

# Harkness Heights

THE HEIGHTS  
Our Neighborhood Newsletter

August 2020

## HHNA Design/Conservation Overlay Update

Our Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) Overlay project has continued to make great progress since our November Newsletter update. Two Harkness Heights Conservation Overlay Town Hall meetings were hosted by Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval this spring at Skinner Middle School. The meetings were well attended and included lively discussions on the proposed overlay.

As a follow up to the meetings, all HH property owners were invited to provide their thoughts and opinions of the proposed overlay through a Survey Monkey survey. A total of 211 survey responses were received out of 360 total properties in HH, an amazing 59 percent participation. Clearly Harkness Heights is an engaged neighborhood with residents who took advantage of the opportunity to have their voices heard on the future of our neighborhood.

Overall, the survey responses were strongly in support of the overlay. Detailed analysis of responses showed that some elements needed further study and possible adjustment. The Overlay Task Force and Naomi Grunditz, staff member to Councilwoman Sandoval, worked to adjust the proposed overlay based on the analysis of the responses to the neighborhood-wide survey. These adjustments will be added to the overlay proposal and then submitted to Brad Johnson and his team at Denver's Community Planning and Development Department (CPD). Councilwoman Sandoval will direct the CPD to create a draft of the overlay in the technical language of the zoning code for submission to the Planning Board and City Council for review, public hearings, and approval.

Special thanks to all our neighbors who have been so involved in this process and have shared their thoughts and opinions of the value on an overlay for the benefit of our neighborhood.

## HHNA Membership Information

If you don't have a membership to the HHNA or need to renew your membership, the membership form can be found at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/tneueyb2>

The membership payment of \$15 can be made the following ways:

Write a check to Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA)

Mail to: PO Box 11631, Denver, CO 80211

Drop off with your Block Captain

Cash to PO Box or Block Captain

Send \$15 via PayPal to [suzy.barr7811@gmail.com](mailto:suzy.barr7811@gmail.com)

Send via Venmo to @suzy-barr

## SAVE THE DATES!

Annual Luminaria Walk | Sunday Dec. 13 | 6:00-9:00 pm

## Annual Summer Picnic Cancelled

It is with great regret that Picnic Chairman Mark McDonald and the HH Board Members have decided to cancel the annual HH summer picnic that was scheduled for Sunday August 25. Even though the picnic is outside, it is not possible to socially distance on 42nd St because of the large turnout that we have for the picnic.

## HHNA Membership Chair

Suzy Barr has graciously agreed to be the Membership Chair for the HHNA. We thank Tom and Joan Mobley for their past service on the Membership Committee. A message from Suzy:

During these last few months, I have personally witnessed many neighbors still connecting even without seeing each other or at a distance. I have seen front yard social distancing get together, I have heard howls every night, I have seen chalk drawings with words of encouragement and hope, I have watched as the volunteer list of neighbors on our website has grown in order to assist other members during this time, and I have personally hosted an online virtual bingo game. Every day I am reminded why our neighborhood is so unique and special. I recently experienced a loss in my family and my neighbors all stepped in and provided food, cards, treats etc. I was simply blown away by the sincerity and kindness. I can find no reason why I would not be a member of this amazing neighborhood and actively assist in its continued success.

I have now been the Membership Chair for almost half of 2020 and I had hoped we could expand our social events and find more ways to come together as a community. Unfortunately, that will look different this year. We have been collecting data from your membership forms of what events you might be interested in when we can have them. THANK YOU to those who have filled those out and returned them with your dues. If you have not, it is not too late! Membership dues go directly to neighborhood events, the Zoning & Licensing Committee, newsletters and many other services.

Sincerely, Suzy

## Northside Sustainability Alliance Contributed by Rose Ann Chavez

The Northside Sustainability Alliance is a new organization that was founded to share resources and ideas about sustainability among the various organizations and businesses in Denver's Northside neighborhoods. The Alliance has 5 areas of focus: Zero Waste, Transportation, Green Energy, Tree Planting / Gardening, Smart Growth. I am the (self-designated) representative for HHNA, but this organization will only thrive and make a difference through the active participation of many. Please drop me an email at [roseannchavez8@gmail.com](mailto:roseannchavez8@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in the group, and I will send meeting times and information.

My particular interest in the Sustainability Alliance is with Zero Waste, focusing on composting and recycling. Trash, and especially plastics, end up in our air and water with detrimental effects to the health of animals and people. There are many things we can do to reduce the amount of trash that goes to the landfill. Hopefully everyone is already using the purple bins for recycling with the city of Denver, but it is also important to ensure that you are using the bins correctly. For starters, NO plastic bags of any kind are allowed in the bins. They gum up the sorting machinery and put recycling workers at risk when they have to clean it out. Please refer to the City of Denver website for detailed recycling guideline to prevent 'wishcycling'! Composting is also a great way to reduce the waste in landfills, either through the City of Denver green bins or your own backyard composting. Our family went from filling a large trashcan every week to now using only half of the smallest can. It makes a big difference!

There are other items that are harder to recycle. The attached table has some helpful tips on keeping items out of the landfill.

### 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	Shelby Dziwulski
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