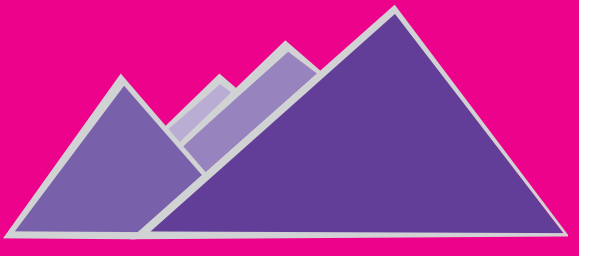


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Wash Park Running Trail Finalized

A New Route And More Lighting Give The 100-Year-Old Park A Facelift

by Glen Richardson

There is no running trail in all of Colorado used or cherished more than the 2.6 mile jaunt winding through Washington Park. Any changes or alterations to it are automatically going to bring a great deal of public scrutiny.

On January 10, 2012, *Denver Parks and Recreation* presented to the public a finalized plan for the *Washington Park's Running Trail*, just a few blocks away from the park at Steele Elementary School. The city had sought public comments starting last June. It is intended that the plan, which has drawn strong support already from the well-respected *Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado*, be implemented this spring.

The city's plan to relocate the northern sections of the trail from along roads to the park's interior initially drew concerns from *Friends and Neighbors of Washington Park*,

a group known as *FANS*. Park officials say the final plan addresses their fears plus other aspects including safety issues, maintenance concerns and overall park stewardship.

"It is our hope that presenting this final design will show that the public process created an outcome that included feedback from the community in addition to balancing the other design elements important to the project," declares Lauri Dannemiller, Manager of Parks and Recreation.

Jogging Oasis

This urban oasis provides plenty of space for runners, walkers and people watchers. Valley residents go to the 165-acre park to enjoy the scenery, the shade, the water, the flora and fauna and the exercise year-round. One of the Valley's largest, Washington Park is more than 100-years-old. It

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Final Plan: Approved by Denver Parks and Recreation, this map depicts what the Washington Park Running Trail will look like.

Speculation Abounds About Who Is Coming To 8th And Colorado

Trader Joe's And Natural Grocers Rumors Prove To Be Unfounded

by Laura Loeff

The commercial vacant lot located at the corner of Colorado Boulevard and 8th Avenue has become the center of an enormous amount of rumors. The property had been the location of Denver institution *Annie's Cafe* for over a quarter century as well as Corner Spotlight video store and other retailers. In 2008 buildings were torn down and the site prepped for a six story 160-room extended stay hotel to be headed by local developer Charlie Biederman who had been one of the developers of the highly successful J.W. Marriott in Cherry Creek North.

Annie's Café seamlessly moved to the corner of East Colfax and St. Paul (formerly the location of *Good Friends Restaurant*) but the extended stay hotel never came to pass. The now empty lot has 66,000 square feet ready to be developed. Thousands of motorists drive by the site every day on Colorado Boulevard and assume something must be in the works.

Last month the rumor swept the Cherry Creek Valley that specialty grocer *Trader Joe's* was going to build on the site. *Trader*

Joe's is one those retailers like *IKEA*, *In-N-Out Burger* and *H&M* that has devoted fans who would like to have a store in Denver. There is even an online petition set up for people to sign in hopes of urging *Trader Joe's* to come to Denver.

The rumor seemed to gain substance when it was determined that *Trader Joe's* had registered its name with the Colorado Secretary of State declaring that the store was expected to begin "transacting business" in Colorado as of April 1.

"I knew it! I knew it!" declared Cherry Creek denizen Bobbie Michael and *Trader Joe's* aficionado when told of the corporate filing.

But the *Trader Joe's* corporate office denied that the company had any plans to move to 8th and Colorado. The *Boulder Daily Camera* then reported that it had a source who claimed that the sought after grocer was "most likely" going to open up on Boulder's Twenty Ninth Street.



Buzz Central: The vacant lot prime for development at 8th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard is attracting an enormous amount of rumors as to what will be built there.

Subsequently a new rumor developed that a specialty grocer was in fact coming to 8th and Colorado but was to be *Natural Grocers* not *Trader Joe's*. A check, however, with the corporate office of *Natural*

Grocers shot down that rumor. The company noted it already had a location on Leetsdale Drive and it had no interest in the 8th and Colorado site.

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Tony Lee Jumps Into The 'Ring Of Fire'

Former Glendale YMCA Teen Coordinator Crushes First MMA Opponent

by Laura Loeff



Tough Competitor: Tony Lee lands a left kick into the abdomen of Chris Goettsch to win his first MMA fight in just 38 seconds.

Tony Lee has his opponent on the ground and is pummeling him fist after fist into submission. The referee intervenes and calls the fight after 38 seconds in the first round. At age 31 the former *University of Northern Colorado* collegiate football standout has a new career as an *MMA (Mixed Martial Arts)* fighter — at least in the evenings.

A much beloved youth counselor for the *Glendale YMCA Teen Program* for three years, Lee is still remembered fondly by many Glendale kids. For years he took them on trips, played sports with them, helped them with their homework and most of all made sure they knew the importance of going to college.

"I can't believe what an incredibly tough fighter Tony is in the ring," said YMCA Executive Director of the *Glendale Sports Center* Debbie Ford. "But as a teen counselor in Glendale he was the kindest, most patient person I've ever met."

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