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**Time to Join or Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2011**  
 (Annual Membership Year is October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Benefits:**

- CCNNA email keeps you informed on the latest Cherry Creek neighborhood developments and events.
- CCNNA represents your interests with the City and the Cherry Creek business community.
- CCNNA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life in Cherry Creek North.

*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: CCNNA, 283 Columbine Street, Box 129, Denver, Colorado 80206.



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**DATES AND EVENTS**  
*to Remember*

**Next General Resident Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7:00 PM**  
 Fillmore Plaza  
 Cherry Creek Theatre  
 Olli Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

# CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2010

**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**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2010; 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Daniels Fund Building** (Corner of 1st Avenue and Monroe Street - Use Parking Lot)

**Plan to arrive at 6:30. A table will be set up with representatives from the various CCNNA activity/interest groups.**

**SPEAKERS: Fillmore Plaza** – A discussion on the latest Fillmore Plaza Alternative Plan will be held.

**Cherry Creek Theatre** – Maxine and Mark Rossman will present the development and planned production of the new Cherry Creek Theatre and how you can be involved. See article on page 3.

**Olli Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Denver** – Vonnie Wheeler, Director, will describe OLLI, which is an education program designed for men and women age 50 and over who wish to pursue lifelong learning in the company of like-minded peers. Classes are held at Central Christian Church, 3690 Cherry Creek S. Dr., within walking or biking distance for CCNNA residents.



**REFRESHMENTS: Abrusci's Italian Eatery**, 300 Fillmore Street, (303) 462-0513

**ABRUSCI'S** Italian Eatery is a family owned and operated restaurant, with its first store in Wheat Ridge celebrating its 10 year anniversary this fall. The family takes pride in serving delicious home-style meals. The menu includes full gluten-free lunch and dinner offerings as well as a variety of options from Rigatoni and Sausage to Whole Wheat Pasta with Shrimp and Spinach.

**A FILLMORE PLAZA DESIGN ALTERNATIVE**

Over the past eight months there has been continuous discussion and debate on the future of Fillmore Plaza through numerous surveys, presentations, and meetings with CCN residents, City officials, the BID and developers, and all other interested FP parties. Many residents and businesses continue to oppose any street or vehicular traffic and desire to preserve the plaza as dedicated open space. At the end of August, 2010 certain conclusions have been reached and some actions and activities have occurred that have encouraged the CCNNA Board to consider a new design alternative for the Plaza.

- (1) Pending Approval of Street** – Even though CCNNA's current position is against a street through Fillmore Plaza and the Board has fought diligently to save the Plaza as a dedicated open space, the CCNNA Board has concluded that City Council will approve a street through Fillmore Plaza.
- (2) Other Neighborhood Support for a Street** – The Country Club Historic Neighborhood Association Board has supported a street through Fillmore Plaza, and the Cherry Creek East Neighborhood Association Board and its residents have supported a street through Fillmore Plaza with enhanced pedestrian amenities.
- (3) North End of Fillmore Plaza** – Suggestions from several parties have been made to preserve the north end of Fillmore Plaza closer to 2nd Avenue with a more pedestrian orientation. The reasoning to address only the north end of FP was that the south end next to 1st Avenue would be less desirable and less likely to have outdoor eating and gathering activities due to the traffic noise and congestion of 1st Avenue.
- (4) Developer Willingness to Negotiate** – The BID approached the CCNNA Board for the first time in August to ask for CCNNA recommendations on Plaza changes to the BID's present hybrid street plan. Possible reasons for this change in attitude could be attributed to: the additional cost and critical time delay in design and construction of FP to the BID; the increasing opposition to a street by the Friends of Fillmore group, CCNNA, and potential opposition by CHUN; and City official and other community leader appeals to the developers to reach a compromise.

**THE NORTH END ALTERNATIVE:** The CCNNA Board discussed the BID's request and came to the conclusion that, if a street was going to be approved through Fillmore Plaza by City Council, then preserving as much of the Plaza for the neighborhood and all pedestrians would be the appropriate course of action. The Board responded in the following manner. If the north end of Fillmore Plaza close to 2nd Avenue is redesigned to include (a) no parking; (b) a flat level, surface without street curbs from the center section to 2nd Avenue; and (c) limited parking on the south end, then the CCNNA Board would bring this alternative design to its residents for their consideration.

## A FILLMORE PLAZA DESIGN ALTERNATIVE Continued from page 1

On Thursday, August 26th the BID presented a new detailed FP design, and it was discussed thoroughly by the BID representative, CCNNA Board members, Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, a CCNNA PAG representative, and three community architects. Even though the new design still included a street through the Plaza, the new design for the north end featured:

- a uniform flat surface without any curbs or parking;
- a comprehensive colored paver / brick surface décor throughout the entire plaza;
- an enhanced pedestrian orientation with expanded sidewalk areas and seating;
- removable bollards or posts that separate the street from pedestrian space; and
- different size planters for trees and other landscaping.

Two additional changes suggested to the BID architect by all attending this meeting were: (1) move the north end planters closer to bollards to increase the pedestrian space and walkways on both sides of the north end of the street and (2) reduce the sizes of south and north end planters to give a more spacious look and feel to the entire plaza. The only CCNNA request on which the BID did not agree was the number of parking spaces on the south end of the plaza, which was increased from 8 spaces to 10 spaces. This additional parking utilized space near 1st Avenue rather than any center section pedestrian space.

**STREET VACATION OR IGA:** Another important issue is whether a street vacation or an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) would be used to open the street through Fillmore Plaza. As a reminder, a street vacation would allow Fillmore Plaza to be given to the developers and then to the BID at no cost and would become the private property of the BID. This vacation would eliminate any formal public rights to Fillmore Plaza as a public right of way. The IGA would keep the street as a public right of way with an agreement between the BID and the City on the maintenance, management, and fees associated with the street and plaza events.

At a meeting on Friday, August 27th called by Councilwoman Robb with City attorneys / City Planning staff / City Public Works staff, BID representatives, and CCNNA attending, the two approaches were discussed. CCNNA emphasized it adamantly opposes a street vacation approach to Fillmore Plaza and would only support an IGA, if a street is to be approved. CCNNA also requested that it be allowed to participate in the IGA's development, especially related to Fillmore Plaza event planning. The group agreed to pursue the IGA approach and for CCNNA involvement in the IGA discussion.

**CONCLUSION:** The CCNNA board does not want a street through Fillmore Plaza, but it is clear that there is little support for our position beyond our neighborhood. It is the assessment of the CCNNA Board that City Council will approve the street and we will not be able to keep Fillmore Plaza as open space. The alternative plan described in this article is the best design CCNNA has been able to negotiate.

**NEXT STEPS:** If the BID presents CCNNA with a revised design diagram on FP with all changes included, then the CCNNA Board will present it with its opinion for resident consideration and a vote on approval at a September meeting at Bromwell School or another convenient location. At the meeting you will be able to review the plan in detail, express any concerns, and have your questions answered. CCNNA will notify all residents on the meeting date, place, and time. For those residents who are unable to attend, electronic copies of the plan will be requested from the BID and posted on the CCNNA website. An electronic survey will be available for your decision whether to support the alternative FP redesign plan or not. Your participation is encouraged. The long process to reach a decision on Fillmore Plaza's future is coming to an end. Drawings of the latest plan will be posted or linked as soon as possible. We sincerely encourage your participation in the review of the alternative plan. If you have questions, suggestions or comments, please email Wayne New at [newleeway@msn.com](mailto:newleeway@msn.com) or contact any other CCNNA board member. Your continuing support and advice is greatly appreciated.

## WINE TASTING OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>



Join your Cherry Creek North neighbors for the fall CCNNA Wine Tasting on Friday, October 22nd from 6 pm to 8 pm at 235 Fillmore Street. Galleries Extraordinaire is providing their wonderful gallery of fine art and Asian antiques as the backdrop for this event. The Vineyard Wine Shop will offer an interesting variety of red and white wines for your tasting enjoyment. A marvelous assortment of appetizers prepared by local establishments will complement the wines. The Egg Shell of Cherry Creek will be providing selections from their new appetizer and lunch menu. A newcomer to CCN, Abrusci's Italian Eatery will be serving Italian appetizers. Another newcomer, Maggie & Molly's Bakery will be providing a sampling of their decadent mini cupcakes and other goodies. The cost is \$20 per person with all proceeds to be donated to the newly organized Cherry Creek Theatre project. To register, send your check (\$20 per person) made payable to CCNNA by Monday, October 18th to Ellen West, 449 C Columbine Street, Denver, CO 80206. Please include the name of each attendee. For more information, e-mail [ellen\\_west@comcast.net](mailto:ellen_west@comcast.net) or call her at 303-377-3867.

### 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
Parking Management	720-913-1720	City Assistance	311

Neighborhood Inspection Services: Daniel Amador, 720-865-3239, [daniel.amador@denvergov.org](mailto:daniel.amador@denvergov.org)

## CHERRY CREEK THEATRE to DEBUT in FEBRUARY 2011

Thanks to a visionary group of 15 Cherry Creek North, Historic Country Club, Cherry Creek East, business representatives, City Council, and local theater leaders, live theater will soon bring added life and vitality to the Cherry Creek area. The mission of the group is to "enhance and enrich the vitality of Cherry Creek through theater and the arts by producing a broad range of theatrical and artistic productions of the highest quality that will be entertaining, educational, and diverse".

In response to the positive survey results, the Cherry Creek Theatre Company was formed. It is a nonprofit organization (501c3) whose short-term goal is to bring live theater and educational opportunities to Cherry Creek and the surrounding neighborhoods. Initially, it is expected that theatrical education and performances would have the strong financial support of the surrounding businesses and neighborhood communities. Its long-term goal is to partner with the Cherry Creek Arts Festival or similar charitable neighborhood arts oriented organization.

**To introduce live theater to Cherry Creek, the following plans are being developed:**

**February 10-14, 2011 – Love Letters,** A unique and imaginative theatre piece comprised of letters exchanged over a lifetime between two people who grew up together, went their separate ways, but continued to share confidences. This professional production will be presented in the Shaver-Ramsey Gallery in Cherry Creek North. We are planning on having a different cast (of two) each evening consisting of individuals who are well-known in the Denver area.

**Spring, 2011 – A "Children's Workshop"** will be co-sponsored by the Cherry Creek Theatre and Cherry Creek Dance to introduce and educate children on the performance arts.

**Balance of 2011 –** Two major productions at a date, time and venue to be determined. Several popular and important plays are now being reviewed. We will announce them as soon as we have finalized our plans.

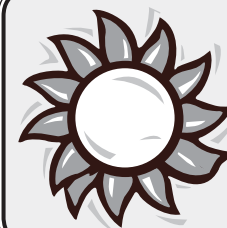
After an evaluation of the artistic and financial success of the first year of operation of the Cherry Creek Theatre is conducted, an educational and theatrical performance schedule will be developed and approved by the Theatre's Board of Directors. At least three play—two minor and one major—as well as a children's educational event will be considered. If deemed favorable and financially feasible, a suitable venue for a temporary short term home for the Theatre will be evaluated in order to establish a more visible presence in Cherry Creek. The CCNNA board is pleased to announce that CCNNA has become a \$2,500 "Curtain Up" sponsor of the Cherry Creek Theatre in order to help revitalize the Cherry Creek business and cultural community.

For membership information and more detail, please visit [www.cherrycreektheatre.org](http://www.cherrycreektheatre.org) which will be available by the end of September.



The Cherry Creek Theatre

## BLOCK PARTIES BUILD COMMUNITY SPIRIT



What could be better than a summer block party to get to know your most immediate neighbors? Several blocks in Cherry Creek North have reported successful block parties this summer. Block parties are promoted by the CCNNA Block Builder Program as one of the best ways to get to know your neighbors and build block cohesiveness.

If your block has held a successful block party this summer, we'd like to hear about it. If you haven't had one yet, it's not too late to take advantage of beautiful fall days in Denver.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Camera Club (NEW):** Contact Ron Brady, [rbradyconsult@msn.com](mailto:rbradyconsult@msn.com); **Cinema Club:** Contact Maxine Rossman, [Maxine.Rossman@capella.edu](mailto:Maxine.Rossman@capella.edu); **Book Groups:** Contact Mary Lynn Darcy, [mlbdar@msn.com](mailto:mlbdar@msn.com) and Tina Davis, [tina.davis@twtelecom.com](mailto:tina.davis@twtelecom.com); **Bridge:** Contact Mary Lynn Darcy, [mlbdar@msn.com](mailto:mlbdar@msn.com); **Golf: Men's Golf Group,** Contact Wayne New at [newleeway@msn.com](mailto:newleeway@msn.com); **Ladies Golf Group:** Contact Debra Rickard, [drickard@ulc.com](mailto:drickard@ulc.com); **Dog Walking Group:** Contact Kaulene Henson, [kaulenehenson@gmail.com](mailto:kaulenehenson@gmail.com); **Hiking** (any morning), **Yoga** (Mon. & Fri. at 7:30 AM—all levels welcome), and **Dance Groups** (Mon.-Ballroom, Tue.-Tango, Wed.-Salsa—all at 6-7:00 PM): Contact Marilyn Olen, 303-394-4240 or [castleolen@yahoo.com](mailto:castleolen@yahoo.com); **Meditation Group:** Contact Joyce Haas (Joyce is looking for someone to help host these meetings—she will lead the sessions), [j-haas@comcast.net](mailto:j-haas@comcast.net); **Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; To host a party, contact Maria Arapakis, [maria@everydayleaders.com](mailto:maria@everydayleaders.com); **Wine Tastings:** Contact Ellen West, [ellen\\_west@comcast.net](mailto:ellen_west@comcast.net).



**Bunco Group for Ladies:** Lynda Coble has moved to Colorado Springs. If anyone is interested in leading this group, please contact Dick Cohen at the email below.

If anyone is interested in starting other groups, please contact Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com). See CCNNA website [www.ccneighbors.com](http://www.ccneighbors.com) for more information.

Plan to arrive at the September 28 residents meeting at 6:30 to meet activity/interest group organizers and ask questions. A table will be set up for this purpose.