

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association NEWSLETTER

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BBNA 14th Annual Picnic



The annual summer picnic & meeting of the Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association was another great success. We had an excellent turnout with a special visit from Charlie Brown our City Council Rep. who donated a fresh vegetable basket from his own garden.

Save the Date:

The 2007 Annual BBNA Picnic is scheduled for **August 26**.

MOLLY BLOOM FUNDRAISER

The Bonnie Brae neighborhood garage sale, held on August 12, raised over \$10,000 for the Molly Bloom Recovery Fund. The Bloom family has expressed their appreciation to all of the families that participated in the garage sales along with neighbors that donated items. They also wanted to recognize the following following businesses for their donations: Office depot - printing flyers, Public Storage - storage unit, Bonnie Brae Church - tables, and Capuvino - coffee.

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A special thanks to our neighborhood sponsors:

- Bank of the West
- Bonnie Brae Conoco
- Bonnie Brae Flowers
- Bonnie Brae Cleaners
- Bonnie Brae Ice Cream
- Bonnie Brae Lamp Repair
- Bonnie Brae Tavern
- Bonnie Brae Travel
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- Denver Vein Center
- Esquire Market
- Fiore's BB Salon
- Little Raven Vineyards (in LoDo)
- Papou's Pizzeria
- Salon Raspanti
- Seven 30 South
- The Little Flower Market
- The Papery
- The Saucy Noodle

Please support our local merchants that add so much to our community!

Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

With Thanksgiving just over and the Halloween pumpkins tossed out, it is time to share some thanks. First I am very thankful for the overwhelming support Bonnie Brae neighbors were able to provide to Molly Bloom. Through their efforts and generosity over \$10,000 was raised for Molly Bloom. I am thankful for all the neighbors who have put up Christmas lights already. What a joy to walk through the neighborhood in crisp, new crunchy snow and see the wonderful displays of lights.

I am thankful for all the great merchants and restaurants that generously supported our annual picnic.

I am thankful for the end to the T-Rex project and with that the dramatic reduction in traffic through Bonnie Brae and just as important the reduction in aggressive, high speed drivers. The crime rate in Bonnie Brae continues to be the lowest of any neighborhood in District 3. At the same time our homes have the highest value per square foot of any neighborhood in Denver. We have great access to the light rail with a park and ride at I-25 & Univ. Blvd.

I am thankful for the slower pace of remodeling and scrape-rebuilding in Bonnie Brae as compared to the Cory-Merrill area. I look forward to the day when we can drive up Steele St. again without all the construction vehicles.

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We encourage you to participate in supplying items of interest to the community for this publication. You must have material for inclusion in the Winter 2007 edition of the newsletter, to our editor by Feb. 15, 2007.

**Please submit all
material to:**

Michael Slattery
988 Bonnie Brae Blvd
Denver, CO 80209

Bonnie Brae Board Meetings

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

First Meeting: February 21

Second Meeting: May 16

Third Meeting: July 18

August 18

Picnic Planning Meeting

Annual Picnic: August 26

Annual General Meeting and Election
of New Board of Directors

Fourth Meeting: November 21

New Board and Planning for 2008

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

New Bonnie Brae Social Group Starting

Come join your neighbors and meet new ones! A monthly in-home Wine and Hors d'oeuvre Tasting Party will begin in January. This group is not about big, expensive snobby wine tasting! You don't need to know anything about wine.

The first party will be held on Saturday, January 20th at Nancy & Bill Eggert's home.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please call or email the Wine Club Chairman, Nancy Eggert, 303-321-3155, email nanegg@comcast.net, or call her assistant, Diane Finley at 720-570-4370.

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. We are also looking for an individual who would be interested in editing this newsletter. If you would like to help, please contact our current president Dave Bell.



Put your back into it.

Unshoveled sidewalks create a hazard for your neighbors. As a reminder Denver allows residential property occupants twenty-four hours in which to remove snow from adjacent sidewalks following each snowfall.

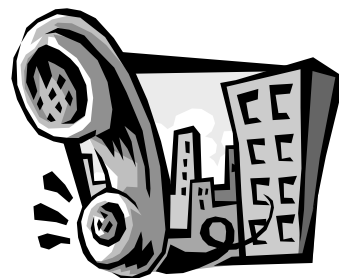
Both businesses and residents are cautioned that despite initial efforts to remove snow and ice from sidewalks, daytime temperatures often cause adjacent snow to partially melt, creating puddles on sidewalks that later freeze. It may help to place common ice melt products, cat litter or sand on icy spots to provide traction.

Especially susceptible to icy conditions are sidewalks shaded from daytime sunlight by adjacent buildings. To report an icy sidewalk hazard, please call Neighborhood Inspection Services at 720-865-3200.

Bonnie Brae
City of Denver:
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www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/bonniebrae
www.denvergov.org
www.denverwater.org

Fire Dept (district 3):	303-698-4921
Police:	720-913-2677
Councilman Charlie Brown:	303-871-0601
Animal Control:	303-698-0076
Street Sweeping:	720-865-6855
Sidewalks & Code Violations:	720-865-3200



Letter from the President (con't)

This year we have added several new people to the Bonnie Brae Board. I am thankful that Mary Broere is stepping up to take over the presidency of our board even though she has so many other obligations. It is always good to get new people and leadership on the board.

I am spearheading a project to create a new neighborhood directory. This has been one of the most requested items by neighbors since I have been president. Our last directory was produced in 2001 and is quite out of date. There is a form in this newsletter to fill out and return so that each home can be represented. The information you provide is up to you. You can leave your phone as unlisted if you want. Please take the time to fill out and return the form so that the directory can be as complete and useful as possible. The back of the questionnaire page has an example of how the form might be filled out. Please return the forms by Jan 15, 2007 to the address indicated.

I feel lucky that for the past 21 years that I have lived in Bonnie Brae the neighborhood dues have never inflated from \$10 per year. There is a self addressed envelope for your annual dues.

Last, I feel lucky to live in Colorado, that being said we hit the jack-pot living in Bonnie Brae.

With thanks,
David Bell
President, BBNA

Have you paid your 2006 Dues?

If you have not already sent in your dues for 2006, please do so to help us fund our annual picnic and this newsletter. 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

2007 Denver Digs Trees Street Tree Distribution

The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* program will be distributing trees for planting along Denver streets on April 21, 2007. Denver residents who have room to add a street tree at their property need to submit a street tree request form by **January 31, 2006**.

The *Denver Digs Trees* program has distributed low-cost street trees to Denver residents for more than 15 years. Through the program, more than 28,000 public street trees have been planted across Denver.

"Our *Denver Digs Trees* program is a great way for residents to get involved in advancing Mayor Hick-enlooper's vision of adding a million trees to metro Denver," said Patrick Hayes, Executive Director of The Park People. "We have seen neighborhoods strengthened through our efforts."

For 2007, street tree varieties include: English Oak, Turkish Filbert, Burgundy Belle Maple, Ginkgo Biloba, Prospector Elm, Redmond Linden, Sycamore Maple, and Japanese Pagoda Tree, among others. All trees are selected for their adaptability to Denver's dry climate. Trees are 1-inch in caliber, and come either bareroot or balled-and-burlapped, depending on the variety.

Reserved street trees will be distributed at six sites across Denver on April 21, 2007. There is a \$20 program fee for each tree.

For more information, call The Park People at 303-722-6262, or email them at info@theparkpeople.org. You can also visit their website at www.theparkpeople.org. Application forms will be mailed out in January, but are also available for downloading from the website right away.

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