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Time to Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2009
 (Annual Membership Year is October 1 to September 30)

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



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DATES AND EVENTS
to Remember

Next General Resident Meeting
Tuesday, January 27th, 7:00 PM
 Traffic Mitigation Discussion
 Ten Thousand Villages
 Neighborhood Inspection Services
 Gelato d'Italia Cafe

CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

JANUARY 2009

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, January 27th, 2009; 7:00 PM

Daniels Fund Building

(Corner of 1st Avenue and Monroe Street - Use Parking Lot)

SPEAKERS:

BID Development Traffic Mitigation Discussion
Ten Thousand Villages
Joaquin Gonzales, Neighborhood Inspection Services

REFRESHMENTS:

Gelato d'Italia Cafe, 250 Detroit Street, 303-316-9154

BID Development Traffic Mitigation Discussion:

Transportation Solutions will share findings from CCN resident focus group discussions and other information on traffic mitigation planning, as CCN faces the increased traffic to be experienced by the proposed Cherry Creek Square, 1st Bank, and future BID developments.



Ten Thousand Villages: Ten Thousand Villages, a non profit store in Cherry Creek North, provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories. As consumers, we rarely consider the effects of our purchasing power on the rights, wages, or working conditions of the people who produce our goods. Come listen to this inspirational story.

Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS): Joaquin Gonzales, NIS Manager, will describe the assistance that the City's NIS can give residents on specific residential construction and property management difficulties.

Gelato d'Italia Cafe: Authentic Italian Gelato and Sorbetto, just like you had in Italy. Sandwiches, salad, panini, soups, and homemade quiche served all day and night. Breakfast panini too. Whole quiches are available for takeout. Amante Coffee drinks and made from scratch desserts are also available. Call about our catering options. Sun - Thurs 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM; November - February; Fri - Sat until 11 PM; March - October, 1 hour later.

RESIDENTS EXPRESS FEELINGS ON 3rd AVENUE HOTEL AND TRAFFIC

On December 9th, over 30 CCN residents participated in two focus groups that were conducted by Transportation Solutions to receive feedback on the proposed hotel for Cherry Creek Square at 3rd Avenue and St. Paul / Milwaukee as well as the present and future traffic issues that the neighborhood does and would experience. The residents who attended reside primarily on the streets (St. Paul, Milwaukee, 2nd and 3rd Avenue) that would be affected by the hotel and other BID development traffic as well as residents from Clayton and Detroit Streets, who have experienced the increased traffic generated by Clayton Lane and the JW Marriott Hotel. Key points in the focus group discussions were as follows:

(1) Zoning Violation - The hotel project violates CCN Zoning requirements related to hotel use and allowable height and bulk and could be a precedent for further CCN Zoning violations.

(2) Cherry Creek Neighborhood Plan Violation - The project does not follow the recommendations of the City Council approved Cherry Creek Neighborhood Plan, which recommends low density retail, office, and residential development north of 2nd Avenue to the CCN neighborhood.

(3) Out of Character and Scale - As prescribed by the Cherry Creek Neighborhood Plan, BID development has followed the gradual declining height and bulk restrictions and allowances: from its 130 to 150 foot height on 1st Avenue to its 55 foot height for buildings on the 200 and 300 blocks to the 30 to 35 foot height for R-2-B residential height in the CCN neighborhood. The hotel project with its proposed 80 to 90 foot height and increased bulk would be completely out of character and scale for the CCN neighborhood.

(4) Traffic, Congestion, and Parking Problems - The same increase in tour buses, taxis, and delivery trucks from the JW Marriott and the Clayton Lane development and other BID businesses on Clayton and Detroit Streets to and from 6th Avenue would also be experienced on Milwaukee, St. Paul, Steele, 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue by the proposed Cherry Creek Square hotel, as well as the 10 story office building being proposed on the 1st Bank site between 1st Avenue, Steele Street, and St. Paul Street.

DO YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF HARMAN, COLORADO (AKA CHERRY CREEK NORTH)?

The old Town of Harman is contained within the Denver Planning Office's Cherry Creek Neighborhood and was a larger area than the 320 acre town site purchased from 1869 to 1872 by Edwin P. Harman and his wife, Lou. The Harmans arrived in Arapahoe County, Colorado Territory, in June of 1872 from Friar's Point, Mississippi. Harman, a successful lawyer, had resigned his Judgeship quite suddenly to come to Colorado. Local folklore tells that, as a thrice wounded and highly decorated Confederate veteran, Harman had become disillusioned with the post-bellum South and sought new opportunities as a land and water specialist in the rapidly developing Denver area.

During their journey to Arapahoe County, the Harmans traveled on the Smokey Hill Trail which curved near the north bank of Cherry Creek, through the future town site, and across the grounds where the Harman school would be built. Harman had purchased the west quarter section in 1869 and had deeded it over to his wife before they were married. Perhaps they camped at Point Loma (now the intersection of Alameda Avenue and Harrison Street) after watering their horses at Cherry Creek, and were struck by the beauty of the land.

Rich alluvial and brown prairie soil was found along Cherry Creek's floodplain. Choke-cherry trees, wildflowers, and buffalo grass, all grew in abundance set against the magnificent backdrop of the majestic Rocky Mountains. This was fertile land to grow the crops, to fatten the stock, and to feed the region's growing population. This land needed people, and people need a town.

By 1882, the Harmans acquired the entire 320 acre half-section and attempted to add it to the City of Denver as "Harmans' Addition" on March 2, 1882. Mrs. Harman filed a map and subdivision plot on that day, but Edwin withdrew it the very next day and refiled it as "Harmans' Subdivision" of Arapahoe County land. By 1885, the parcel had been plotted into individual tracts for home sites, and approximately 140 persons owned land.

By 1886, talk of annexing Judge Harman's subdivision into Denver or of organizing a new town circulated throughout the community. Streets were rough and un-graded, and no central water supply existed. On October 4, a petition calling for a vote on the question of incorporation was filed with the State and bore the signatures of 140 qualified landowners. An incorporation election was held on October 28 with only 23 persons voting, all for township. Articles of Incorporation were drawn and filed with the Secretary of State on November 17, 1886, and the Town of Harman, Colorado, was born. Harman, Colorado is now known as Cherry Creek North.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Bunco Group for Ladies: Bunco is a simple dice game that requires no skill at all, just the ability to roll three dice and the willingness to have fun. The Group's first game in October was most enjoyable, but the group will be looking for a full 12 woman roster to continue the games. It is a great way to get acquainted with your neighbors and make new friends! Anyone who is interested please e-mail Lynda Coble at LynCoble@aol.com.

Cinema Club: Cinema Club members attended many of the Denver Film Festival events and voted "Slumdog Millionaire" as its favorite film. Club members are planning to attend the Film Society's Academy Awards Party. A second club is needed for future members. For additional information contact Maxine Rossman, 303-953-8687 or Maxine.Rossman@capella.edu.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Book Groups: Contact Mary Lynn Darcy, mlbdar@msn.com; **Bridge:** Contact Mary Lynn Darcy, mlbdar@msn.com; **Golf:** Contact Jim and Bette Daly, 303-355-5438 or jdaly3831@comcast.net; **Dog Walking Group:** Contact Kaulene Henson, kaulenehenson@gmail.com; **Hiking Group:** Leader needed, contact Dick Cohen; **Ladies Golf Group:** Contact Debra Rickard, drickard@ulc.com; **Meditation Group:** Contact Joyce Haas, j-haas@comcast.net; **Skiing Group:** Leader needed, contact Dick Cohen; **Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; want to host a party? Contact Maria Arapakis, maria@everydayleaders.com.

Activity Information and New Ideas: Contact Dick Cohen at richardmcohen@hotmail.com and check the CCNNA website.



THINK GREEN AND PLANT TREES

Two programs - CHUN's Plant a Tree Program (303-830-1651) and The Park People's Denver Digs Trees Program (303-722-6262) - are offering a variety of healthy low cost trees for planting in Denver neighborhoods. The fees vary from \$10 to \$25, and assistance with planting is also available. Plan your spring trees for your home and street and apply for a tree by March 31st.

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: Kathy Ortega, 720-865-3055; www.kathy.ortega@ci.denver.co.us

CCNNA Website - www.ccneighbors.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR from SECOND HOME KITCHEN AND BAR

To celebrate a good new year for CCN residents in 2009, Second Home Kitchen and Bar will provide CCN residents with one (1) complimentary Stoli cocktail, House Wine, Session Beer or any plate from their Small Plates Menu. Their location is inside the JW Marriott, and the hours are from 4 PM to Midnight with complimentary hotel parking. Show your newsletter and enjoy your celebration on their heated open air patio or inside the restaurant. The offer is good for 2 persons and expires March 31, 2009. Happy New Year! Thanks to Second Home Kitchen and Bar and the Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce.



RESIDENT PROFILE FEATURE - MARK ROSSMAN



There are few stories in literature or business as rewarding as that of the person who, with talent, versatility, and a strong sense of "who they are", manages to arrive in mid-life not only successful in one career but also able to engage in that other activity which they have always loved, have always been good at doing, even if the two were not the same. Have you ever secretly wished you could do both?

At first glance, Dr. Mark Rossman is one of those distinguished looking gentlemen who "looks the part" he has played in real life: **Professor and Administrator** at several major universities. Indeed he has a long and illustrious career specializing in adult education, graduate and doctoral program development, long distance learning (think Internet!), and international education. His credentials and experience make him a true leader in academia.

Upon closer scrutiny, however, there is also a personal power which has both contributed to his career success and fueled his other real passion: **Theater**. He has proven the connection between art and science in education during his thirty-plus years of academic experience. And, he's done some real acting on real stages along the way as well: from a PBS-TV History Special to Minneapolis and Phoenix theater productions of "My Fair Lady", "Oklahoma", "Julius Caesar", and "Hamlet", to most recently Denver's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank".

To read the full story on Mark's interesting career and experience in the footlights, go the CCNNA website (www.ccneighbors.com).

SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEER SERVICE SUCCESS

On Saturday, December 13th over 50 CCNNA members and friends helped the Salvation Army sort donated food items and also pack holiday food boxes for needy families. Afterwards, 30 of the volunteers enjoyed a delicious Mexican lunch at Las Delicious on 19th Avenue. According to the Salvation Army staff, Cherry Creek North was one of the most energetic, lively, and productive neighborhood volunteer groups this season. To give you an idea of our volunteer group's assistance, the final totals were as follows:

Can Food Sorting - 5 pallets equaling 375 boxes of cans or a total of **9000 cans** sorted

Food Boxes - 13 pallets equaling **520 boxes of food** filled with an assortment of essential food items for families

Thanks and congratulations to all of our volunteers, and special kudos to Tim David and Denny Head for organizing the event!! You truly made the holidays more enjoyable for the many Denver families receiving Salvation Army food support.

CHUN GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

George Guerin, a Cherry Creek North resident at 480 Milwaukee Street, was selected for a Good Neighbor Award by the Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN). The award honored his CCN work, helping create an active and informed resident block as Block Captain; participating in crime prevention activities in CCN and the City Police District 3 Safety Programs; and being a kind, helpful, and friendly neighbor to his block friends, especially his elderly Milwaukee Street neighbors. **George, Congratulations and Thanks for Helping Improve CCN!!**

CIRCULARS, FLYERS, AND SOLICITATIONS

With the numerous advertising circulars, flyers, and solicitations being left on doorsteps and gates, some residents have found the posting of "No Circulars. No Flyers. No Solicitations." to be helpful in reducing and/or eliminating these nuisances. Un-removed flyers may send a message that you are not home and may invite crime. Councilwoman Jeanne Robb (303-377-1807) is especially interested in reducing this problem and will be pleased to help with continuing problems.