

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's New Public Partnership to being!

FEBRUARY 03, 2006 – A new public input initiative launches this month. Mayor John Hickenlooper's series of six community forums called Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions is set to begin March 9, 2006. The public meetings are an opportunity for participants to find solutions to neighborhood concerns by building partnerships with the city, neighborhoods, non-profits and businesses. "Denver owes much of its success and vitality to the active engagement of its citizens and neighborhoods in shaping its future," said Mayor Hickenlooper, who hosted the Denver Listens public feedback series in 2004.

"The public input that is gathered at these sessions will help to direct ongoing priorities for city services and build the collaborative partnerships necessary to support results that neighborhoods want and deserve."

"The mission of the initiative is to build partnerships between the city and the community to create lasting solutions to neighborhood issues while increasing the coordination of intra-city resources, informing neighbors of current city initiatives, and stimulating citizen participation."

Participants will use interactive key-pad technology to facilitate discussions and provide real-time data gathering and feedback. Mayor Hickenlooper, City Council members, and members of the Mayor's Cabinet will be in attendance.

Denver residents who want to join the interactive conversation in their area are asked make a free, courtesy reservation by calling **720-865-9074** or by registering online. For more information, visit the Partnership Denver Web Site.

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Forum Dates and Locations

Southeast

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

6-9 p.m.

Temple Sinai

3509 S. Glencoe Street

Central East

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

6-9 p.m.

Johnson & Wales University

7150 Montview Boulevard

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association Board

If you would like to participate in the any of our quarterly Board meetings to voice your concerns or great ideas for the community, please join us:

First Meeting: Feb 22, 2006

Minutes available upon request.

Second Meeting: May 24, 2006

Long Range Planning for Picnic

Third Meeting: July 26, 2006

Open Meeting at Police Station, and final planning for Picnic Details.

Annual Picnic—August 27

Annual General Meeting and Election of New Board of Directors.

Fourth Meeting: Nov 15, 2006

New Board and Planning for 2007

To confirm location and time of these meetings, please contact Dave Bell at david.w.bell@att.net.

Dear Neighbors:

Presidents Letter Winter'06,

A very warm Happy New Year to all!

As I walk around our beautiful park like neighborhood, I am constantly reminded that it is going through many changes.

Some of these changes are housing construction, road repairs, and traffic which have had significant impacts on our peaceful neighborhood.

We see home construction, additions, re-model and increasingly scrape and rebuild on many of the streets. The increasing level of construction is changing our neighborhood.

The Bonnie Brae board has found that it needs more support and talent in the variance and zoning review area. If you can help support the board in this area, please contact David Bell at the phone # or E-mail on page 2. Construction can impact the neighborhood with road congestion, parking and traffic issues, noise and air pollution, increases in trash and debris, and unfortunately violations of neighbors property rights.

Construction can increase tensions between neighbors, so everyone from neighbors to contractors to construction workers need to work together to respect the neighborhood and resolve the problems effectively.

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Contributions for Newsletter WANTED!

Kirk Anderson

We encourage you to participate in supplying items of interest to the community for this publication. You must have material for inclusion in the May 2006 edition of the newsletter, to our editor by April 30th, 2006.

**Please submit all
material to:**

**Editor, Newsletter
2375 E. Kentucky Ave
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**Our Web Site is:
www.
neighborhoodlink.com
/bonniebrae**

Fraud Alert from District Attorney, 18th District!

Consumers are receiving e-mails informing them that they are eligible for a tax refund. The e-mails, which claim to be from the IRS, direct the recipient to a link where he/she is supposed to provide personal information, such as a Social Security number and credit card information. This scheme is an attempt to trick the e-mail recipients into disclosing their personal and financial data. The practice is called "phishing" (pronounced fishing), because the sender is "fishing" for your personal information.

What should you do if you receive an e-mail claiming you have a tax refund coming?

1. Know that the IRS does not ask for personal identifying or financial information via unsolicited e-mail. Additionally, taxpayers do not have to complete a special form to obtain a refund.
2. Delete the e-mail without opening it. Just by opening the e-mail you might release a virus or other malicious program into your computer. It is always best to delete without opening any e-mail that comes from someone you do not know.
3. Apply Rules 1 & 2 to any unsolicited e-mail that asks for personal information. NEVER GIVE ANY INFORMATION TO A STRANGER! If you do, it will probably cost you!

Denver Parks & Recreation Needs Volunteers!

Join Denver Parks and Recreation's new citizen evaluation program for our parks (city and mountain parks, natural areas, trails, and parkways)!

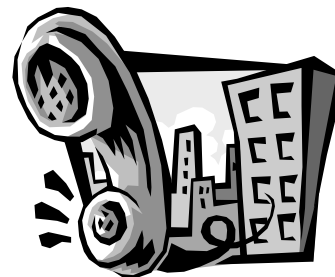
The Parks and People Partnership (PPP) serves as a citywide coalition of trained individuals committed to promoting and protecting our parks by regularly monitoring the park of their choice. Through monthly reports, residents will record the condition of amenities, fields, gardens, and other critical resources.

This program was one of the first action steps recommended in the citywide strategic plan adopted in 2003 for Denver Parks and Recreation, the DPR Game Plan.

Participants are asked to volunteer for a minimum of one year, participate in any necessary trainings and provide monthly assessments of their assigned park to park staff. Individuals post their routine "Parks Report Card" via the PPP website, mail, or fax to the Department.

To post your reports on the web, you receive a login name and password. Any immediate, serious concerns should be reported immediately to the Parks Division by calling **720.913.0668**.

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City of Denver:	www.denvergov.org
Denver Water:	www.denverwater.org
Fire Dept (district 3):	303-698-4921
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Councilman Charlie Brown:	303-871-0601
Animal Control:	303-698-0076
Street Sweeping:	720-865-6855
Sidewalks & Code Violations:	720-865-3200
Potholes and Lights:	303-289-5498



President's Letter cont'd

Some important numbers to help control this process are:

Noise Concerns:

720-865-5452

Trash and site maintenance:

720-865-3200

Parking and street obstructions:

720-913-1600

Permits:

720-865-2790

You may also check the internet at www.denvergov.org/planning.

Road construction has had significant impacts on traffic. First the reduction of University Blvd. to 1 lane in each direction under I-25 has increased traffic on Bonnie Brae, Mississippi, and Exposition. Then the closing of the Mississippi and Bonnie Brae Blvd. intersection turned back the hands of time to when there was only local traffic on these roads.

Now that the storm sewer project is completed we are seeing increasing traffic on our neighborhood roads once again. To all our neighbors I ask that you drive 25 and help protect our neighborhood, our seniors and our children.

If you are interested in being included in our E-mail update program for local information on projects, roads, and crime send your Email address to David Bell – david.w.bell@att.net.

As we face the many changes to our city and our neighborhood, we need to keep in mind how truly lucky we are to live in Colorado and to have our homes in Bonnie Brae.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS...

to serve on the Board of Directors for the BBNA. The Board meets 4 times a year, publishes this newsletter and puts on the annual picnic. If you are interested, please contact our current president Dave Bell at david.w.bell@att.net.

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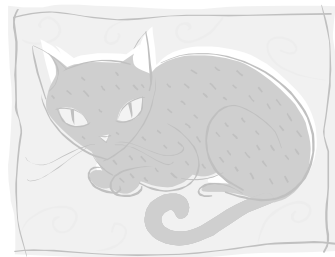
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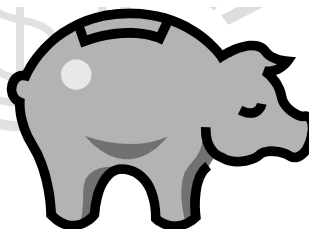
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(if you have not
already done so)

RENEW FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006
OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF
THE BONNIE BRAE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION TODAY!

Please provide us with your name,
address, preferred telephone
number for BBNA contact, and
names of your children if possible.

Please enclose your BBNA
Membership Fee of \$10 for the
calendar year 2006 to:

Barb Drews
BBNA Treasurer
714 South Elizabeth Street
Denver, CO 80209

For those of you who have al-
ready donated this year, we ex-
tend our warmest appreciation!