

Harkness Heights

THE HEIGHTS
Our Neighborhood Newsletter

February 2022

Crime Prevention— Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Hello Harkness Heights neighbors,

Please save the date of Wednesday, March 23th, and plan to attend our Neighborhood Watch meeting to be held at Skinner Middle School from 6:00–8:00 pm. From January–October 2021, we had 5 violent crimes, 42 property crimes, and 15 public and other crimes for a total of 62 crimes—too many for our neighborhood!

This was an increase of 32% over the same time in 2020, and this was only for 10 months.

Do I have your attention? We as neighbors need to be vigilant and proactive to thwart the activities and the suspicious behavior in our neighborhood. What can you do to help?

Catherine Davis, our Neighborhood Watch Liaison, and Officer Michele Cooper, our Community Resource Officer, will speak on how Neighborhood Watch is a program that enhances the partnership between police and community while providing resources to be more aware and how to effectively observe and report suspicious activity.

In 2016, our goal was to have each the 17 Blocks comprising Harkness Heights to be effective and proactive Neighborhood Watch blocks recognized by the Denver Police Department. This was accomplished! We were a role model for the City, with fewer incidents of crime than any other area in District One. We need your help to get back to that status.

Please don't feel like this can't happen to you—because it does and it will. People usually don't get involved until they have had their car riddled through, their plate glass window broken, a car stolen, or worse. Please plan to attend the meeting and see what you can do to help not only yourself but your neighbors as well. Thank you.

Roberta Andersen, Harkness Heights Neighbor Association President

Membership

Please see the attached flyer and form for information on membership to the Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association. Membership dues help support the summer picnic, holiday luminarias, and other projects and functions of the Association.

SAVE THE DATES!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting | Wednesday March 23th | 6:00–8:00 pm at Skinner Middle School

See article to the left for this important meeting.

Annual Neighborhood Association Meeting | May | TBA

The HHNA Board is planning the annual neighborhood association meeting, tentatively scheduled for May; date, time and place to be announced. We will be discussing neighborhood business and other items as they come up.

Annual Summer Picnic | Sun. August 28 | 3:00-6:00 pm

Information about the picnic will be in the next newsletter.

Be a Good Neighbor

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

For one of the most recent snowstorms, our zip code 80211 has the highest numbers of complaints to 311 for neighbors not shoveling walks. While 80211 encompasses more than Harkness Heights, please be vigilant in shoveling your sidewalk within 24 hours of the snow stopping. Denver has the Snow Angels program that helps residents in need of assistance in shoveling their front sidewalks. Call 720-913-SNOW (7669) or apply online at snowangels@denvergov.org to request assistance or to volunteer to be a snow angel. There can be a \$150 fine for not promptly shoveling snow.

ALLEY ETIQUETTE

For our Monday trash and every other Monday recycling day, please put the bins in the alley Sunday night or early Monday morning and return them to your property on Monday after pickup. Bins are not to be left in the alley proper. Remember that boxes go in recycling. For the once a month large item pickup, go online (denvergov.org/extratrash) or call 311 to find out more information about the pickup and which trash day the pickup is scheduled for.

Luminaria Recap

The 33rd annual luminaria walk on December 19 was a great success. A big heartfelt thanks to Janet Elsil, who was the Luminaria Chair again this year, and to all the volunteers who helped make and distribute the luminaria bags and to the hosts of the 8 warming huts, the most ever. The photo booth in Liz Rossof and Camron Assadi's garage was especially fun.

Welcome Bags

Twenty Welcome Bags recently were distributed to our newest neighbors in the neighborhood, and they were well received. In addition to maps, restaurant coupons, and neighborhood information, the following neighbors contribute to these bags: Lisa Gustafson—dog biscuits from her business The Biscotti Hound, Steven Taylor—homemade raspberry preserves, Joan Mobley—homemade sweet bread and kitchen scrubbers, and Amber Kraska—sunflower seeds from her garden. Our plan is to continue to do this for all new neighbors. If you have something you would like to contribute to our future Welcome Bags or interested in being on our committee, please contact Amber Kraska at 720-224-6559 or amber.kraska@gmail.com.

Volunteer Needed for Inter-Neighborhood Relations

After serving for many years as one of the two delegates assigned to Harkness Heights by Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), Karen Taylor is resigning her position. INC is a group of approximately 100 Denver Registered Neighborhood Organizations who meet monthly via zoom to provide feedback and initiate resolutions that support development keeping neighborhoods in mind. Neighborhoods work better when they work together. Harkness Heights is one of the smaller Registered Neighborhood Organizations representing just 350 households, but we are a model of what informed, committed citizens can accomplish when they work together, taking advantage of what the city provides to support neighborhoods. If you think you are a good communicator that can serve as a liaison between our neighborhood and INC, please contact Roberta Andersen at 720-244-0865 or roand4270@cs.com.

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	Jessica Schippits
4100 Lowell-E	Lisa Gelaude
4200 Lowell-E	Shelby Dziwulski
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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