

CALENDAR

Sun, October 31: **Halloween**
 Tue, November 2: **General Election Day**
 Tue, November 2 (4:00pm): **Fairmont PTA meeting**
 Sun, November 7: **Daylight Savings Time ends**
 Tue, November 9 (5:30pm): **BHNA Board meeting**
 Tue, November 9 (6:30pm): **BHNA Membership meeting**
 Thu, November 11: **Veterans Day**
 Tue, November 16 (6:30pm): **Zoning Committee meeting**
 Thu, November 25: **Thanksgiving Day**
 Wed, December 1: **Hanukkah begins**
 Thu, December 9 (5:00pm): **Fairmont Holiday Arts Night**
 Tue, December 14 (6:00pm): **Holiday Party at Sketch**
 Sat, December 25: **Christmas Day**
 Sun, December 26: **Kwanzaa begins**
 Sat, January 1: **New Years Day**

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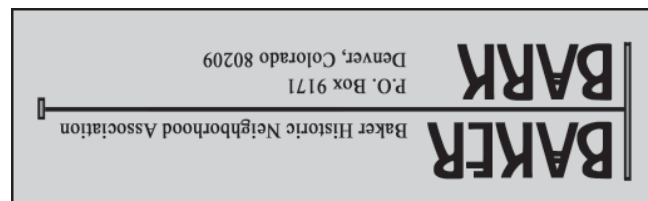
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Campaign to Breathe New Life into Byers JHS Building Continues

By Staff Writer Amanda Snitker

The effort to bring the Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST) to the currently vacant Byers Junior High School (Byers JHS), located at 150 South Pearl Street, is continuing to build momentum. Baker neighborhood representatives, along with representatives from several surrounding neighborhoods, and Councilman Chris Nevitt's office met on September 8, 2010 to discuss the goals for the campaign to sway the Denver Public School Board (DPS) to approve the proposed DSST location. Currently, DPS is resistant to the new location due to what they describe as "capacity utilization". DPS believes that middle and high schools within the study area are currently under capacity due to a lack of population and are concerned that adding a charter school to the area would further reduce attendance at these schools (see the front-page article in the July-August 2010 issue of the Bark for more information).

The goals of this campaign are to inform the surrounding neighborhoods of the possible placement of DSST at Byers JHS; to gather as many signatures and comments as possible in support of the school on the petition (included as an insert to this issue of the Bark); to convince DPS that Southeast Denver residents have a desire to send their children to DPS schools; and to save this beautiful historic landmark for future generations.

DSST is excited about the prospect of opening a school in Southeast Denver and in August provided a private tour of the

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Denver Water Taps Baker for Information

Denver Water, the public agency that provides water to 1.3 million people in Denver and surrounding suburbs, is looking for single-family residences in the Baker Neighborhood with lead service lines to participate in a study required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). To qualify, the house should have been built in 1910 or earlier.

Participation in the survey is a two-step process. First, a representative from Denver Water performs an inspection to determine whether or not the home contains the original lead service line. If it does, the resident is given a bottle

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DIA Expansion Planned

A major expansion has been planned for Denver International Airport. The project, which has been proposed for approval by the Denver mayor in January, will include a fly-over bridge above Pena Boulevard, a Regional Transportation District light rail station and a 500-room Westin luxury hotel with conference center. The total budgeted cost will exceed one billion dollars, which will be financed entirely by the airport authority and supplemented by RTD funds.

Thanks to the efforts of Evelyn Wolf, a public relations representative for the project will make a presentation at the BHNA general membership meeting on Tuesday, November 8th. The meeting will be held in the community room at AB Hirschfeld Towers, 333 West Ellsworth Avenue, at 6:30pm.

Share your thoughts! Send an email to newsletter@bakerneighborhood.org

Art Store Specializes in High-Quality Paper

By Staff Writer Renae Einspahr

Have you ever wondered where a particular phrase got its start? "Beaten to a pulp" is actually one of the steps in making paper. According to Patricia Branstead, owner of Kozo Fine Art Materials, the mulberry tree, which is the source of the fiber used in making high-quality paper, is dried, soaked, cooked, rinsed, and beat to a pulp.

Kozo Fine Art Materials, near Ellsworth and Broadway, is an artist's dream. This little store is packed full of paper, canvas, paints (oil, acrylic and watercolor) brushes and pens. One of their specialties is supplying the paper used for printmaking, book arts, drawing, or watercolor. They also have a large selection of decorative paper, commonly used in collage, mixed media, and decorative projects such as card making, lampshades, or book covers.

During the Industrial Age, forests were plowed down and chemicals were added to make a cheap paper to meet public demand. Handmade paper, on the other hand, was one of the first sustainable products. In western culture, paper used for fine art was made from linen or cotton. In the far east, handmade paper was made from "kozo", the Japanese word for the inner bark of the mulberry tree. Contrary to popular belief, there is no such thing as rice paper. Visitors to Japan from the west over 100 years ago assumed, because of all the rice fields they saw, that paper was manufactured from rice.

Patricia Branstead majored in printmaking in college, apprenticed at Crown Point Press in California, then moved to New York City where she had her own studio for 17 years. After 13 years in Steamboat Springs she moved to Denver four years ago and has been on Ellsworth in the space formerly occupied by Open Press Gallery for over three years.

"A lot of Kozo's clientele are college art students, printers, and painters," says the proprietor. "We are not just a cute little paper shop. We carry everything the bigger art supply stores do, and we can special order." Kozo

caters to the budding artist as well as the professional. They have a lot of specialty items and one of the best watercolor brush selections anywhere.

Kozo is expanding into the space next door and the annex will be open before the end of October. The annex will offer classes in papermaking, printmaking, and how to make a book. The space will also be available to rent for other artistic endeavors. For holiday gift ideas consider taking a class and making a journal or small book. Kozo offers gift certificates which are handmade and one of a kind.

Kozo has also recently launched their online store where you can order items for shipping or pickup. Visit Kozofineartmaterials.com.

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DSST to Byers JHS

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Stapleton campus to members of the neighborhoods surrounding Byers JHS. Baker resident Luchia Brown attended the tour and had this to say: "I was impressed by the way all the children were engaged and encouraged to participate. I also was surprised that, when students changed classes, they were silent in the hallways. The director, Bill Kurtz, said it was because studies showed a majority of bullying happens in the halls, so not allowing talking during class transitions is one way to curb it."

The next planning meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on October 27, 2010 at the Epiphany Lutheran church, 790 South Corona Street. If you would like to become involved in this effort please contact Amanda Snitker (amanda@coloradourbanhomes.com) or follow the links below for more information.

What you can do to help

1. Sign our petition—the paper version included with this issue of the Bark or online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSSTtoByers> or feel free to email us at BringDSSTtoByers@gmail.com so we can add your name to the paper petition.

2. Circulate the paper petition to those on your block—if you would like to volunteer to walk your block and hand out information and petitions please contact Amanda Snitker at amanda@coloradourbanhomes.com for copies of the

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petition and/or information. The petition is available in both Spanish and English.

3. Visit and "like" our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Bring-DSST-to-Byers/141168185920857> for more information and upcoming events.

4. You can also pick up additional information sheets and petitions at the Cop Shop, One Broadway, Suite A-105.



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Tidbits & Rumors *Things Seen and Heard around Baker*

Tidbits...

Tuesday, November 2nd, is **General Election Day**. Registered voters can cast their ballots by mail (send your mail-in ballot with 61 cents postage); early voting at one of 31 voter service centers; or, on election day, at one of 151 election day polling places. Voter service centers near the Baker neighborhood are at the Washington Park Recreation Center (701 South Franklin Street) and the Denver Elections Division (200 West 14th Avenue). The polling place for precincts 211, 217 and 220 is La Familia Recreation Center (65 South Elati Street). For more information, visit www.DenverVotes.org or call Denver Information at 311.

When it comes to **enrolling in preschool and kindergarten**, many young families are lost. At the Early Education Scoop, enrollment experts will be on hand to answer your questions about all aspects of preschool and kindergarten at Denver Public Schools. Upcoming sessions have been scheduled for November 8th, December 8th and January 6th. For more information, locations and times, visit www.dpsk12.org/scoop or call Marissa Ferrari at 720-423-3681.

Not **winterizing your lawn sprinkler system** can be costly. If you need assistance in finding a contractor, contact Chuck Montera of the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado at 303-778-8355 or chuck@siglerinc.com.

Mayor John Hickenlooper, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs are seeking nominations for the **2010 Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts**. For complete details and a nomination form, go to denvergov.org or call Gina Rubano at 720-865-4325.

Bayaud Enterprises has partnered with the **KeyBank Financial Education Program** to provide financial education classes over the next year to 144 disabled individuals, along with their family members and caregivers. The program will advance and enhance economic self-sufficiency and overall quality of life for individuals served by Bayaud Enterprises, a non-profit organization located in the Baker neighborhood that has provided services to persons with physical, emotional and mental disabilities for over 41 years. Visit their website at www.bayaudenterprises.org to learn more about their programs and services.

The Bark welcomes another non-profit organization to Baker. **The Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance** is now located at 90 Galapago Street. Visit their website at www.coloradocrimevictims.org.

Councilwoman At-large Carol Boigon has been working on an ordinance to extend a **ban on smoking on**

the public rights-of-way adjoining hospitals in Denver. Although a vote will have been taken by City Council before this issue of the newsletter is distributed, send an email to Rachel.Kurtz-Phelan@denvergov.org for the results and to express your opinion.

The entertainment & dining industry in Baker continues to thrive. After three years in the making, **El Diablo Cocina and Tequileria** recently had its grand opening; **Dougherty's Irish Pub** is celebrating its third year in the neighborhood; the **Rackhouse Pub** (on Santa Fe) recently added a patio dining area; **Swift Steak House** now has a liquor license; and **Punch Bowl and Baker 24** (a "part bowling alley and part 24/7 upscale '60s diner" according to the Westword website) will be opening at the former Big Lots location at First Avenue and Broadway next year.

The online version of the new **Denver Zoning Code** is updated promptly after the adoption of any text amendments. You can obtain page replacement packets by going to www.denvergov.org/zoning, select "Denver Zoning Code", the select "Adopted Text Amendments" and scroll down to view the adopted amendments.

Upcoming Events The **Holiday Party** will be at Sketch on December 14th (see details on page 5). Attend the next **general membership meeting** at 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 9th at AB Hirschfeld Towers. Before the meeting, drop children ages 5 to 14 off at La Familia Recreation Center for supervised activities while parents attend the meeting. The Board is currently looking to fill two vacant positions (send an email to board@bakerneighborhood.org if you are interested). The Board has authorized the purchase of new **neighborhood meeting announcement signs**, find out more at the November 9th meeting.

& Rumors...

A confidential source advises us that internationally famous artist Michelle Torrez has taken up residence at 290 West Ellsworth Avenue (the former location of a small church) where she will be opening an art gallery soon.



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Denver Water Survey

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to fill with tap water after the water lines have been still for at least six hours. The Denver Water chemistry lab then tests the water sample and the results are provided to the CDPHE. Data collected is part of a multi-year survey of residential water service lines the EPA is conducting across the country.

The deadline for receipt of data for the current-year survey was October 1, 2010; however, Baker residents who wish to participate in 2011 are encouraged to contact Denver Water now to arrange for testing in approximately nine months. Residents who receive this notice on-line can still provide information for this year's survey.

Participants in the program who provide a water sample will receive a \$50 credit on their water bill. Baker residents who would like to apply for participation in this program, or who have questions, should contact Water Quality Investigator Ryan Gregg at 303-628-5967.



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BHNA Scoops Success at Ice Cream Social

By Staff Reporter Doug Pimple

A sunny and mild Saturday afternoon at Dailey Park on August 21st marked the first official Summer Ice Cream Social for the Baker Historic Neighborhood Association. An estimated 200-250 children and adults attended the event, which was sponsored by Sweet Action Ice Cream, Councilwoman Judy Montero and Denver Parks and Recreation.



Organizers and volunteers for the event included directors Paul Ramsey, Richard Parker, Kristin Schumacher, Ali Monroe Larson, Kat Thompson and Doug Pimple as well as neighbors Vicky Virnich, Amanda Snitker, Veronica Setzke, Brooke Howard, Geoffrey Setzke and Grace & Lucy Ramsey. (With all the people in attendance, the Bark apologizes to anyone who helped out but didn't get mentioned here.) The event was funded by a \$100 grant received from the Neighborhood Resource Center of Colorado, ice cream from Sweet Action and tables and chairs provided and managed by the La Familia Recreation Center and the City and County of Denver.

"The Ice Cream Social was one of the best events we've had in recent years," summarized BHNA President Paul Ramsey at the September general membership meeting. "It was put together in a relatively short period of time. We'll have more time to organize next year's event and we should be able to make it even better."



BHNA Releases Street Parking Survey

From the Zoning Committee

The BHNA Zoning Committee has surveyed the primary residential portion of the Baker Neighborhood to compile information about restrictions in place on street parking. The result of this survey is below.

As shown on this map, street parking in the neighborhood is generally unrestricted; however, parking meters are in place along the majority of South Broadway, and parking restrictions (for example, signs posted restricting parking to a maximum of two hours between 6:00am and 6:00pm) are in place within the neighborhood a block or two from the major thoroughfares that are the boundaries to this area (Sixth Avenue, Broadway, Alameda Avenue and Kalamath Street). There are also sections of the neighborhood's "collector streets" (Third Avenue, Ellsworth Avenue and Bannock Street) where parking is prohibited on one side of the street to safely accommo-

date higher volumes of traffic.

Readers should note that the map is for informational purposes only and does not supersede parking regulations established by local ordinance and/or posted signs. The map is intended to give a general description of street parking, and not all specific restrictions (such as loading zones or sections of street parking reserved for the vehicles of handicapped residents) are included.

Baker Bark readers are encouraged to verify the accuracy of the map and advise the Zoning Committee of any errors by contacting the Zoning Committee at PO Box 9171, Denver, CO 80209 or sending an email to zoning@bakerneighborhood.org. The Zoning Committee is also interested in input from residents about concerns regarding specific locations (see the last issue of the Bark

for details of how the intersection at Ellsworth and Bannock was changed to an all-way stop after the Committee contacted Denver's Traffic Engineering Department). Your assistance is appreciated.

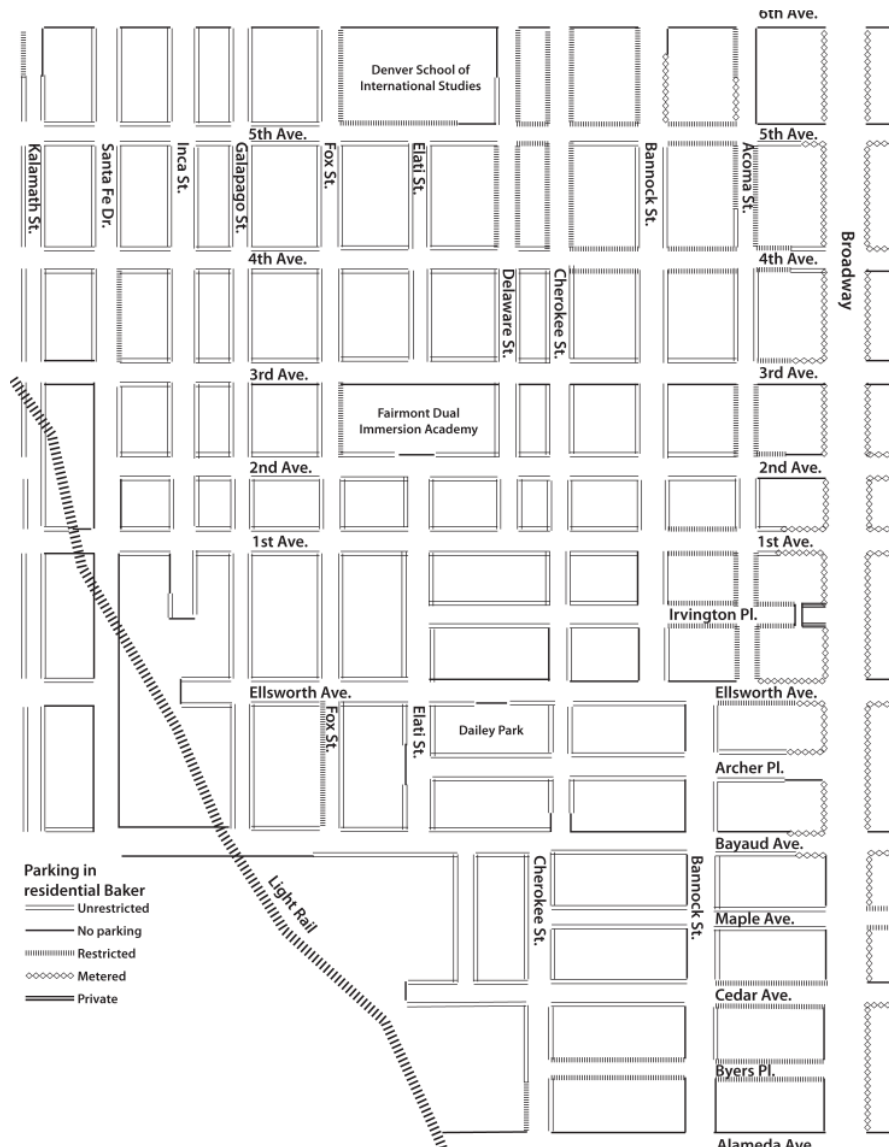
Chapter 54 of the Denver Municipal Code governs vehicle parking in the public right-of-way. Article 7 of the Code (Sec. 54-458 to 54-465) provides parking regulations, some of which are summarized at the top of page 5.

Also, it is "unlawful for any person to park any vehicle upon a street other than an alley, in such manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic." Finally, the Denver Municipal Code limits the amount of time a vehicle can be left parked continuously in the same place on a public street to 72 hours. To avoid this violation, the vehicle must be moved at least 100 feet during the 72-hour period.

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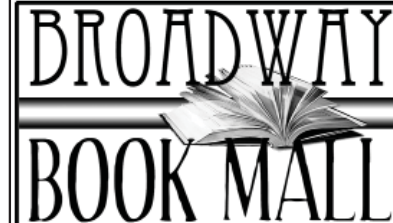
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- Within 5 feet of an alley or public or private driveway, except they are prohibited from parking within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station;
- Within 10 feet from a fire hydrant;
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk or stop sign at an intersection;
- Within 30 feet of a traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway;
- Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.

2010 Holiday Party Announced

Mark your calendar for the 2010 BHNA Holiday Party! This year's event will be held at Sketch Wine Bar, 11 West 1st Avenue, starting at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 14th. All guests will receive a complimentary glass of Sketch's special holiday wine and free light appetizers. Just like last year's event, Sketch will provide a festive atmosphere to connect with our Baker neighbors and extend holiday greetings and good cheer.



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