

Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association Mission

To promote, protect, preserve and enhance the character of the CCN neighborhood, the quality of life of its residents, and the feeling of community and to inform and represent its members.

NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Date	Speaker	Refreshments	Where
Tuesday, January 14, 2006; 7:30 PM	Honorable John Hickenlooper, Mayor, City of Denver	Bene Gourmet Pizza (2623 E. 2nd Avenue)	Daniels Fund Building (1st Avenue & Monroe Street)

CCNNA is extremely pleased that Mayor Hickenlooper has agreed to speak to our neighborhood association about current issues in the City of Denver. In addition to the Mayor sharing his views on the 2007 development and improvement plans for the City, everyone is encouraged to ask the Mayor for his comments on important resident issues and his views on the future development of Cherry Creek North. If you have questions for the Mayor, please email your questions to Wayne New, newleeway@msn.com.

Bene, which means “wonderful” in Italian, is home to a signature line of pizzas – the Sicilian, roasted herb chicken, wild mushroom and lime chicken to name a few – as well as a line of distinctive salads. Please patronize the restaurant and thank the owner, Kevin Cohen, for his generosity to CCNNA.

Please use the parking lot on 1st Avenue and Madison, west of the building. Do not park on the street.

Cherry Creek North BID Bond Passes and CEO Recruitment Begins

The CCN BID electors (anyone with a BID lease-hold interest) held an extremely close district-wide bond election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, and the bond was approved by a vote of 152 in favor and 150 against. The original intent of the bond is to implement new directional signage, lighting, seating, enhanced crosswalks and mid-block attractions for North/South streets between Second and Third within the district as components of a new ‘garden district’ design concept. The BID Board is continuing to discuss the design and implementation process.

The BID Board Chairman announced that 84 individuals have applied for the vacant BID Chief Executive Office position with many of the candidates with impressive credentials. Interviews will begin in January.

New CCNNA Board Members Appointed

At its November Board Meeting the CCNNA Board approved the appointment of two new Board Directors to fill recent vacant Board positions. Please welcome our following new Board Directors.

Mike Kuryla – Mike and his wife, Terri, have lived in Denver on the 200 block of Monroe Street for 3 years. Being a Michigan native, he graduated from Notre Dame and Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. He has held executive positions in finance, market planning, and IT management with Ford Motor Company, Ryder System, Automatic Data Processing, and Budget Truck Rental. Mike and Terri recently launched a Cherry Creek-based marketing agency, www.WSIMarketing4theWeb.com, which specializes in internet-based marketing for small and medium sized businesses.

Byron Bergman – Byron and his wife, Ingrid, have resided in the Denver Metro area for 30 years and on the 100 block of Garfield Street for the last five years. Byron graduated from Northern Arizona University and completed his masters’ degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. He is the president and owner of Centennial Equipment, a distributor of pumps, blowers, and mixers for many Colorado companies.

The Board would like to thank the well qualified and energetic Board applicants for their interest.

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Over 110 Denver residents are working on committees looking at Denver's infrastructure maintenance needs and how to pay for them. Over 300 people came to open houses to give the committees advice about what maintenance was most important and what types of financing mechanisms were most acceptable.

Traditionally the City has not had a large enough revenue stream dedicated to keeping our capital assets maintained. As a result periodic "catch-up" bond issues have been submitted to the voters to restore our capital assets to functionally acceptable levels. In 2005, the Mayor's Infrastructure Task Force found that Denver was deferring approximately **\$25.4 million annually** in capital maintenance needed to meet reasonable standards.

A City finance committee is looking at ways to solve this maintenance problem in the future. Three of the seven announced ideas being discussed are:

- > Change the dedicated annual capital funding sources to ones that keep pace with the increasing costs of construction. For example, **change from the Occupational Privilege Tax to a set proportion of the current property tax.**
- > Ask the voters to approve, **for a limited ten year period**, a three mill property tax increase to fund the gap between currently available and required annual capital maintenance funding.
- > Continue to use **proceeds from sale of property** to fund "catch-up" capital expenditures and keep up an aggressive asset disposition program. This could raise between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000 annually, on average.

The upcoming approval timeline is for a final City Executive Committee meeting with informal courtesy updates to Council Committees with the following key dates:

January 2, 2007 - January 15, 2007:

Final discussion and preparation of recommendations

January 16, 2007:

Recommendations to Mayor/City Attorney

For more information on the Infrastructure Priorities Program, go to www.denverinfrastructure.org. The individual review subcommittees and their project recommendation can be found by clicking on "Subcommittee Info".

CCNNA Resident Survey on the BID Usage Results Reported

At the November 14th CCNNA General Resident Meeting Christina Brickley, the Interim Business Improvement District CEO, surveyed meeting participants on various BID usage issues. Even though the survey had a limited number of participants, it did provide some preference and usage information. One of the questions concerned resident frequency of usage and the responses are listed below:

At what business do you have the most frequent stops? (1 – most frequent to 5 – least frequent)

Restaurants: 23 responses, average score 1.5
Coffee Shops: 14 responses, average score 1.6
Art Gallery: 8 responses, average score 3.3
Gift Shop: 12 responses, average score 3.25

Boutique Clothing: 15 responses, average score 2.3
Home furnishings: 11 responses, average score 3.5
Spa/Salon: 15 responses, average score 3.4
Jewelry: 9 responses, average score 4.4

Other: Whole Foods: 1.0 (4 responses, one person goes 2x a week); Library: 1.0 (2 responses)

District CEO, surveyed meeting participants on various BID usage issues. Post Office: 1 (1 responses)

For complete survey results go to the CCNNA website (www.ccnneighbors.com)

City Services Key Contact Numbers

Emergency Police / Fire: 911

Graffiti Hotline: 720-865-7867

District 3 Police (Non-Emergency): 720-913-2000

Street Light Repair: 800-895-4999

Cherry Creek Neighborhood Inspection Services:

Melinda Whitley: 720-865-3055; www.melinda.whitley@ci.denver.co.us

We have a New Website Look - www.ccnneighbors.com - Give Us Feedback

Automatic Garage Door Closure Device Works

Since open garage doors have been one of the primary causes for neighborhood thefts, the Safety Committee would like to mention that several CCN residents have effectively installed automatic garage door closure devices. Key device information is as follows:

- > Sensor triggers garage door to close automatically after user-specified amount of time (2 to 30 minutes).
- > Included wall console replaces existing garage door opener button.
- > Battery and mounting hardware included.
- > Device is low in cost (about \$40) and easy to install.

For additional information email Denny Head at dehead1@comcast.net.

Please Shovel That Snow

As a reminder, the City requires all residents to remove the snow from the sidewalks in front of their residences. Be courteous and protect your neighbors from slipping and falling on the sidewalks.

Detroit Street Median Decision Changed

The City of Denver Public Works Department was planning to implement a Detroit Street median between 1st and 2nd Avenue that would encourage additional traffic from the Janus and future North Creek Project buildings into the neighborhood and BID. Members of the CCNNA Board, the Cherry Creek Steering Committee (CCSC), and Councilwoman Jeanne Robb met with Traffic Engineering staff to discuss the results of a professional traffic study that was conducted on the impact of the proposed median.

The study predicted **20%+ increase** in 2nd Avenue traffic and less than 2% increase in 1st Avenue traffic due to the median, **just the opposite in the way traffic should be directed**. With formal letters of opposition from CCNNA, the BID, and CCSC, Jeanne Robb met with Bill Vidal, the City Public Works Manager and persuaded Public Works that the proposed median would be detrimental to public safety and traffic mitigation. **The decision to implement the median has been rescinded. Thank you, Councilwoman Robb, for your assistance and support!**

CCNNA Supporting the Salvation Army

On Saturday, December 2nd over 20 CCNNA members met at the downtown Salvation Army warehouse to tour the facility that houses many homeless citizens and to help sort and organize holiday food packages for the homeless and needy. CCNNA Board member, Tim David, organized the event, and all participants left the warehouse with a greater understanding of Denver's homelessness problems and a true sense of gratitude for the Salvation Army. All CCN residents are encouraged to show their appreciation for the valuable services that the Salvation Army provides for needy Denver citizens.

Skiing or Wine Tasting – Bottoms Up

New Ski Group – Contact Chris Thompson TWTRM2 @ aol.com, who would like to organize needs for both downhill and cross-country skiers, organize car pools, and look at the possibilities of overnight weekend trips. Skiers should also identify their preferences regarding ski areas as well as their level of skiing (intermediate /advanced / beginner).

Wine Tasting – Don't miss the next wine tasting event on Friday, February 2nd from 6 PM to 8 PM at the JW Marriott. The last tasting was so popular that residents had to be turned away, so don't delay and send \$25.00 (\$5 goes to Denver Public Schools Foundation) to: Betty Speir 2450 E. 5th Ave. #J Denver, CO 80206.

Book Group - The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Monday, January 22nd. The book, "Shadow of the Wind", by Carlos Ruiz Zafon & Lucia Graves is the featured book. Contact Rachel Kodanaz at 303-683-2045 or rtgkodanaz@comcast.net, if you are interested. Check the CCNNA website (www.ccnneighbors.com) for complete Newcomer Event information.

Happy New Year from the CCNNA Board!

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Time to Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2007

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Your email address is important, as it is the primary method of communicating to our membership. Your email address is private information and will not be shared. If it has changed in the last year, please note.

Please support our neighborhood and join CCNNA. Please use this form, enclose a check for \$30 (per household), and send to: **Denny Head, Box 6442, Denver, Colorado 80206.**

Dates and Events to Remember

Next General Resident Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th 7:30 PM

Daniel's Fund Building

Mayor John Hickenlooper

January Meeting Speaker

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