



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – August 26, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara.

A link to our **COVID19 resources page** is found [here](#) on our OPNA website.

**Minutes from June 2021 meeting**

Minutes from the June meeting were approved. (no meeting in July)

**Treasurer Report**

**Reminder:** Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$5,815.95
Membership Deposits		
Grants Received/Donations		
Paid Outstanding		
Bank Fees		
Website Host		(8.34)

Ending Balance per Bank		\$5,807.61
	OPNA Funds	3,543.83
	ART Funds	2,011.39
	CALC	252.39
Notes:		

Annual dues are due now. They are good for the calendar year. Here are ways to pay for the dues:

**Venmo**

Overland Park RNO @opnadenver or using this link

[https://venmo.com/code?user\\_id=3183003056472064841](https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3183003056472064841)

**Mail**

Make check payable to OPNA and send to:

OPNA

Att: Andrew Gehauf

2255 S Acoma St

Denver, CO 80223

**Police Report**

CRO Kate Young

720-913-1248

[kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org)

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

**BROADWAY COP SHOP**

487 S Broadway

Follow the Denver police twitter page to see any information on line.

[Denver Police Dept. \(@DenverPolice\) - Twitter](https://twitter.com/DenverPolice) <https://twitter.com/DenverPolice>

**Update**

CRO Kate Young: [kate.young@denvergov.org](mailto:kate.young@denvergov.org)

CRO AJ Pacheco: [Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org](mailto:Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org)

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: [Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org](mailto:Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org)

Officer Pacheco provided the following stats for the past month

- Burglary - 0 reported
- Theft from Motor Vehicle - 5 license plates stolen. Note: anti-theft screws are free and available from District 3 Station, University and I-25
- Theft of motor vehicles – 2 , a Nissan Pathfinder and a Silverado, 2 others - one mo-ped and one car left running outside a convenience store.
- Theft - 1 - parking garage where 3 bikes and some traffic cones stolen.

The next meeting for Neighborhood watch training is Sept 22nd at 6pm online  
Next CAB (Citizen Advisory Board) meeting Sept 14th 6pm

### **Jolon Clark's Office (Council District**

**7)** [www.luckyDistrict7.org](http://www.luckyDistrict7.org) [maggie.thompson@denvergov.org](mailto:maggie.thompson@denvergov.org)

No one from Jolon's office was present.

Broadway halloween Parade might be back for 2021! Stay tuned!

Maggie is officially out and will be back part time starting in September but until then Jolon and Tate will be our contacts.

### **Parks & Rec and Community Updates (Amy)**

- Amy recently joined Denver's Star Community Advisory Committee. The STAR Program deploys Emergency Response Teams that include Emergency Medical Technicians and Behavioral Health Clinicians to engage individuals experiencing crises related to mental health issues, poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse. Find out more details about the program [here](#) She will be participating in the first meeting scheduled for Sept 14th. If you have any comments to pass along to Amy, please contact her thru [opnainfo@gmail.com](mailto:opnainfo@gmail.com)

- Amy attended a meeting with the development company [BlueLine](#) who are working on a project for residences on Acoma near Urban Peak, just south of Iowa. This project is meant to serve impacted community members – those of low income, mental health issues, transitioning, homelessness, designed to support

and re-integrate. This meeting included many surrounding neighborhoods where there was a lot of push back. With all the recent challenges with homeless encampments in our area, this project may help alleviate this problem by providing more affordable housing in a mixed housing unit. Since the project falls within Overland Park neighborhood boundaries, we would like to reach out to them to provide more details of the project in one of our upcoming meetings.

- Nearby Sanderson Gulch is in the planning stage of developing a dog park. See the following link for more details and to provide feedback [here](#).

- For more information regarding other projects in Parks and Rec, see the following [link](#). This site is always available and updated with new projects as they happen.

### **Denver Water presentation on the Lead Reduction Program**

Program questions can be sent to:

lead@denverwater.org 303-893-2444

jose.salas@denverwater.org

rachele.difebbo@denverwater.org

Jose Salas and Rachele DiFebbo gave a presentation on the continuing Lead Reduction Program, now in its second year.

Fun fact - Denver Water has been operating over 100 years and is the oldest and largest utility in Colorado serving 1.2 million people where our water supply comes directly from mountain snowpack in the Rocky Mountains that feeds the South Platte and Colorado Rivers.

Now in year 2, the Lead Reduction Program is focusing on replacing lead service lines, the plumbing which connects the home to the Denver water. There is no lead in the water that is delivered to homes but it can get mixed when it travels through service lines. There are different components to the program. One being Corrosion Control where Denver water has increased the pH, the protective coating to protect all customers which allows the water to travel and not mix. Through the Filter program they are delivering 100,000 free filters to anyone who needs it with free replacement cartridges provided every 6 months until after the lines have been replaced. The project is to last up to 15 years where lead pipes will be replaced at no direct cost to the customer.

On their website you will find an interactive map where you can look up your address in the program [here](#)

If you get mail regarding this program, read it, fill it out and send it back. They are working by neighborhood and when in this area, you will be notified.

Question: Overland has experienced quite a large amount of growth. Have there been studies on how all the new construction has any impact on those lead lines. Some have noticed a reduction in flow after sharing the lines on the block. Answer – they have increased the pH to protect everyone by strengthening the coating in the lines. With any construction there would be flushing of the line which could impact flow. Here is a [link](#) which explains that process.

Find out more information on the Denver Water [site](#).

### **Overland Social**

For the month of September we are moving our Social from the second Wednesday, to **Saturday, September 18th** to celebrate the Fall Equinox at **Grant Frontier Park** starting at **10am**. There is talk of a **drum circle** forming so be sure to bring an instrument if interested. Also we will be continuing our discussion of plans for this year's Broadway Halloween Parade. So far the proposed theme is something to do with re-usable bags and handling trash, possibly reaching out to Eco-cycle again for recruitments.

#### **Community announcements (open to anyone)**

o Bridge painting – Evans Bridge – Mara contacted Broadway Merchants Association who helped us the first time to spray wash the sidewalks and jersey barriers along the bridge before we painted the mural. We need to do that again if we want to paint again to work on covering the graffiti that has been accumulating on top of the mural. They are willing to do this where the cost is around \$1,000. We just need to decide when to do this which should be scheduled right before we move forward to re-paint. We will need to put together a fall art committee meeting to figure out the timeline. Let us know if you are interested in being part of the art committee.

o Rebecca – Asked whether we would be interested in learning more about safe sanctioned homeless camps thru the [Colorado Village Collaborative](#). This is an organization that provides clean, well maintained campsites for homeless where they also provide resources on site. This would be a temporary site, either a

Church parking lot or unused lot. Paul suggested the empty lot by Overland Pond. There could be other potential sites in the area. Mara has seen the one in Park Hill where it appears to be very clean. We will look at having further discussions regarding this in a future meeting.

### **Neighborhood Meeting**

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **September 23**, 2021, at **6:30** pm probably on zoom.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm**

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December.

Upcoming meeting dates for **2021** include the following: September 23, October 28

Also, check us out on our [Website](#) and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

And like us on [Facebook](#) **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

Contact us at: [OPNAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:OPNAinfo@gmail.com)