

THE SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY  
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## From the Board

The Annual Sunnyside Pizza Party this past April was a huge success with approximately 100 residents in attendance. Neighbors enjoyed great company, had some delicious pizza, won great door prizes, heard from local dignitaries and voted in new board members.

The board has now grown to 15 members, many of which are first time members. We are excited by all the fresh ideas and continue to make Sunnyside a great place to live.

Many of you may know, Keith Howard has decided to step down from the board. While he is no longer a board member, he is still heavily involved in the neighborhood. Sunnyside is lucky to have a neighbor like Keith.

Special thanks to Leprino Foods, Independence House, Gaetano's, Columbian Elementary, to all those who made donations and to the many of other volunteers!

### The SUNI Board

## 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:** August 3rd, September 14th

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

**DATES:** July 29th @ Café Buchi - 2651 W 38th Ave., Locations TBD: August 26th & September 30th

**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!

**July 25th** – Chaffee Park Clean Up

**August 22nd** - Sunnyside Share Bounty Vegetable Contest

**September 1** – Fall Shade Tree Deadline

**September 12th** – Sunnyside Music Fest

## Numbers to Know

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Membership Categories

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

### Underwriter Categories

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

Please clip and mail with payment to:  
SUNI • P.O Box 11318 • Denver, CO 80211  
Or visit us at: [www.SunnysideDenver.org](http://www.SunnysideDenver.org)

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.SUNNYSIDEDENVER.ORG](http://WWW.SUNNYSIDEDENVER.ORG)

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## Business Buzz



Simple Solar is excited to announce a solar energy community event in your neighborhood on Saturday, August 29th, 2009 at 4533 Beach Ct, Denver, CO from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. where we have installed a 4.5 kW flush mount system offsetting 11,623 tons of carbon. Simple Solar has over a decade of solar experience in Colorado. Our experienced sales team designs the perfect solution for you, putting customer satisfaction and simplicity first. Our professional design and installation teams use dependable, high quality products, which are backed by

our 10 year service warranty. There are many good reasons to adopt solar energy. Considering the continual rise in electricity costs, solar is a great investment as it reduces or eliminates your electrical bill by spinning your meter backwards! In addition to smart economic opportunities, solar has historically enhanced property value and supports environmental stewardship. There are two requirements for getting solar on your property. The first is that you have a south, east, or west facing roof or a ground space with similar exposure. The second is that this area has little to no shading. Simple Solar caters to homeowners, commercial and municipal customers; if you or your company is interested in a solar

electric solution, Simple Solar can meet your needs. Whatever your solution entails, we can deliver it all, simply. For more information, please contact Simple Solar at [marketing@simplesolar.com](mailto:marketing@simplesolar.com) or 303-541-9852, or visit us at [www.simplesolar.com](http://www.simplesolar.com). We look forward to meeting you! The Choice is Simple.



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).



Simply sophisticated fare, cocktails, wine and coffee. Featuring the tastes of the season.

Now open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and brunch on weekends.

Current hours\*:  
Breakfast and Coffee  
Monday - Friday: 7:30 - 11:00

Lunch  
Monday - Friday: 11:00 - 2:30

Dinner  
Tuesday - Saturday: 5:30 until close

Brunch  
Saturday - Sunday: 9:30 - 2:30

\*Hours will expand as menu and business grows

# The Sunnyside Music Festival

September, 12 2009 10AM-7PM Chaffee Park- 44<sup>th</sup> and Tejon

Our very own homegrown Sunnyside Music Festival is back for its seventh year of tunes, eats and drinks—bigger and better than ever. Sunnysiders know the local festival, which began in the backyard of Sunnyside residents and was moved to Chaffee Park in 2006, brings Denver's best musicians, selected retail vendors, local favorite eats and a day filled with fun and entertainment for kids and adults alike. This year the Sunnyside Music Fest features three stages of all-Colorado bands delivering a great mix of reggae, afro-beat, bluegrass, rock, singer songwriter, African and Celtic music to keep North Denver dancing and rockin' all day long. The beer and wine garden will be expanded to accommodate new favorites such as mimosas and sangria. As always the SMF is an all-volunteer, nonprofit event with proceeds going back to the community. New this year: The Sunnyside Fest is going green! The



Fest will feature recyclable cups, recycling, composting and some terrific solar demonstrations. As always, mark your calendar for the Saturday after Labor Day when the Sunnyside Rooster gets the neighborhood rocking all day long.

### Highlights of this year's fest:

#### MUSIC:

- Watch the North Denver News for details on the music line-up, but already confirmed is popular Oakhurst, which spikes traditional bluegrass with rock 'n roll and a kamikaze sensibility. Also confirmed are Moham med Alidu and Bizung Family, which creates dynamic and vibrant West African high life and Afropop music; and Jessica Sonner, who displays soaring vocals that beautifully work their way through a refined blend of country, pop and blues

#### DRINK:

- Breckenridge Brewery once again is sponsoring this year's festivities with Colorado's favorite microbrews.
- Bring your own cup and get a discount!
- Several wineries and wine bars will be in attendance featuring sangria, wine spritzers, mimosas, local wines, a grape stomping demo and more for the grape-lovers among us.

#### KIDS AREA:

- The kid's area will be jammed full of fun including arts and crafts, birdhouse painting and educational activities to keep their summer brains learning.
- As always, games, jumpy castles and face painting by members of the community.
- Displays by area schools will promote and describe programs for Northwest residents.

#### FOOD AND VENDORS:

- This year there will be 40 local vendors offering superb eats and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Among stellar vendors and food offerings: Café Café, Buchi Café Cubano, RosaLinda's Mexican, M&M's BBQ, Red Trolley Ice Cream; burgers, hotdogs, breakfast burritos and veggie burgers.

#### T-SHIRTS & BUMPER STICKERS:

They're fabulous, high-quality and a badge of festival history. They go on sale at sunnysidemusicfest.org. Be an early bird for the best pick because they sell out fast.

The Sunnyside Music Fest is always looking for enthusiastic sponsors. If interested please contact Rebecca at: rebecca@gatherings-meetings.com

Interested in volunteering? It is a great way to meet lots of fun people. Please contact INFO HERE!!!

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

## Being a good neighbor in Sunnyside

The Neighborhood resource Center is helping make Sunnyside even sunnier! It only takes about 5 minutes to apply for one of these grants, and you can help improve our neighborhood – on someone else's dime!

#### Good Neighboring Project:

Sponsored by Xcel Energy Foundation, these grants of up to \$100 help fund activities that create long-term relationships among residents on the same block. Use the money to hire a sitter for mom's night out, have a back yard movie viewing, rent a bus to drive you around for an evening of gal-

lery-hopping. The more original the idea, the better! Submit your application online at: <http://nrc-neighbor.org/index.php?page=microgrant>

#### Block Party Support:

Block parties are great fun and a terrific way of getting to know your neighbors and build stronger, healthier, and more cohesive communities. Oh, and they're lots of fun. In partnership with Safeway, gift certificates are available for block party supplies and a gallon of ice cream. To submit an online request visit: <http://nrc-neighbor.org/index.php?page=blockparty>

## Help Sunnyside Grow Greener

### FALL SHADE TREES FOR YOUR YARD!

Each spring, Denver Digs Trees brings you low-cost and free street trees. This fall, we're pleased to announce Fall Shade trees for your yard!

These medium and large sized trees, strategically planted in your yard (on private property), will help you save money and fight global warming by providing valuable energy-saving shade for your home. Properly placed trees can lower a building's air conditioning use by 30% - this means lower energy bills and less carbon released into the atmosphere!

Shade trees also beautify your space, enhance property values (up to 10%!), reduce air pollution, buffer noise, and provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

These trees are low-cost for Denver residents - only \$25 each! (trees this

size usually sell for more than \$100)

Trees are FREE for our target neighborhoods. These neighborhoods, chosen for their particularly low canopy cover, include Athmar Park, Baker, Barnum, Barnum West, Chaffee Park, Clayton, Cole, Elyria-Swansea, Five Points, Globeville, Jefferson Park, Lincoln Park, Montbello, Northeast Park Hill, Ruby Hill, Skyland, **Sunnyside**, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Westwood, and Whittier.

Learn more and Download your Shade Tree Application:

[http://www.theparkpeople.com/Fall\\_2009\\_Shade\\_Tree\\_Application\\_Web.pdf](http://www.theparkpeople.com/Fall_2009_Shade_Tree_Application_Web.pdf)

To have an application mailed to you, call 303-722-6262 or email [info@theparkpeople.org](mailto:info@theparkpeople.org) (include your mailing address and Subject

Heading: "Request for Shade Tree Application").

Application DEADLINE: Sept 1, availability is limited, apply today!

Tree Pick-up: Oct 3 (location TBA)

The Shade Tree Program is brought to you by The Park People and EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. We are grateful to the City of Denver for assistance in selecting trees suitable for Colorado's climate and the urban environment.

## Sunnyside Share Bounty Vegetable Contest

Saturday August, 22nd  
10am - 12 noon  
Chaffee Park

Join your fellow Sunnyside Gardener's at this first Annual event which is bound to be a success.

Contests include: biggest tomato, best tasting tomato, widest sunflower head, tallest stalk of sweet corn, most varieties of tomatoes, most variety of peppers, salsa tasting contest, zucchini car races and more!

This fun filled, food lovers Event sponsored by your friends in the Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc., Denver's Friendliest Registered Neighborhood Organization A 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Organization.

Complete Detailed "Official Rules" available on our website [www.SunnysideDenver.org](http://www.SunnysideDenver.org) If you do not have access to a computer, please write to our Mailing Address and the "Official Rules" will be mailed to your Home Address.

### CHAFFEE PARK Friends of Chaffee Park

Thanks to all who participated in the Chaffee Park Work Day on May 23! Due to the turn out we were able to: prep. and plant the flower bed at the 'T' of 44th and Tejon, place granite fines in the tree lawns, place mulch around many of the trees in the park, hang-up doggie bag holders, pick up lots of trash and rake the sand in the play area. Great job!!! And thanks to everyone who brought baked goods and coffee.

Since the work day we have been planning a flower sculpture garden fix-up. We'll need some help from Denver Parks and the community, so stay tuned. Our next work day is Saturday, July 25 and we will begin at 8:00am. If you are interested in participating, we are starting at 8:00am. Bring your work gloves and bags for the doggie bag holders.

Separately from our work efforts, we have completed (2) grant applications. The first grant application is for new picnic tables and the second is for new play equipment. We're hopeful that we will receive one or both of the grants.

To join the conversation with Friends of Chaffee Park, logon to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), click on 'groups' and type in SunnysideDenver. Yahoo Groups is our forum for conversations about the park.

### CELEBRATE SUMMER!

As a way to celebrate the summer and get to know neighbors, Sunnyside residents are getting together at the Park (Chaffee) on Wednesday evenings all summer.

It's a great way to meet your neighbors, let the kids play, and eat some dinner at one of our more

under-utilized parks in the city (let's work to change that).

So come on out to the Park on Wednesdays at about 6pm. Bring your dinner, your toys, your kids, your spouse and your friends.

**See you there!**

