

# Harkness Heights

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Our Neighborhood Newsletter

August 2023

## HHNA Annual Meeting

The Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) annual meeting was held on May 18th at Leevers Locavore on 38th Ave. The following information is summarized from the email that Amber Kraska, the HHNA President, sent out on July 3rd.

Suzy Barr, the HHNA Treasurer and Membership Chair, reported that the 2022 budget ended with a negative of about \$735. The largest income was \$2,100 from HHNA membership dues, and the largest expense was \$2,650 for the annual picnic. The beginning bank balance for 2023 was about \$2,567.

New HHNA Board Member and Committee Members: Emily Ford is the new Secretary for the HHNA, taking over from Karen Schwartz. Karen is the new Picnic Chair, taking over from Mark McDonald. Thank you Mark for your years of service to the neighborhood. Sandy Mazarakis and her husband Neil Burris are the new Co-Chairs of the annual Luminaria walk. They will coordinate assembly and distribution of the luminarias. Liz Rossof and her husband Camron Assadi, Luminaria Chairs for the last couple of years, will continue taking luminaria orders and ordering supplies as Co-Chairs.

Rod Gustafson, the Safety and Security Chair, reported on crime information for the Berkeley neighborhood, which includes Harkness Heights. As reported by the Denver Police Department at the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at District One Police Station, there has been an increase in violet crimes and a decrease in property crimes; total crimes overall have decreased. Please remember to take all valuables out of cars and lock cars. Leave porch lights on and pay attention to surroundings. If there is a crime in process, call 911; do not take any other action yourself. For other issues, call the police non-emergency number at 720-913-2000.

## HHNA Membership Dues

At the HHNA annual meeting, Suzy Barr reported that we are behind on membership dues, primarily because membership was not promoted during the first months of 2023. Because membership is the largest source of funds to pay for HHNA activities, there is a push this summer to increase the number of members. The neighbors in attendance at the annual meeting voted to increase membership dues to \$20, from \$15. This will be in effect for 2024. For 2023, either \$15 or \$20 will be accepted for the dues payment. The dues for seniors remains at \$5.

There are numerous ways to pay the dues: preferably mailed to the HHNA (address on back), dropped off with your Block Captain, or paid using either of the QR codes to the right. Dues can also be paid at the picnic, but to speed up the check-in line at the picnic, *please pay the dues before the picnic*. We are planning on having an express check-in line at the picnic for those who have paid their dues ahead of time. Please contact the Membership Chair Suzy Barr at [harknessheightsdenver@gmail.com](mailto:harknessheightsdenver@gmail.com) or your Block Captain with questions.

## SAVE THE DATES!

**Annual Neighbor Picnic | Sunday August 27 | 3-6 pm | 4200 block of Knox Court**

For information, see below and the picnic flyer.

**Luminaria Walk | Sunday December 17 | 6-9 pm |**

See next newsletter for information about the luminaria walk

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

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

## HHNA Annual Picnic

Yeah! It's time for the annual picnic on Sunday, August 27, sponsored by the HHNA. This year, we will be doing a potluck, with dishes provided according to last name, as detailed on the picnic flyer. The HHNA will supply burgers, hot dogs, condiments, water, and lemonade. Please contact Roberta Andersen (720-244-0865, [roand4270@cs.com](mailto:roand4270@cs.com)) for donations of goods and services for the raffle. Volunteers will be needed for set up, take down, and equipment. Please see the flyer.

## Back to School for Skinner

Classes at Skinner Middle School start up again on August 21. The school day begins at 8:20 am and ends at 3:20 pm. Please be aware of the school kids walking or riding bikes to/from school and cars dropping off or picking kids up, especially in the afternoon when vehicles may be waiting around the school for pickup.

## Membership Dues: Zelle, PayPal

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## Public Works Update from Steve Nolan, others

Tree and branch trimming reminder: Recently, there have been increased incidents where motorists have run stop signs in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, a cyclist was hit recently at the intersection of 41st and Irving and sustained major injuries. It is for the safety of all that we ask our fellow homeowners to address branches blocking stop signs.

Please take a look at the trees along your sidewalk and specifically at those corners where there is a stop sign. Signs should be visible from 150 feet. Trees along the street should be trimmed to 8 feet and trees along alleys to 13.5 feet per city requirements.

Trash, recycling, and compost carts: Please remember to promptly bring the carts back on to your property after the carts have been emptied. Carts left in the alley can be a hazard to neighbors driving in the alley and accessing garages. Be a good neighbor and cart it back! Cart information can be found at: [https://www.denvergov.org/files/content/public/government/agencies-departments-offices/agencies-departments-offices-directory/recycle-compost-trash/cart-service-guidelines/trash-cart-guide\\_booklet\\_2016.pdf](https://www.denvergov.org/files/content/public/government/agencies-departments-offices/agencies-departments-offices-directory/recycle-compost-trash/cart-service-guidelines/trash-cart-guide_booklet_2016.pdf)

Compost carts: For those waiting on the city's delivery of compost carts, please note that the latest update states that it will be 2024 before Harkness Heights residents receive our carts. Currently, the city has half of the amount of carts requested and will not receive additional carts until next year. While the city is delivering carts to a few neighborhoods this year, there is no specific timeline for delivery for the remainder of neighborhoods in 2024.

Side-street speed limits: Unless otherwise posted, the City and County of Denver has recently reduced the default speed limit on Denver's streets and highways from 25 mph to 20 mph (Denver Municipal Code Section 54-157). This primarily applies to the streets with no stripes in the middle that go through residential areas. Wherever speed limits signs are **not** posted, the default speed limit is 20 mph. New speed limits signs will be replaced and installed over the next few years, with an emphasis on streets that enter local neighborhoods.

## HHNA Block Captains

4200 Federal-W	<b>OPEN</b>
4100 Green-W	Shannon Miller & Eric Fitzgerald
4200 Green-W	<b>OPEN</b>
4200 Green-E	Lisa Montegu
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	<b>OPEN</b>
4200 Irving-W&E	Emily Jacobs
4100 Julian-W&E	Candy 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	Jen Parks
4200 King-E	Jessica Schippits
4100 Lowell-E	Lisa Gelaude
4200 Lowell-E	Emily Ward

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

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