



BONNIE BRAE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Annual Picnic Just Around the Corner

Our Annual Picnic and Annual General Meeting will be held on **August 26**. We expect everyone to be there. OK, not everyone, Paris Hilton probably won't make an appearance, but everyone in Bonnie Brae should make it a point to come out and meet your neighbors. The event is filled with fun, food, and friends. We always get wonderful support from our local vendors who provide drawing prizes and donate food and beverages.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the planning of the picnic, please contact Mary Broere.



*BBNA Picnic
August 26*

Councilman Charlie Brown's Home Vandalized by Easter Bunny

...or maybe not. Recently Councilman Charlie Brown's South Denver home was victimized by egg throwing vandals, coincidentally right after he interviewed with newspaper and television reporters and made appearances on some talk radio shows regarding his strong opposition to the Re-create 68 groups radical intentions for the Democratic National Convention here in Denver.

Councilman Brown opposed a recent resolution that would have affected our police forces ability to deal with potential violence during the convention. So either the Easter Bunny has a score to settle or Councilman Brown ruffled some feathers in this group.

If you are interested in learning more about Councilman Brown's concerns, contact him at 303-871-0601.

Neighborhood Directory Meets Grisly Death

It seemed like a good idea at the time. Dave Bell has been working on putting together a neighborhood directory that would list the Bonnie Brae residents and include optional information submitted by each home owner such as phone number and e-mail if they desired.

We distributed forms in the Fall issue of the BBNA newsletter and asked people to fill them out as complete as they would like and return them.

Unfortunately we received only 25% of the forms back with many of them asking, in no uncertain terms, **not** to have any information listed.

This is certainly understandable. In this day and age we have to worry about identity theft and junk mail that comes in such voluminous amounts that you start wondering who this "Current Resident" is and why they are living in your house. Another place to have your name listed is not necessarily comforting.

Therefore we have put our current directory plan on hold and are looking for alternate ideas. If you have a thought, drop us a line.

Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors:

What an amazing site to drive and walk through Bonnie Brae these days! Congratulations are in order for many beautiful lawns and gardens. With summer fast approaching, it is useful to remind ourselves about one of our most precious assets: **WATER**. There was an article in the newsletter last quarter from the Director of Public Affairs, Marie Bassett, outlining what the city has done and is planning to do with water conservation and preparedness, as well as, reminding the good citizens of Denver to follow the watering guidelines for our lawns and gardens.

In early May, I attended the monthly INC meeting (Inter-Neighborhood Cooperative), where members from the "A+ Denver" group spoke to the various neighborhood association representatives from the metro area. This is a group that you have likely read about in the paper, made up of concerned citizens, who are working with Michael Bennett and others in the educational hierarchy to offer solutions to the challenges in the public education system in Denver. Federico Pena is one of the chairmen who spoke to the group about their vision. "A+ Denver, a non-profit independent citizens' organization, was established to ensure that every student attending Denver Public School receives the quality education they deserve. Formed in 2006, the coalition of 100+ citizens provides the school district with oversight and broad-based experience from the business, civic and governmental communities."

Anyone with children in DPS that is interested in attending the public meetings to discuss progress of the organization, or to help in any way is welcome to check out www.aplusdenver.org.

Lynn Crist, our VP and Zoning Committee Chair, has secured the Bonnie Brae Church (at the intersection of Bonnie Brae Boulevard and Exposition) as the site for our neighborhood association meetings. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome to join us. Please contact either Lynn or me if you'd like to attend so that we may confirm the time for the meeting and have enough

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Newsletter Submittals:

We encourage you to participate in supplying items of interest to the community for this publication. You must have material for inclusion in the Summer 2007 edition of the newsletter, to our editor by August 30, 2007.

Please submit all material to:
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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Bonnie Brae Board Meetings

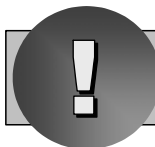
If you would like to participate in any of our quarterly Board meetings to voice your concerns or share great ideas for our neighborhood, please join us:

Third Meeting: July 18

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 Mary Broere at mary@thirdbrew.com.



**VOLUNTEERS
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LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS...

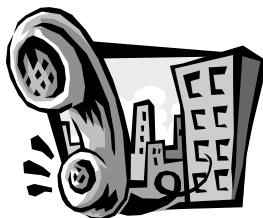
to serve on the Board of Directors for the BBNA. The Board meets four times a year, publishes this newsletter and puts on the annual picnic. If you would like to help, please contact our current president Mary Broere.

ZONING COMMITTEE

The BBNA Board is seeking volunteers who would like to join our Zoning Committee. The zoning committee serves as a resource for the association on matters relating to city zoning policy and practice. It also serves a monitoring role to ensure that property use conforms with the zoning code. It also monitors property as regards potential violation of building codes.

The Zoning Committee is specifically seeking two or more lawyers to join. If you are interested please contact Lynn Crist, BBNA Vice President.

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association
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To find information on scheduled pick-ups or large-item pickup

Zoning Permits (720) 865-3200

refreshments for those that attend. The meetings are no more than 90 minutes, with the next one being Wednesday, July 18th.

I hope that you enjoyed the last edition of the newsletter. Mike Slattery is always looking for information to share with the rest of us, so any input is appreciated. I especially enjoyed "Dear Bonnie & Brae" and the pieces of trivia he included. Keep up the great work, Mr. Slattery!!!

Please mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Picnic, to be held on Sunday, August 26th. Details will be forthcoming. If you are interested in helping to plan, prep or otherwise help set up that day, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Until then, Happy Summer!!

Mary Broere
BBNA President

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CityCouncilman At-Large Doug Linkhart asked the readers of his newsletter, eLink, if Denver City should ban the use of trans fat cooking oils in restaurants.

Here's how they responded:

Yes	67%
No	33%



2007 BBNA DUES

If you have not already sent in your dues for 2007, 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 2007 to:

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Blizzard Buddy™ Nominations

In the last issue we asked people to identify anyone they felt went above and beyond the call of duty to help others during the December snow-storm. Here are some of the replies nominating their neighbor as a Blizzard Buddy™.

"I would actually like to nominate my husband, Mike Martin, 979 S. Columbine. With a broken wrist (his 2nd on the same hand), he used our snow blower and took care of most of our block, sidewalks, etc. through numerous blizzards. He tied a string on the handle, as he couldn't squeeze it with his broken wrist and plowed away!"
Susan DiLiberti

(Ed. Many men shovel with one hand, but only because the other has a beer in it. Way to tough it out Mike)

"I would like to nominate our neighbor, Tim Cahill. He lives across the street from us (we've been on S. Medea Way for 9 years) and is constantly helping us and other neighbors. He loves our block and wants to help keep it beautiful plus he is a good neighbor. He shovels random neighbors sidewalks, helps people with their fallen branches, sprinkler systems, etc... He's helped us with all that plus fertilizing our lawn, reseeding, planting trees, etc.. Thanks Tim!"

Justine McKinzie

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Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign

In 2000 the City of Denver confiscated over 3,000 signs in a 10 day period that were placed in the public right-of-way. Businesses as well as volunteers for political campaigns are advised not to place signs on median strips, highway entrance and exit ramps, or tree lawns between sidewalks and streets.

A free summary of sign guidelines is available by calling Neighborhood Inspection Services at 720-865-3200. The summary relates to commercial signs, realty signs and political signs. The summaries have been supplied to the Denver Election Commission and mailed to all Denver political candidates.

SECTION 3-1 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code prohibits sign placement in the public right-of-way. A summary follows: It is unlawful to post signs on public property. Public property (Public Right-of-Way) includes the tree lawn areas between detached sidewalks and streets, roadway median strips, parkways, bridges, alleys, utility poles and boxes, as well as street signs and sign poles. Any signs found upon any public property may be removed by the city. The person(s) responsible for causing the unlawful sign to be on any public property may be held responsible for the cost of removal. The persons liable shall include, but are not limited to, any individuals or businesses whose advertisement, message or information appears on or is contained in any sign or notice unlawfully placed on public property.

With that in mind, also please remember to take down signs you have posted for yard sales and such once the date for the event has passed. Your neighbors will thank you.



City Park Jazz

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Call for Pictures

The BBNA Newsletter is looking for a little history. If you have photos of the neighborhood showing how it looked over the course of time, and would like to share them, please send them in. (We will make sure you get any originals back.) Or e-mail them to mslats64@aol.com

Would you like to receive e-mail versions of the BBNA Newsletter? If so, send you e-mail address to mslats64@aol.com.

Did you know?

- Denver has the nation's largest city park system, with more than 200 parks within city limits and 20,000 acres of parks in the nearby mountains -- an area larger than all of Manhattan Island.
- Denver has 300 days of bright sunshine a year -- more annual hours of sun than San Diego or Miami Beach.
- Denver International Airport is the nation's largest -- 53 square miles, an area so large it could hold the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and Chicago O'Hare Airport combined.
- Denver is a "sports capital," with a total of eight pro teams. All four Major League sports (NHL Colorado Avalanche, NBA Denver Nuggets, NFL Denver Broncos, Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies), as well as the Rapids (soccer), Outlaws (outdoor lacrosse), Mammoth (indoor lacrosse) and our Crush arena league team.



Recycling Information Household Hazardous Waste



What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Many common household items, such as paint, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides contain hazardous components. Labels that read danger, warning, caution, toxic, corrosive, flammable or poison identify products that might contain hazardous materials. Leftover portions of these products are called Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in the basement, garage, and in storage closets. Nationwide, Americans generate 1.6 million tons of HHW per year.

Why is it Dangerous?

If these items are stored or disposed of improperly, they can be dangerous to you, your family, sanitation workers, pets, wildlife, and the environment. Many compounds alter with age, and can give off dangerous fumes. Other items pose little risk in small quantities, but present a significant health risk when concentrated in larger quantities, or when combined with other compounds.

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What You Can Do

The best way to handle HHW is to reduce the amount initially generated. When you buy products that are considered hazardous, buy only the amount you will use. If you have leftover products, try to give them to someone else to use. Some neighborhood groups sponsor free product exchanges that enable neighbors to share and reuse paint, cleaning agents, lawn and garden chemicals, etc. Learn about more helpful tips for managing and reducing your household hazardous waste.

If you are unable to reuse your HHW, Denver residents are eligible to participate in a door-to-door collection program. To be eligible for collection, residents must be Denver Solid Waste Management customers. Residents are permitted one HHW collection annually and are asked to have at least three different materials before calling for a pickup.



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Quotables

"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else."

—Will Rogers

"You can use our parks to speak freely and trash our country, but you can't trash our parks."

— Councilman Charlie Brown

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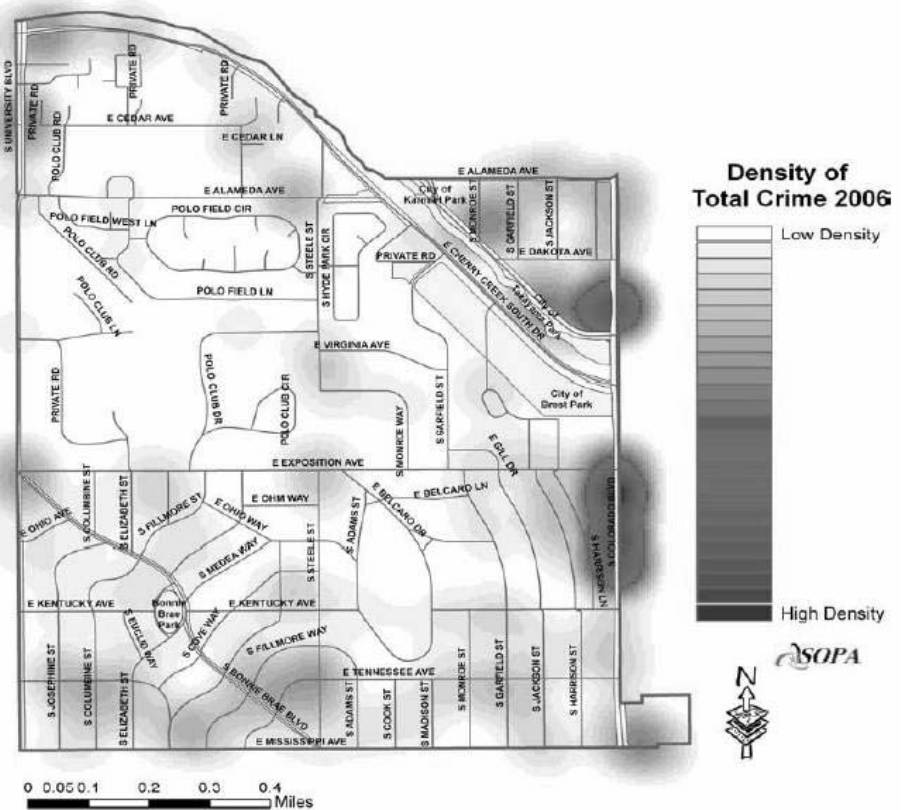
Bonnie Brae Crime Statistics for 2006

Statistics and other information related to crime in Denver and our neighborhoods can be found on the City of Denver website at : <http://www.denvergov.org>
Search for "Crime Statistics" and you can access a plethora of data.

Bonnie Brae is included in the Belcaro area which encompasses a number of neighborhoods. As you can see, we had a slight drop in overall crime from 2005 to 2006. We also seem to have prostitution and embezzlement well under control.

Knowing your neighbors is still one of the best forms of crime prevention.

Do you know your neighbors? If they know you, they may be suspicious of the people loading your furniture into a van when they know you are out of town.



BELCARO REPORTED OFFENSES

TYPE OF CRIME		2005		2006		CHANGE	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
Part 1 Persons	Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	Sexual Assault	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	Robbery	2	0.9%	7	3.2%	5	250.0%
	Aggravated Assault	2	0.9%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%
SUBTOTAL		4	1.8%	9	4.1%	5	125.0%
Part 1 Property	Burglary	41	18.3%	55	25.1%	14	34.1%
	Larceny (Except Theft from Motor Veh)	49	21.9%	62	28.3%	13	26.5%
	Larceny (Theft from Motor Vehicle)	45	20.1%	37	16.9%	-8	-17.8%
	Auto Theft	22	9.8%	12	5.5%	-10	-45.5%
	Arson	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	1	NA
SUBTOTAL		157	70.1%	167	76.3%	10	6.4%
PART 1 TOTAL		161	71.9%	176	80.4%	15	9.3%
Other Crimes Against Persons	Other Assaults	6	2.7%	5	2.3%	-1	-16.7%
	Other Sex Offenses	4	1.8%	1	0.5%	-3	-75.0%
	Against Family/Child	0	0.0%	2	0.9%	2	NA
SUBTOTAL		10	4.5%	8	3.7%	-2	-20.0%
Public Disorder Crimes	Criminal Mischief	31	13.8%	19	8.7%	-12	-38.7%
	Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	Disorderly Conduct	3	1.3%	1	0.5%	-2	-66.7%
SUBTOTAL		34	15.2%	20	9.1%	-14	-41.2%
Drug and Alcohol	Drug Abuse Violations	2	0.9%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%
	Liquor Law Violations	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
SUBTOTAL		2	0.9%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%
White Collar Crimes	Forgery and Counterfeiting	7	3.1%	4	1.8%	-3	-42.9%
	Fraud	8	3.6%	5	2.3%	-3	-37.5%
	Embezzlement	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
SUBTOTAL		15	6.7%	9	4.1%	-6	-40.0%
All Other Crimes	Stolen Property	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	Weapons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	All Other Offenses	2	0.9%	4	1.8%	2	100.0%
SUBTOTAL		2	0.9%	4	1.8%	2	100.0%
PART 2 TOTAL		63	28.1%	43	19.6%	-20	-31.7%
TOTAL		224	100.0%	219	100.0%	-5	-2.2%



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Residents can help the sweeping operations by trimming their trees of low hanging branches to a minimum of 13.5 feet over the street because the sweepers are 10.6 feet high, and the trucks that accompany them are 12 feet high. They also appreciate it when residents remove items from the curb.




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...and now for a math moment.

According to the Denver City website our street sweepers remove 36,436 cubic yards of debris every year. That amount of material would cover Mile High football field with a pile 20 ft high.



Announcing Historic Denver's Certified Home Program

Historic Denver is recognizing homeowners who are proud of their older home. Historic Denver's Certified Home Program strives to give homeowners a way to showcase the time and care put into maintaining their home's unique place in Denver's history.

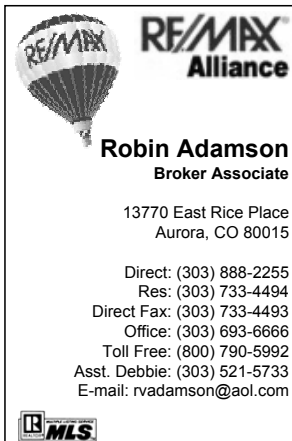


To be qualified for the Certified Home Program, homeowners should meet a list of criteria, which verify the home's sensitivity to the original historic structure and design. Homeowners need to send the application and materials along with an application fee to Historic Denver where it will be reviewed.

Upon approval, Historic Denver acknowledges the homeowners with a bronze plaque, a one-year membership to Historic Denver, access to references for preservation and restoration specialists, and various discounts to lectures, events and partnering businesses.

Historic Denver encourages the Certified Home Program because it provides both present and future owners an incentive to continue the stewardship of Denver's diverse neighborhoods. It allows Historic Denver to create a more accurate record of Denver's residential architecture and its contribution to the city's historic fabric.


A Certified Home application can be obtained by calling 303-534-5288.



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DEAR BONNIE & BRAE

*Dear Bonnie and Brae,
What time is construction allowed to go on in our neighborhood? I am sick of spending Sunday mornings reading the paper, drinking coffee and listening to nail guns.*

Bonnie replies:
Denver code exempts construction activity and construction related activity from noise limits from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. seven days a week. All other times the limit is 55 decibels from 9 P.M. to 10 P.M. and 50 decibels from 10 P.M. to 7 A.M. 50 decibels is equivalent to quiet conversation and 60 decibels is normal conversation.

Music is not considered "construction noise" so is limited to 55 decibels during daylight hours.

Residents may call 720-865-5452 to report a construction noise complaint. Information on the location, construction company, hours when noise is occurring, and types of noise is helpful to speed up the investigation.

There has recently been discussions on changing the ordinance to allow construction noise on weekends 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. A recent poll by Councilwomen Marcia Johnson asked Denver residents if they were in support of this change:

Results: 75% Yes, 22% No, 3% Unsure

Brae Replies:

I didn't know 22% of the city residents are in the construction business.

If you have a question for Bonnie and Brae please send an e-mail c/o bonnieandbrae@aol.com



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POLL

Our question from the last issue was
"What do you call our park?"

Responses:

"My family has lived on the Boulevard for 25 years. We have always referred to the park as "the Little Park" or "Circle Park."

"Our park has always been called Circle Park, and I suggest it remains the same. I think it has been called circle park for over 30+ years."

"We call the park 'Circle Park.'"

Circle Park—3
the Little Park—1
Bonnie Brae Park—0

Colorado is the only state in history, to turn down the Olympics. In 1976 the Winter Olympics were planned to be held in Denver. 62% of all state Voters choose at almost the last minute not to host the Olympics, because of the cost, pollution and population boom it would have on the State Of Colorado, and the City of Denver.

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I really enjoyed working with Angela. From the beginning she presented a professionalism and enthusiasm that I knew made her right for the job. When the usual hiccups arose during the showing and closing process, Angela worked very diligently and very quickly to make sure that all potential issues and problems were remedied. One of the most impressive things that Angela did was arrange for my empty house to be professionally staged and the results were tremendous, if only my house had looked that good when I was living there. Angela has become a friend and I would not hesitate for a minute to recommend her to anyone looking to sell their home.

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