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FROM THE BOARD

Our annual April pizza party was a huge success! We saw our usual Sunnyside members, and we also gained some new members. A huge thanks to Leprino Foods for donating the pizzas, and to Independence House for donating their time in helping us put together this event. Thank

you to everyone who helped support SUNI. This event also was to vote for the new 2010-2011 SUNI Board. The new board includes, Eugene Howard, Anne Macomber, Toni Rozanski, Victoria Macaskill, Sarah Cashion, Nancy Carlson, Mollie Crow, Maribeth Dirksen-Turse, Andrew Novick, Stephen Wilson, Constantin Nickonov, Victoria Robinson, Matt Robinson. Some of the other candidates, who did not make it on the board will be invited to join us on committees.

This year, we are happy to announce our new website! While our old site served it's purpose, the new site will have much more features, and be a better portal for us, as residents to rely on for information. The most exciting aspect will be a history of Sunnyside. A huge thanks to Matt & Victoria Robinson for developing this new site for us! The website should be going live in June.

With all these wonderful volunteers, we look forward to having a successful year for Sunnyside!

The SUNI Board

CALENDAR

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

SUNI Sippers: Monthly 5:30 to 7:30 - \$2 for supporters and \$5 for guests.

May 26th - Colorado Winery Row

June 30th - Cafe Buchi

The Highland Farmers Market: every Saturday from June 6th - October 31st from 9am-1pm on Boulder Street between 15th and 16th. The market features local produce, ready to eat food, jams, salsas, breads and more!

May 26th - Community Carnival, 3:30-7:30 Sandoval

May 27th - Last day of DPS

June - Unveiling of New SUNI Website

June 19th - Highland Street Festival



NUMBERS TO KNOW

Neighborhood Inspection Services	720-865-3200
Graffiti Hotline	720-913-1311
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: CarlosMontoya@denvergov.org	



Annual Citizen Categories

- Senior - \$6.00
- Individual - \$12.00
- Family - \$24.00
- Out of Neighborhood - \$30.00

Annual Business Memberships

- Brilliant - \$500.00
- Luminous - \$250.00
- Sunny - \$100.00

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BUSINESS BUZZ



In Season is dedicated to providing honestly local food that is naturally and ethically grown, raised, harvested and processed. Our mantra, "if it's not from here, it's not in here" defines our strict 250 mile radius, within which everything in our store originated. In Season is about re-evaluating the way we eat and shop for groceries.

By buying and eating locally, we can eat fresher, better food and support our own community.

info@inseasonlocalmarket.com
3210 Wyandot St., Denver, CO 80211
(720) 366-1544

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BusinessBuzz highlights a business in our community. If you are interested in having your company highlighted in the next newsletter please contact suni@sunnysidener.org.

Please visit our website www.SunnysideDenver.org



The SUNI newsletter is starting a new feature, *Historical Sunnyside*, which will showcase a landmark building in Sunnyside. Upcoming features will include Smedley Elementary, (1902) the North Denver Seventh-Day Adventist Church (1894), St Catherine of Sienea, (1912), and the Sunnyside Drug which opened in 1947. If you have information about these buildings, or have a building you'd like us to feature, please email

The Federal Theater, at 3830 Federal Boulevard, was built in the 1920s to showcase popular flicks and newsreels. In 1978 it was actively showing movies, which continued into 1985. But by the late 1980s, the tone of its films had

changed, and it was used as a adult film theater, later holding dance parties and raves. Luckily, that era came to a close, but sadly so did its life as a theater. During the 1990's it was used as storage for the Ron Schrantz Carpet Clearance Remnants Clearance center. Hoping to breathe life into this historic building, in 2002, the Industrial Arts Theatre performance group took on the 600-seat Federal, and embarked on a \$250,000 renovation while it hosted productions of original plays. But the cost of maintaining the Federal was too high, and I.A.T. left the building in 2004. After sitting vacant for several years, in 2009, it became home to the Victory Outreach Church, which it still is today.

FROM 5280'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE NOW!

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Sunnyside East - We've been touting this neighborhood for years as an up-and-comer, and it's finally arriving as a focal point for homebuyers who want to get in on the northwest Denver boom. True, it's a bit grittier than its more expensive neighbors, but it lures cutting-edge types who are willing to endure the "refinement" process rather than wait until everything has been upgraded (and potentially overpriced). Sunnyside's unusually affordable homes—lots of modest bungalows—mean inventory is low, so buyers must be prepared to act fast.

Average sale price \$181,000
+13% over 2009



www.SunnysideDenver.org

Denver Street Sweeping Program

Residential streets are swept once a month from April through November. Because one can't sweep under parked cars, Denver Street Sweeping needs your cooperation to move your car on sweeping day. Street sweeping schedules are posted on residential signs which designate the sweeping day for each side of the block.

Note: *Scheduled sweeping will be canceled during inclement weather and on City observed holidays.

Neighborhoods with little on-street parking demand do not have these signs and streets are swept regularly without advance notice or parking tickets

Tired of getting tickets on street sweeping day???? You can sign up for street sweeping reminders by going to www.denvergov.org and search "street sweeping".

4TH OF JULY

Highland Children's 4th July Parade
2010 Volunteers needed!

It is months away but we have already started our planning...

We are currently seeking folks who would like to be volunteer coordinators, or much needed volunteers.

With over 1,200 participants last year and more anticipated this year we need to be as organized as possible to keep the parade a safe fun family event, which translates into more volunteers!

Feel free to email us at
Highland4thjulyparade@gmail.com.

Thank you!

GOT ALLEY CATS? by erin colins

When I moved into my first home here in Sunnyside it didn't take long for me to notice that there were some stray cats living in my alley. Little did I know at that time that there were not just a few stray cats but an entire feral cat community. You may ask: what the heck is a feral cat community? As defined by the Humane Society of the United States, a feral cat is an animal too poorly socialized to be handled and who cannot typically be placed into pet homes. Obviously, a community is more than just a small group, it is more like the 12 cats I have counted in my alley. Now, what can you do if you too suffer from the presence of a feral cat community or feel the cats living in your alley are ultimately suffering? Which organizations exist to help these cats and what resources are available to you?

Animal Control. There is not an ordinance in place that requires Animal Control to trap alley cats and therefore their resources on this front are lacking. Until recently, Animal Control had a program in place for trap rental to residents with alley cats but now, because of a lack of funding, this program is currently being reconsidered as an available resource. If it stays, you can rent a trap for \$50 that is refundable once the trap is returned. Each trap contains just one cat and by law, cats cannot be contained in a trap for more than two hours. You can also use your own "Healthy Hearts" trap. This is one of the most humane traps available for purchase at hardware stores. Any cat trapped with an Animal Control trap must be brought to 678 S. Jason St. You can call Animal

The Wilfley Boys & Girls Club provides young people with a safe and positive place to spend their free time after school, and during the summer. In our club, children are engaged in safe, educational and fun activities that help them develop skills necessary to be successful in life. The Wilfley Boys & Girls Club offers a variety of daily art and craft activities. Water colors, clay, ceramics, art exhibitions, art contests, beadwork, drawing, painting, jewelry making, knitting, crocheting, sewing. The club is located at 4595 Navajo St., at the intersection of 46th and Navajo. For more information please call 303-477-5912.

• Only \$2 for a year long membership (September through August)

• Newly furnished Computer Room featuring music making, educational games, photography, and the Digital Arts Festival

One-Week Long Summer Camps
Signups start on March 15th
Participants attend Gates Camp in the Indian Peaks Wilderness

Control and asked to be put on the list of people who have requested a trap and an Animal Control representative will contact you once the fate of their trap program is decided.

678 South Jason Street, Denver, CO 80223
(303) 698-0076 www.denvergov.org

Denver Dumb Friends League. You may rent a trap for a \$70 deposit. "The cost is \$5 for the first 3 days and then \$1, I believe, for every day after that," said Joan Welch, Denver Dumb Friends League (DFL) Foster Care Associate Manager. "The staff in our intake area will be able to give you instructions on how to use the traps. The cats will be held here at DFL for at least 5 days on a lost hold (if they have any sort of identification they will be held for 10 days). Once their lost hold is over they will be evaluated and then will either be placed up for adoption, put into a program at the shelter or they may be euthanized, depending on the outcome of the evaluation. Once you bring the cats to us we will not release the disposition of the animal, meaning we will not tell you what happened to them," Joan added. If the thought of euthanization is keeping you up at night, you may be more inclined to follow the philosophy and practice of some other non-profits who are solely dedicated to the welfare of alley, stray and feral cats such as Devine Feline. 2080 South Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80231
(303) 751-5772 www.ddfl.org

Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance which is called TNR (Trap, Neuter [or spay] and Release). Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance (RMACA). According to the RMACA

Web site each year approximately 30,000 cats are euthanized in Colorado (that's right, just in Colorado) simply because there aren't enough homes for all of them. They believe the only way out of this problem is to spay and neuter these cats. The TNR program has shown to be the most reliable and stabilizing method of reducing feral cat populations, with the lowest cost to local governments and residents, according to the RMACA. You may rent traps from RMACA with the contingency that you will return the cats to RMACA to be neutered or spayed and then return the cat to their community. 2600 West 2nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80219
(303) 202-3516 www.rmaca.org

Devine Feline. This is another grass roots non-profit dedicated to the TNR school of thought. Devine Feline is a mobile unit that comes into your neighborhood to spay and neuter the cats. According to their Web site, since 2009, Devine Feline have "altered" 8,978 cats. You may contact them to schedule a mobile visit to your neighborhood. Mobile visit: 303-931-0401 www.devinefeline.org

Natural deterrents. There are plenty of homemade remedies and things you can do to keep alley cats out of your yard that are humane, safe and affordable. Some of these techniques include flickering random light reflections, scent repellants, incorporating specific herbs and plants in your garden or yard and even cat scarecrows. A multitude of these can be found with simple Google skills. Cat Repellent and Deterrent Web site: www.cat-repellant.info

Good luck in your alley cat quest!

Sessions start in June and run through July \$12 fee that includes stay in cabins, meals, and activities such as hiking, a ropes course, archery, art programs, and much more!

• Baseball signups in May (season from June— July)

• Football signups in July/August (season from September— October)

• Our Youth of the Year program and other groups like Torch Club and Keystone focus on personal skill development, community service and scholarship opportunities



HOURS
Monday - Thursday
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friday - 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Free Hot Meals Daily!