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## Annual Party



Doug & Jocelyn Childs of 4th Ave came prepared for the nautical theme

Neighbors young and old once again took part in the annual ritual that is the CCHN Summer Party. Sarah and Rusty Brown of 545 Circle Drive graciously opened their home for this wonderful nautical themed affair. 100 neighbors enjoyed a delightful evening in the comfortable setting of the Brown's beautiful patio and gardens. Gourmet fine catering

provided a wonderful spread of food that was enjoyed by all. CCHN President Charles Jordy was unable to attend due to an family matter, so CCHN Vice President Bill Murane stepped up to thank the hosts and those in attendance for helping to keep the neighborhood connected and enriched by participating in this annual rite of summer. Pam Hatcher was recognized for her generous donation of the invites by her company, The Inviting Company (that can be found at local retailers like Swoozies). CCHN Social chairs, Jen Connelly and Tom Lorz along with their committee of Pam Hatcher, Judi Tointon, Elaine Walshe and Brook Simpson were also recognized for their work in organizing the event.

A highlight this year was the reintroduction of picture nametags featuring a photo of each attendees home. These nametags helped people to place a face with a home and further strengthen the bonds and friendships that the party develops among neighbors. The party also featured beautiful landscape lighting provided by Fastlane Productions which gave the trees a beautiful glow of blue and a full moon light that added to the ambiance as the sun began to settle the party into a warm summer evening.



## CCHN Loves a Parade

It is time again for the annual tradition of the CCHN 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Gather at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Franklin Street by the arches at 9:30 AM on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to bring snacks or drinks to share. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their patriotic best and red, white and blue. Bedecking/decorating of bicycles, wagons and strollers is highly encouraged. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate the birth of our nation and to bond with neighbors and meet other families.



### Common Courtesy

Country Club has always been a special place. Neighbors have always looked out for each other and brought a certain sense of gentility when relating to each other that is not often found in other parts of the city. Make sure to keep this tradition alive by doing your part to be respectful of those you live around. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. **Conflict**-If you have an issue with another neighbor, always take a moment to relax before confronting a situation. Sometimes a bit of introspection will cool tempers and help you to come across as more rational and calm.
2. **Noise**-Make sure to curtail music and or loud outside noises in the early mornings (before 9 am and after 9 pm). We all want to enjoy our peaceful neighborhood and there are certain times that we need to be mindful of our interference with other neighbor's ability to enjoy some quiet time. Be mindful that activities in your yard can affect others, even if you cannot see them.
3. **Parking**-Many neighbors are sensitive to the parking areas in front of their homes and luckily in Country Club most of us enjoy lots of easy parking on our streets. Be respectful and try to keep your vehicles in front of your property so neighbors can have spaces in front of their home for themselves and their guests and or staff/workers. If you have a front drive way or parking area, keep vehicles behind the break line of the front of the home as to avoid the visual of cars parked in the view of the front of homes. This also keeps our neighborhood from looking suburban.
4. **Dogs**-If you walk your pet, make sure to bring bags to clean up after your dogs. Try not to deposit these bags in other neighbors trash cans. Some neighbors bring their cans into their yards or houses when working on projects or for parties and they do not appreciate your pets deposits making bad smells in their trash cans. Also try to curb barking of dogs. If your pet is barking bring them inside or train them not to bark, especially in the early mornings and evenings when people are out enjoying their yards or sleeping.
5. **Alleys**-Be sure to sweep your alley at least a couple times/year. Leaves and trash blow down the alley and get in neighbors garages and yards. Check for graffiti and remove it as soon as possible, since graffiti that is left leads to more graffiti. Make sure your trash cans have not fallen over, and if they have, attempt to pick up any trash that may have spread or blown down the alley especially sharp objects that can harm car tires or impede neighbors' cars.
6. **Outdoor fires**-Burning wood on a cool evening in an outdoor fireplace sends smoke into neighbors' homes who like to have the windows open at night and is illegal. Have a gas insert installed to eliminate the bothersome smoke that can smolder and linger for hours even after the flames of an outdoor fire have been extinguished.
7. **Fireworks**-Fireworks are illegal in the City and County of Denver, do not use them because it only creates an uncomfortable situation for neighbors who will want to call the police as well as those that do not enjoy the loud noises and danger of these illegal items. Enjoy the amazing professional displays in our area offered by the County Club and the City of Glendale.

If we all practice these points we can maintain the wonderful sense of community that has been built by those before us in our special neighborhood.

## Bike Trails

The big detour of the Cherry Creek bike path that had bicycles using 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue through our neighborhood is over, but the massive volume of bikes helped serve as a reminder that CCHN is a very well connected bicycle friendly place.

Did you know that Denver has one of the best system of bike trails in the United States? The Denver area has more than 850 paved off-road trails, not to mention the bike lanes and sharrows (markings on designated streets where cars and bikes are meant to share the roadway) that are being added every day in our city. Paved bike trails also connect to hundreds of additional miles of dirt trails in the metro area.

From County Club it is a pleasant ride down the Speer bike path/trail to downtown Denver and Confluence Park where you can access the Pepsi Center, Elitch

Gardens and Mile High Stadium by only having to cross a couple streets. To the South East the Cherry Creek bike path also offers access to the Cherry Creek Shopping Center, Gates Tennis Center, Three Mile Historic Park and Cherry Creek Reservoir from our neighborhood and again your will only have to cross a few streets to reach any of these destinations. From our neighborhood if you travel north up Williams Street you can easily access Cheesman Park the Botanic Gardens, and Congress Park and to the South a quick ride down Downing and Marion Parkways will get you to Washington Park and charming South Gaylord street is just a few block away. So get out and explore our city by bike from one of the best biking locations in the city, your very own street in CCHN.

## Security

*Country Club  
Historic  
Neighborhood holds a  
meeting every second  
Tuesday of each  
month at The  
Guaranty Bank &  
Trust  
3301 E. 1st. Ave.  
second floor  
5:30 PM. These  
meetings are open to  
all neighbors.*

Our thanks to all who have contributed to the CCHN Newsletter. If you have an Informative, newsworthy article, suggestions or ideas, you may submit them to Tom Lorz or Judi Tointon,

Remember that the number one crime in our neighborhood usually arises as a crime of opportunity. An open garage is the primary reason for theft in CCHN. Keep your garage closed if you are not using it and check to make sure it closes before you drive off or as you leave the garage to enter your home.

On another security note, a few of the Oleander topiaries that were planted in the CCHN urns on the perimeter of the neighborhood were stolen after they were planted. The topiaries have since been replaced but this was a huge disappointment for our beautification efforts. If you have any information regarding the theft of the trees please contact Charles Jordy, CCHN president. This article also serves as a reminder to keep your eye on suspicious behavior related to our urns and/or neighbor's property. If you suspect something is awry and is a situation in progress, do not hesitate to contact 911. If you have general observations or concerns, that are not of an immediate nature, call the district 3 non-emergency number 303-913-2000. The police have let us know that they encourage these calls as a means of piecing together information that can lead to solving of crimes. You can also call our security service at 303-603-3000.

## Beautification

CCHN is looking great as we enter the summer season. Our beautification committee and contractor have done some great work keeping our neighborhood urns and planting beds up to par. Make sure to check out the wonderful CC displays (for Country Club) that were planted in the beds at the ends of High and Franklin Streets.



Despite the best efforts to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful, vandals have taken several of the Oleander tree topiaries that were planted in the urns on a handful of streets. These scoundrels even came back a few weeks later and took the replacements that were put back in. If you have any information regarding the stolen topiaries or if you see any suspicious activity make sure to call the Denver Police or our security service.

Due to cutbacks in the city budget this year the urns down the center of 1st Ave will not be planted this year. That is why it is even more important that the CCHN urns and flower beds along the borders of our neighborhood look top notch, and our committee led by Marielena Radecki and Mary Schaefer are to be congratulated on a job well done. Many thanks to those who contributed to the Beautification Fund in conjunction with the Annual Party, your funds will be used to keep CCHN a special and beautiful place.





*Presidents Letter**By Charles Jordy***Living in a Landmarked Historic District**

Did you know there are 52 Historic Districts in Denver? The latest being the final part of the Curtis Park Neighborhood that was not previously landmarked. We are blessed to have a wonderful diversity of neighborhoods and the foresight to preserve so much of our grand history. It truly makes up the fabric of Denver's roots.

Living in a Historic District offers many advantages and a few challenges for homeowners. The fact that these neighborhoods are protected gives great comfort to the residents that the historic charm and beauty will not be damaged or removed, and usually that's why most residents choose to live in them.

The challenges come in the process required to make changes to your home. Only exterior changes are required for review. Street facades and windows are of particular importance for preservation.

In Country Club we have a Design Review Committee that reviews projects and advises the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission, this review must be completed first. Our Historic Guidelines can be found at:  
<http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/646/documents/CountryCl.pdf>

The project then moves on to the Landmark Preservation Commission and is reviewed and acted on. The whole process can take between 30 and 90 days depending on complexity.

There is a Colorado State historic tax credit of up to 20% of the preservation and rehabilitation costs up to \$50,000 per qualifying property, and this can be of great assistance on a renovation project. You can get much more information at:

<http://www.denvergov.org/preservation/PreservationHome/tabid/429948/Default.aspx>  
 or [www.historicdenver.org](http://www.historicdenver.org)

*Get involved! Call a committee member and volunteer.*

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Landmark Design	Rusty Brown	303-320-4479
Beautification	Marielena Radecki	303-284-7489
	Mary Schaefer	303-321-9186
Traffic	Kathleen Economos	303-399-8631
Land Use & Zoning	Bob Fuller	303-333-9331
Membership, Directory	Betsy Lutz	303-399-3193
News Letter	Tom Lorz	720-436-9865
	Judi Tointon	303-765-2266
Social	Jen Connelly	303-3316639
	Tom Lorz	720-436-9865
Block Representative	Brooke Simpson	303-359-4045

More scenes from the annual Party



Useful phone numbers:

*Denver Police*

*District #3*

NON-EMERGENCY

**720-913-1300**

EMERGENCY 911

**HSS**

**Firstwatch**

**Security Services**

**303-603-3000**



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