

THE SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY  
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**JAN-FEB-MARCH: 2010**

**Fun in  
Sunnyside!**

**Never to cold for a  
Sleighride!**

On December 9, the first annual **Sunnyside Sleigh Rides** were met with frigid temperatures and a huge turnout. Over 200 moms, dads and kiddos packed **Café Café** and **The**

**New Image Salon** for a ride on a one-horse open sleigh. While they waited for a turn in the carriage the happy mob decorated cookies, posed for photos with Santa, shopped for wreaths and luminarias, and enjoyed all sorts of winter delights from Café Café including hot chocolate, cider, and baked goods. This event was made possible by generous grants from The Denver Foundation, The Neighborhood Resource Center and several members of the SUNI board.

*A big thank you to all who helped make this FREE Sunnyside event possible!*



**Sunnyside Pizza Party**

Wednesday, April 14th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Smedley Elementary School

4250 Shoshone

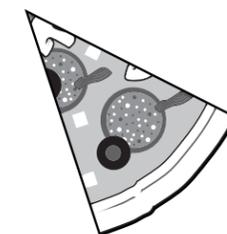
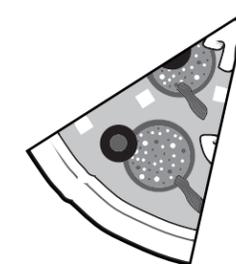
Denver, CO 80211

Suni Supporters - \$5

Guests - \$10

Kids under 12 - \$1

SUNI Board Election



**Calendar**

*for more information, please visit [www.sunnysidedenver.org](http://www.sunnysidedenver.org)*

**PCD Meetings:** at Café Café only if there are items on the agenda. **DATES:** March 1st, April 5th

**Feb 24th: SUNI Sippers - Chile Verde,** 3700 Tejon Street 5:30 to 7:30, \$2 for supporters and \$5 for guests. Check [www.sunnysidedenver.org](http://www.sunnysidedenver.org) for details.

**March 31st: SUNI Sippers - Gaetano's,** 3760 Tejon Street 5:30 to 7:30, \$2 for supporters and \$5 for guests. Check [www.sunnysidedenver.org](http://www.sunnysidedenver.org) for details.

**Numbers to Know**

Neighborhood Inspection Services	720-865-3200
Graffiti Hotline	720-913-7867
Non-Emergency Police	720-913-2000
Animal Control	303-698-0076
Denver Public Library	720-865-1111
Denver Recycles	720-865-6805
Parks & Rec	720-913-6027
Poison Control	303-739-1123
District 1 Front Desk	720-913-0400
District 1 Community Resource Officer Carlos Montoya: <a href="mailto:CarlosMontoya@denvergov.org">CarlosMontoya@denvergov.org</a>	720-913-0461

**Become A Member Today**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership Categories**

- Senior - \$6.00
- Individual - \$12.00
- Family - \$24.00
- Out of Neighborhood Supporter - \$30.00

**Underwriter Categories**

- Brilliant - \$500.00
- Luminous - \$250.00
- Sunny - \$100.00

**Please clip and mail with payment to:  
SUNI • P.O Box 11318 • Denver, CO 80211  
Or visit us at: [www.SunnysideDenver.org](http://www.SunnysideDenver.org)**

**Business Buzz**

The Gelman's have purchased the previously abandoned restaurant at 40th & Tejon and will be opening **Botto Italian Grill** in May or June. The restaurant is named after Michelle Gelman's paternal Italian great-grandmother Madelina, who settled in the North End of Boston, and was pressured to "Americanize" her name from Botto to Booth upon arrival to United States. The dinners will be a wide variety of pasta, meat, and vegetarian dishes from Northern Italy in keeping with the Botto family Genoa



Italian origins (which for those Sunnyside history buffs was part of the independent Kingdom of Savoy that comprises parts of present day France, Switzerland and Italy prior to Garibaldi's unification of Italy in 1861). The Gelmans

will be working with Chris Genz to renovate the building at 4001 Tejon. Genz Design is active in the Sunnyside neighborhood and was one of the lead contract or's on the renovation of both

the LoHi Steakbar as well as Billy's Inn. Steven and Michelle Gelman live in the "hood" with a daughter attending Sandoval Elementary School. Don't worry, Gelman's Restaurant & Bar a Sunnyside "neighborhood joint" on 38th & Eliot, known for their gourmet \$8 burgers, and ten beers on tap, will continue to remain open for lunch and dinner.

*BusinessBuzz highlights a business in our community. If you are interested in having your company hi hlighted in the next newsletter please contact [suni@sunnysidener.org](mailto:suni@sunnysidener.org).*

**People House** involves both consumers and providers in a warm community context where quality counseling, holistic health information, support groups and personal growth opportunities are all made available to people from all walks of life. We aim to serve as many people and families in Denver as we can.

Located in north Denver's Highland area in a large, cozy Victorian House, People House is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization with more than 35 successful years in our community. Experienced interns provide low cost counseling to individuals, couples, families, teens and children. Our Affordable Family and Children's Counseling Program is a special division within our larger adult counseling program. People House carefully selects therapists based on life and work experience, personal development and specialized training in working with families and children. Our staff and interns collaborate frequently, working separately and sometimes together with different members of the family. Parents and therapists are close partners in the process.

We in the Affordable Family/Children Program assume that kids and teens do well when their whole family is doing well. Giving families a chance to meet and think together is often one of the most direct paths to kids' happiness and growth. When children and teens participate in the therapy process with their parent(s), they have a golden opportunity to see their parents as effective and courageous, as people who know how to find and use resources. And this empowers and educates everyone concerned. Sometimes kids will meet with just one other family member, sometimes a larger group joins them.

We see kids, parents, grandparents, guardians, aunts and uncles, important family friends, English and Spanish-speaking families, families of Vets, families of people who are struggling in this economy, struggling with alcohol or drugs, or with the effects of divorce. We serve GLBT families, single-parent families -- any families who want more for themselves and their kids.

Common problems people talk about with People House family therapists and child therapists include school and social problems, sadness, worry, fear, grief, anger, stress, attentional difficulties, addictions, eating problems, the effects of sexual, physical or

emotional mistreatment, physical illness, nutritional problems affecting emotions, parenting skills, and dealing with major life transitions. People

come to talk about relationship problems, issues around personal identity, hopes for making changes, and out of desire to learn new life skills.

For more information or for an appointment contact Debbie Zucker, MSW, LCSW, the Family/Children's Program Director, coordinates staff therapists and supervises the program's interns. Debbie is at 303-993-9894 or [dzucker3@gmail.com](mailto:dzucker3@gmail.com) for more information or to make an appointment. Parents/guardians and staff therapists assess together whether family counseling and/or individual counseling, or both, is the best approach.

For more information about all of our offerings, see [www.peoplehouse.org](http://www.peoplehouse.org) or call 303-480-5130.



## Moms Like Me

Everyone seems to know about The Highlands Mommie's Group, but do you know about Momslikeme.com? Momslikeme.com is a social networking tool for mothers and they are here to make the lives for Denver area moms a bit easier and a lot more interesting. The Denver site is operated locally and managed by Sunnyside resident, Valentina Garcia-Gerdes. She can help you connect with local mothers in your area but be sure to check out the Sunnyside and 80211 groups. Think Facebook but for moms! They have over 13,000 members metro wide and they continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Moms are creating friendships, finding support and resources off and online everyday! Members come from all backgrounds and represent both working and stay at home moms with young and older children. The Website is free to join and free to use. Once you register be sure to fill out your profile and jump into the many forums and start chatting away. We look forward to meeting you!

[www.denver.momslikeme.com](http://www.denver.momslikeme.com)

## PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc. has a standing Planning and Community Development Committee (SUNI PCD Committee). The group of neighborhood volunteers meets the first Monday of each month to discuss zoning related issues, zoning appeals, variance requests, architectural design and development projects and the like. If you have a passion or interest in architecture, the future development of Sunnyside, or just have questions about a project you are considering for your own home, you are encouraged to attend a meeting and get involved! There are a number of exciting developments taking place in Sunnyside and the best way to stay informed is by getting involved. Here are a few projects the PCD Committee would like to inform you about:

**Denver's Zoning Code Update:** for SUNI residents who may not be aware, Denver is undertaking a major Zoning Code Rewrite. The last time updates to the code took place was in the 1950s' - a half century ago! Clearly, the city and it's neighborhoods have changed a lot in fifty years and city officials

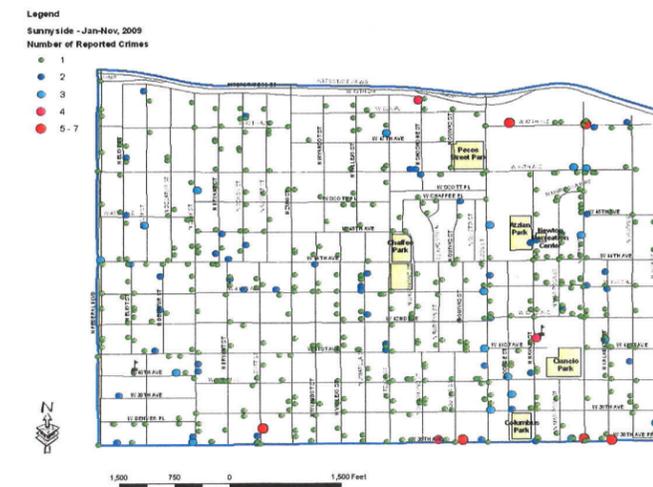
have decided it's time for the code to reflect current architectural practices and land uses. Advisory Committees (like your very own PCDC) have been engaged in this process with the city for several months now and the new code is in its fourth and final draft. To learn more about Denver's new code and what it means for your property and Sunnyside, come to the next PCD meeting (held the first Monday of every month at Café Café) or go online to: <http://www.newcodedenver.org/>

**46th and Tejon Elder Care Development:** If you've driven past the corner of Tejon and 46th recently, you've probably noticed construction equipment and fencing around the old Victory Outreach Church building. What's going on? A new contemporary Senior Living Development is coming to Sunnyside! A local Denver developer is partnering with award-winning Oz Architecture to bring a three story, 65 unit project to our neighborhood. The development team presented their plans for the project at the January PCD meeting. Funding has been secured,

plans are in place and construction is set to begin immediately. The first occupants are anticipated to move in towards the end of 2010 or beginning of 2011. This is the first major development of its kind in Sunnyside in several years and looks to improve an otherwise neglected section of SUNI.

**Remington Elementary Property:** Sadly, Remington Elementary (Corner of 46th and Pecos) closed as a part of DPS' school closures. The property sits vacant today but could one day be a desirable location for development. Currently, SUNI PCD supports the new zoning designation for the property (Urban, Two Unit Parcels) and looks forward to working with DPS, City Council and any potential interested party in charting the future of the school.

## Sunnyside Crime Statistics



SUNNYSIDE REPORTED OFFENSES						
TYPE OF CRIME	Jan-Nov, 2008		Jan-Nov, 2009		CHANGE	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>PART 1 PERSONS</b>	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	NA
Homicide	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	NA
Sexual Assault	3	0.4%	8	1.2%	5	166.7%
Robbery	21	3.1%	11	1.7%	-10	-47.6%
Aggravated Assault	46	6.9%	41	6.4%	-5	-10.9%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	70	10.5%	61	9.5%	-9	-12.9%
<b>PART 1 PROPERTY</b>	96	14.4%	101	15.8%	5	5.2%
Burglary	62	9.3%	50	7.8%	-12	-19.4%
Larceny (Except Theft from MV)	71	10.6%	90	14.0%	19	26.8%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	74	11.1%	66	10.3%	-8	-10.8%
Auto Theft	0	0.0%	4	0.6%	4	NA
Arson	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	303	45.4%	311	48.5%	8	2.6%
<b>PART 1 TOTAL</b>	373	55.8%	372	58.0%	-1	-0.3%
<b>OTHER CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS</b>	34	5.1%	30	4.7%	-4	-11.8%
Other Assaults	12	1.8%	9	1.4%	-3	-25.0%
Other Sex Offenses	8	1.2%	10	1.6%	2	25.0%
Offenses Against Family/Children	14	2.1%	11	1.7%	-3	-21.4%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	54	8.1%	49	7.6%	-5	-9.3%
<b>PUBLIC DISORDER CRIMES</b>	129	19.3%	108	16.8%	-21	-16.3%
Criminal Mischief	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
Prostitution/Commercialized Vice	13	1.9%	15	2.3%	2	15.4%
Disorderly Conduct	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
Curfew and Loitering	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	142	21.3%	123	19.2%	-19	-13.4%
<b>DRUG/ALCOHOL OFFENSES</b>	44	6.6%	43	6.7%	-1	-2.3%
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
Liquor Law Violations	44	6.6%	43	6.7%	-1	-2.3%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	44	6.6%	43	6.7%	-1	-2.3%
<b>WHITE COLLAR CRIMES</b>	5	0.7%	4	0.6%	-1	-20.0%
Forgery/Counterfeiting	32	4.8%	29	4.5%	-3	-9.4%
Fraud	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	2	NA
Embezzlement	3	0.4%	3	0.5%	0	0.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	37	5.5%	35	5.5%	-2	-5.4%
<b>ALL OTHER CRIMES</b>	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	NA
Stolen Property	6	0.9%	4	0.6%	-2	-33.3%
Weapons	12	1.8%	14	2.2%	2	16.7%
All Other Offenses	18	2.7%	19	3.0%	1	5.6%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	295	44.2%	269	42.0%	-26	-8.8%
<b>PART 2 TOTAL</b>	295	44.2%	269	42.0%	-26	-8.8%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	668	100.0%	641	100.0%	-27	-4.0%

Excludes traffic accidents, traffic moving violations and other traffic offenses.