture, <https://ag.colorado.gov/plants/japanese-beetle-in-colorado/management-strategies-for-private-property-owners>

SAVE THE DATES!

**Annual Neighborhood Association Meeting | Thursday
May 18th | 6-7:30 pm | Leever's Locavore**

Specific information about the meeting is in the article on the left

**Denver Digs Trees Distribution | Saturday April 22nd |
Sloan's Lake Park**

See article on the left for more information

**The Denver Dumb Friends League 30th Annual Furry
Scurry | Saturday May 6th | 9 am | Washington Park**

Information and registration for the Furry Scurry is at <https://furryscurry.org>

Spring Garden Tour | Saturday June 10th | 9 am-12 pm

See article below for more information

Annual Neighbor Picnic | Sunday August 27 | 3-6 pm

Read the next newsletter for information about the picnic.

**Events in Denver | Various days, times, and locations
throughout the year**

See <https://www.denver.org/events/> for listing of events.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping resumes in April and goes through November. Please remember to move your vehicle from the street on street sweeping days so that the street sweepers can get to the curb to remove dirt, leaves, and debris. The street sweeping reduces air and water pollution and prevents clogging of sewer inlets. The street sweeping days are shown on street signs on each block. You can sign up for automated reminders from Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure at: <https://www.denvergov.org/Online-Services-Hub/Street-Sweeping-Schedules>. Not removing a vehicle can result in a costly ticket.

Spring Garden Tour

With the success of the inaugural HHNA Garden Tour last year in July, a spring garden tour is being planned for this year for Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 12 pm. If you are interested in having your garden on the tour or want to share in visiting the gardens, please send an email to Amber at amber.kraska@gmail.com.

Message from Joanna Rosa-Saenz (INC)

This is your neighbor Joanna Rosa-Saenz and my 3 little ducklings. We live on 42nd and Irving, the house with the donations bin in our front yard. Thank you again for all your donations to Clothes To Kids Of Denver (<https://clothestokidsdenver.org/>). So far, we have served 3,000 students this year!

I am happy to announce that I'm your newest Vice President and Education Chair for Denver INC (Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation). What does that mean? That you ALL have a VOICE at the table where I sit! I am honored to be in these volunteer roles and plan to work together for the betterment of our community. It truly takes a village! As the Education Chair, I created K.I.D.S Who Can (Kind Intelligent Diverse Students). Our Committee Purpose is: To create a safe, equitable and inclusive platform that inspires our K.I.D.S to take an active role in their community. Thus empowering them beyond academic support, to share their unique ideas for the betterment of our neighborhoods and City of Denver.

Education Committee Upcoming Events-

1. **2023 Youth Civic Awards.** The Education and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committees have joined forces and will be awarding 8 CASH AWARDS valued at \$2k to students in the 4th through 12th grades that are interested in creating a project that helps their community over the summer. To showcase the awardees, we will be throwing a celebration at the Denver INC end of the year meeting. Look out for more information!

2. **A Community Forum.** Led by East High School Students, to better serve the safety, security and more importantly the mental health of our students.

I'm excited to work alongside my neighbors to bridge the gap between Denver Public Schools and the City of Denver. Feel free to reach out to me at joannasaenzent@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering on the Education committee.

Your HHNA Block Captains

4200 Federal-W	OPEN
4100 Green-W	Shannon Miller & Eric Fitzgerald
4200 Green-W	Cindy Gaertner
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	Candy and Steve Nolan
4200 Julian-W&E	Steve Taylor
4100 Knox-W&E	Katie Doyle
4200 Knox-W&E	Rebecca & Travis Caldwell
4100 King-W&E	Rose Ann Chavez
4200 King-W	Peggy Lentz
4200 King-E	Jessica Schippits
4100 Lowell-E	Lisa Gelaude
4200 Lowell-E	OPEN
3000 W. 41st-S	Kristen Messer
3100 W. 41st-S	OPEN

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the *OPEN* blocks. Please contact Amber Kraska at 720-224-6559 or amber.kraska@gmail.com to volunteer.

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