

THE SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY  
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**APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2009**

## Sunnyside Pizza Party

Wednesday, April 8th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Columbian Elementary School

2925 W 40th Ave

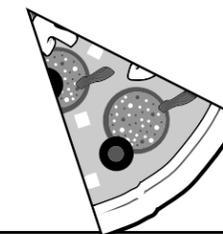
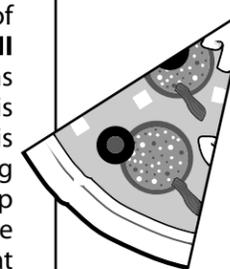
Denver, CO 80211

Suni Supporters - \$5

Guests - \$10

Kids under 12 - \$1

SUNI Board Election



## From the President

Our annual **Sunnyside Pizza Feast & Potluck** is an event designed mostly for fun. We usually get to hear from some of our City Council people and other elected representatives. But the meeting has only one item of business: **the election of the SUNI Board of Directors** for the 12 months beginning with May 2009. SUNI is

moving in new directions, with an increased emphasis on our website and electronic networks. We are relying more on specialized committees and ad hoc group formations to deal with short-term projects and acute neighborhood issues. The new Board will decide what to concentrate on, and how to use resources to cope with what the new year brings. We always look for fresh Board members to bring different ideas and lead new efforts. The officers of the Association are chosen by the Board from among its members. These officers are often the most visible faces (and audible voices) of Sunnyside.

Just as Sunnyside is always in transition, all of us have our personal transitions. **I will retire from the SUNI Board in May**, making room for new leadership and energy. If you think that Sunnyside is an important part of your future, and of your family's future, please consider joining the SUNI Board of Directors. I hope all who are interested in this opportunity will get in touch with me or other current Board members via [www.sunnysidedenver.org](http://www.sunnysidedenver.org). Board membership is limited to residents of Sunnyside and owners/managers of properties and businesses located in Sunnyside.

*Keith Howard*

## Calendar

for more information, please visit [www.sunnysidedenver.org](http://www.sunnysidedenver.org)

**PCD Meetings:** at Café Café only if there are items on the agenda. **DATES:** April 6, May 4, June 1

**SUNI Sippers:** Monthly 5:30 to 7:30 locations yet to be determined. \$2 for supporters and \$5 for guests.

**DATES:** April 29, May 27, June 24

**Enchanted Gardens of Northwest Denver Garden Tour**

Saturday June 6 from 9 am to 4 pm

**Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale.**

Saturday, May 2 from 8 am to 3 pm

<b>Numbers to Know</b>	Neighborhood Inspection Services	720-865-3200
	Graffiti Hotline	720-913-7867
	Non-Emergency Police	720-913-2000
	Animal Control	303-698-0076
	Denver Public Library	720-865-1111
	Denver Recycles	720-865-6805
	Parks & Rec	720-913-6027
	Poison Control	303-739-1123
District 1 Front Desk	720-913-0400	
District 1 Community Resource Officer	720-913-0461	
Carlos Montoya: <a href="mailto:CarlosMontoya@denvergov.org">CarlosMontoya@denvergov.org</a>		

## BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

*Together We Can Make a Difference!*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Senior	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$6.00
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12.00
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$24.00
Outside Sunnyside	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$24.00
Underwriter Categories	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Brilliant
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Luminous
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 Sunny

For membership details, contact: [suni@sunnysidedenver.org](mailto:suni@sunnysidedenver.org)

Mail to: SUNI, P.O. Box 11381, Denver, CO 80211

## Business Buzz

SoulFire Fitness is here! Yes, in our "backyard" - at our schools and at our parks!

SoulFire Fitness makes working out fun while your whole body is getting a great workout. Every class includes strength work for your upper and lower body, cardio, abs, core and balance work. It's group training with a private trainer. Make it personal... if you want to lose weight, ski faster, pick up the kids with ease, compete in a triathlon or have more energy, Taylor-Morgan will listen and works with you to make your goals achievable and real.

Each program is run on 8 week sessions, although you can jump in anytime and all Sunnyside residents can try your first class for free to see it's the right thing for you.

SoulFire Fitness is here; extending an invitation to you, making fitness an adventure and never boring.



For more information, please contact Taylor-Morgan Chapin at [SoulFireFitness@hotmail.com](mailto:SoulFireFitness@hotmail.com) or 303-993-3111.

*Business Buzz is a new feature which highlights a business in our community. If you are interested in having your company highlighted in the next newsletter please contact [suni@sunnysidener.org](mailto:suni@sunnysidener.org).*





## 9th Annual Enchanted Gardens of NW Denver Garden Tour

Saturday June 6, 2009, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Tour some of the Northwest Denver's most lush and fragrant gardens, bid on fantastic auction items, and unwind at the after-party.

All proceeds will benefit The Conflict Center, celebrating 20 years of violence prevention.

For more information on the The Conflict Center or the Garden Tour, please go to [www.conflictcenter.org](http://www.conflictcenter.org) or call 303-433-4983.

**Ticket prices:** Adults: \$15 Children: Free. Tickets may be purchased in advance through PayPal (see below) or by calling TCC, and will be available the day of the event at 4140 Tejon.

**After-party:** (included in ticket price) at 3500 W 23rd Ave from 4pm to 7pm, with complementary appetizers provided by Appaloosa Grill

**Volunteers:** This is a great volunteer opportunity! If you would like to be involved, please contact Maggie Helseth at The Conflict Center (303-433-4983.)

## SUNI is looking for new sponsors.

- Sponsorship gives you a tax write off. SUNI is a 501c3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible
- You will receive a bright window decal identifying your business as a SUNI supporter
- Your business will be named in the dedicated sponsorship section on our website,
- Your business will be named in newsletter that goes out quarterly and reaches over 3000 Sunnyside residents
- You will have the opportunity to interact with Sunnyside members through social networks like Facebook and Yahoo Groups.
- Your business will be recognized in the "Welcome to the Neighborhood Packets" which are sent to new Sunnyside residents on a monthly basis (Brilliant and Luminous Only)
- You will be included in event marketing at the Sunnyside Music Fest, the annual neighborhood Pizza Party, SUNI Sippers and more (Brilliant Only)

### Sponsor Levels

Brilliant \$500  
Luminous \$250  
Sunny \$100

Email [victoria@sunnysidedenver.org](mailto:victoria@sunnysidedenver.org) for more information or to become a supporter.

## Help Sunnyside Grow Greener

### IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMING TO CHAFFEE PARK

Neighbors in Sunnyside have come together to contribute several exciting initiatives to help our green our neighborhood. In January, Resident Ayecia Kang put out a call for support, and a wave of interest followed, and "The Friends of Chaffee Park" was formed.

This spring, the group will be focusing its efforts on an array of park improvements including:

- Graffiti removal
- Updating playground equipment
- Expanding flower beds
- Replacing sand with "Fibar" – engineered wood fiber
- Adding trash cans
- Adding seating/picnic areas

To become involved, email [ayeciakang@msn.com](mailto:ayeciakang@msn.com).

### 3 SATURDAYS OF SUNNYSIDE TREE PLANTINGS!

*April 18<sup>th</sup> Denver Digs Trees Distribution Day*

If you have already ordered your right of way tree, you can pick it up at Sloan's Lake. Additional trees will also be for sale. For more information, call 303.722.6262.

### APRIL 25TH ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

Last spring, through neighborhood efforts and The Park People, over 500 trees were planted throughout in Sunnyside. This year an additional 200 trees are expected to be planted, and we're looking for volunteers to lend a hand.

- No experience is necessary
- Volunteers will gather in Chaffee Park
- After planting trees, volunteers will come together for lunch in the park.

To volunteer, contact Robert Bond at [robert@theparkpeople.org](mailto:robert@theparkpeople.org).

### MULCH GIVEAWAY AND COMPOST SALE

On Saturday, May 2, 2009, Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management, and Denver Parks & Recreation will be hosting the City's annual Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale. The mulch is made by grinding up the Christmas trees collected from residential homes this past holiday season. The mulch is free and available to Denver residents while supplies last. The

compost was produced from leaves collected during last fall's LeafDrop program. Compost will be sold by A1 Organics at a low cost only at the Havana Nursery site.

The free mulch will be available on May 2nd from 8 AM to 3 PM at the following locations:

- Havana Nursery (10450 Smith Rd., two blocks south of I-70 on Havana - Exit 280) – Loader service for trucks and trailers and dig-your-own-mulch.
- Sloan's Lake Park (Sheridan & 17th Ave.) – Dig-your-own mulch.
- Veterans Park (Iowa & Vine) – Dig-your-own mulch.
- Bear Creek Park (On Raleigh south of Dartmouth) – Dig-your-own mulch.
- Fred Thomas Park (Quebec & 26th Ave)

For more information on the Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale, residents may call 3-1-1 or visit [www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles).

## Helping Seniors in Sunnyside By Cheryl Corro

The Association of Senior Citizens is located in the Sunnyside Neighborhood at 2839 West 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Association is a non-profit service agency which has been serving Denver Metro seniors since 1981 with the goal of ensuring that no senior citizen goes without the necessities of life including food and shelter. The ASC serves seniors 55 and over who are below 125% of poverty level.

Services provided include hunger prevention with an emergency food pantry and weekly food bank

(open Thursdays from 11-1), financial assistance to prevent eviction or utility shutoff or to help with medical emergencies. ASC also loans medical equipment such as wheelchairs or walkers, hands out warm clothing and blankets and bus fare. A Friendly Visitor Program pairs seniors with a volunteer who visits the senior regularly to help with errands or appointments or just to talk.

The Association is looking for volunteers who can help in the office a few hours a week, cleaning or doing clerical work. They also have a wish list

for donations including: used exercise equipment, photocopier, electric typewriter, file cabinets, 30 matching chairs, new clothes dryer, refrigerator, clothing racks, working computers or printers, office rugs, carpet cleaning and printing. If you are interested in donating any of these items or volunteering some time, please contact Cheryl Corro at (303) 964-9623.

If you know someone who could use our services contact (303) 455-9642.



### THE ASTOUNDING PROBLEM OF ANDREW NOVICK • The Lab at Belmar, [www.belmarlab.org](http://www.belmarlab.org), running Jan 26 thru April 26

The Astounding Problem of Andrew Novick features the overwhelming and unusual collections of an eccentric individual who does not consider himself an artist. In total, Andrew Novick estimates he has over a hundred collections: Barbie dolls of every variety, Chihuahua figurines, clown paintings, anything related to teeth or braces. The truth is he has far more things than will or can ever be organized into a "collection." Inside his home and in his rented storage space he has stacks, piles and boxes of answering machine cassette tapes full of incoming phone messages, more answering machine cassette tapes with recordings of recording almost every conversation he has ever had with a telemarketer, jars ripe with formaldehyde-free dead animals, uncommon foods and more.