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Join Us For Our Favorite  
Holiday Tradition

## Sing And Sleigh Bells

At Observatory Park

Sunday, December 1, 2013

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



Once again, Observatory Park will captivate our imaginations with our annual holiday Sing and Sleigh Bells. Bring your family and friends for this tradition of horse-drawn hayrides, holiday carolers, warm drinks, and star gazing at the Chamberlin Observatory. (Santa shows up too!)

Returning for their second year, **La Belle Rosette**, a neighborhood coffee shop at 2423 South University, will be providing hot cider and treats. In the tradition of this event and the holiday season, please bring treats to share with your neighbors. The UPCC, with the help of volunteers, will make sure that everyone can enjoy this annual winter tradition.



Whether it is a balmy evening or a light snowy evening, this festive event is a great way to celebrate the holiday season with our neighborhood friends.

In the event of extreme cold or snow on December 1, check the University Park website, [www.upcc.us](http://www.upcc.us) for additional information.

# 'Discover Denver' Citywide Building Survey Is Under Way!

## First Ever Citywide Survey Will Help Identify Buildings Key To Denver's History

Discover Denver, a survey to identify historic and architecturally significant structures citywide, had their first field survey day on September 7, 2013. The survey gathers information about buildings using public records, neighborhood canvassing, academic research, and tips from the public. Findings from the survey will later be accessible online so that everyone can learn about Denver's past — building by building. Historic Denver, Inc. leads this collaborative project in partnership with the City and County of Denver and History Colorado.

The survey's first pilot area is in the Harvey Park neighborhood in southwest Denver. Harvey Park was selected, in part, for its predominance of mid-century modern architecture. Pilot area #2, which will focus on 1920s Small Homes, will include portions of three distinct, older Denver neighborhoods: Park Hill, Harkness Heights and Grandview. While pilot area #2 will focus on "small" residential structures, all buildings in the identified survey area will be comprehensively documented. All survey activities will be done from the public right-of-way, and only exterior architectural features will be noted. Survey for pilot area #2 is

expected to begin in late fall 2013, and will likely continue through spring 2014. A third pilot area, scheduled to begin in spring 2014, will focus on commercial corridors found along the historic streetcar lines.

"We often say, 'If these walls could talk....'" Says Annie Levinsky, Executive Director of Historic Denver, Inc. "Through this survey, we hope the buildings will tell us about their history, their architecture and their role in making Denver what it is today."

Other major cities including Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Tulsa are currently conducting citywide building surveys. The benefits of building surveys include:

- Uncovering buildings of historic and architectural significance.
- Providing property owners and real estate agents up-front information about buildings to inform reinvestment and sale decisions.
- Equipping city planners with information about historic resources when proposing changes to an area.
- Bolstering civic pride and heritage tourism.

After the completion of the Discover Denver pilot program, anticipated to be completed by summer 2014, the full citywide survey will begin. Over the next several years Discover Denver will continue to make progress in surveying the entire city — all 160,000 homes, businesses and buildings. Community input is key to the survey's success. Citizens are urged to share their stories about Denver buildings on the project website. Learn more about this project, view a map of the first two pilot areas and submit tips at [www.DiscoverDenver.CO](http://www.DiscoverDenver.CO).

— Rosemary Stoffel

## DU Good Neighbors Meeting Wednesday, November 20

All UP residents are invited to attend a meeting held by DU's Allan Wilson on Wed., Nov. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Sturm Hall, Room 286, directly across Asbury from the tennis courts. DU will present growth plans and event information, and you may bring any DU related concerns (students, parking, sports, etc.). Park free in the lot on the west side of Sturm, using the "coupon" no. 14651 at the kiosk. These informative meetings are held quarterly. Please try to attend.

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## PARKS & TRAIL NEWS

A hardy band of Pricker Pickers led by Mara Fielding-Purdy of the Parks Dept. (DPR) and UP's Jennifer Engleby, cleaned up — de-prickered — a portion of **Prairie Park** on October 7. Also present was DPR planner Greg Kaiser who discussed the project with us. Mara is working to install small signs in both Prairie Park and **Buchtel Centennial Park** explaining they are Native Grass Projects. Info on a large

sign explaining its history is being gathered for Prairie Park. The **Observatory Park** veggie garden was a huge success thanks the great UP volunteer gardeners, and will be planted again next spring. If you would like to help with any UP Parks, including **McWilliams** and **Harvard Gulch East**, please contact Diana Helper, parks@upcc.us or 303-733-4902.

### 15th Annual Holiday Carillon Concert

December 8, 2013 At 3 p.m.

At The Ritchie Center And The Williams Carillon Tower

Possibly the perfect holiday afternoon, the Holiday Carillon Concert has become a favorite holiday event in University Park and surrounding neighborhoods. People come with blankets and snacks and sit on the lawns surrounding the Ritchie Center and the Williams Carillon tower.

This year's recital is being performed by DU Carillonneur Carol Jickling Lens. The highlight of the concert is the traditional performance of "The Carol of the Bells."

The event is taking place on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 3 p.m. and is free. Complimentary parking is available in DU Parking Services Lot 108 at South Josephine and Buchtel.

The concert will be performed in snow or sunshine, and concertgoers are encouraged to sit on their blankets or lawn chairs near the gold Williams Bell Tower at the Ritchie Center just south of the University Boulevard exit off I-25 on Buchtel.

For more information and a complete list of concerts, master classes and events, please visit the Lamont School of Music website at [www.du.edu/lamont](http://www.du.edu/lamont). For updated weekly information call the Concert Line at 303-871-6412.

## UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

### UP School Remembers UP's Mary Myers

On Walk/Bike To School Day, October 9, UP School students, teachers, staff, many parents and other neighbors, gathered to honor the work of UP's late resident Mary Myers, who was head of the UPCC Sidewalk Committee and the Buchtel Blvd. Coalition. Many new sidewalks to help kids get to school, and all of us get

around UP, were the result of Mary's work. Transportation Solutions also gave UP School a new bike rack, with a plaque honoring Mary. Her colleague Diana Helper spoke, as did Mary's son David. Grandson Greg Myers who now has assumed Mary's Block Capt. duties, UPCC Transportation chair James Bettinger, and Sidewalk committee member Herb Homan were recognized. As they say at UP School, "Every Day is Walk and Bike to School Day."

## University Park Safety Report

No one wants to be the victim of a crime. Of course, when you are victimized you are certain that you are part of a crime wave that must be sweeping the city. The reality is that crime rates are quite low in the University Park neighborhood. What is disturbing in our neighborhood is the increasing trend in property crimes, particularly theft from motor vehicles or TFMV as it is often referred to in the crime data. In the first three quarters of 2012 we had 33 TFMV incidents. In 2013 we are up to 53 TFMV incidents for the same time period and the year is not over yet.

Summer months and the holiday season are the peak seasons for thefts from motor vehicles. In the summer we leave our bags, packs, purses, phones, media players, and other valuables out in the open in our cars while we play in the park or park on the street. The bad guys are watching the parked cars and quickly grabbing the goods you left out in the open in your car, locked or not. During the holiday season we leave the same valuables out and now we have a car full of our recent gift purchases.

This is bonus time for thieves. To try to alleviate your risk:

1. Lock your car doors.
2. Never leave your keys in the car.
3. Never leave car unattended with motor running.
4. Park in well-lit areas.
5. Keep personal items hidden.

Theft from motor vehicles is a crime we can actively seek to reduce by merely improving our habits. It takes three intersecting elements to make a crime: an offender, a victim, and an opportunity. Let's all work to remove the opportunity and see if we can make this crime disappear.

— Steven R. Hick

## UPCC Needs A Delegate For Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, INC

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, INC, takes on the concerns that affect all Denver neighborhoods. By sharing information, discussing solutions, and working with the city, much can be accomplished. UPCC needs a Delegate to INC, to attend meetings the second Saturday morning each month, representing UPCC and reporting back to UPCC. Meetings, open to all, are held in various parts of town (none in Dec.)

Please contact [Pres@upcc.us](mailto:Pres@upcc.us) or 303-715-3970 if you are interested in this important position. All are also welcome at INC's very active Parks, Zoning, and Transportation committee meetings.

For more info please contact [i-n-c@upcc.us](mailto:i-n-c@upcc.us) or 303-733-4902.

— Diana Helper

## Block Captains Needed

The following blocks need block captains. This means you get to distribute the *UPWords* and *Purple Pages* to your neighbors on this street. This is five times a year. Please contact Phyllis Ward at 303-756-6146.

1800 S. St. Paul  
1900 S. St. Paul  
1900 S. Josephine  
2000 S. Josephine  
2600 S. Garfield Way  
1800 S. Madison  
1900 S. Adams

## Congratulations!

Former longtime UPark resident Ruth Perdeu, piano teacher, composer, potter and mother to UPark resident Phyllis Ward, will celebrate her 101st birthday on December 16! If you know Ruth and would like to send her a card, her mailing address is 2500 S. Roslyn St. #227, Denver, CO 80231. *Congratulations Ruth!*

## UPCC Email Notification List

Stay connected and informed by signing up for the UPCC email notification list. We send monthly emails and time sensitive emails when there is something that needs to be communicated to our residents. To learn more about our list and read recent emails visit [www.upcc.us/email](http://www.upcc.us/email).

## Graffiti Cleanup Supplies

UPCC continues to offer help with eradicating neighborhood graffiti. We have worked with Denver Solid Waste Management to provide graffiti wipes, dumpster paint, and green paint, at no cost to you and you can pick it up here in our neighborhood. If you have graffiti and want to take care of it yourself, contact [president@upcc.us](mailto:president@upcc.us).

## So Thank You!! Recent Dues Payers!

The following residents paid UPCC dues in August-October 2013.

Marc and Kristin Able  
Greg and Beth Anderson  
Barbara Boucher  
Erin Yourtz and Lawrence Bub  
Pat and Martha Cashen  
Matthew and Amie Cavarra  
John and Laura Conley  
Christopher and Susan Dolson  
Gary and Mary Flansburg  
Pam Gates  
Chris and Julie Hill  
Leslie Kelly

Kurt and Brooke Klebe  
Taryn Cardin and John Lemery  
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Robin Schmachtenberger  
Leticia Gallagher and  
Michael Stretchberry  
Mark and Kim Sullivan  
John and Debbie Thom  
Tim Thomas  
Patricia Tritt  
Russ and Betsy Welty  
Eli Beck and Doug Westfall  
Randy and Cari Wolf

## UPCC Voluntary Dues 2013, 2014

Please fill out the following form and send it with your check for UPCC dues (\$20, \$15 seniors) to UPCC co-treasurers June Morgan and Ryan Zorn, 2100 S. Monroe St., Denver, CO 80210. Another payment option: Use PayPal to pay your dues online by visiting [www.upcc.us/support](http://www.upcc.us/support). To sign up for the UPCC e-mail list, go to: [www.upcc.us/email](http://www.upcc.us/email). During the current economic downturn, the UPCC has received fewer contributions. We encourage those who are able to increase their donations to help us compensate for this shortfall. **Thank you!**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood interests or concerns \_\_\_\_\_