



Groundbreaking: Formerly known as Murray BMW, Sonic Automotive's new BMW store is scheduled to open by this time next year on the site of a former Chevrolet dealership on Colorado Boulevard. The existing buildings on this site are in the process of being demolished and the new BMW dealership will be erected in their place. From left to right: Todd Guthrie, President of W.E. O'Neill Construction Company of Colorado; Bryan Haarhues, General Manager Sonic Automotive's BMW Store; and Valerie Kerns, aide to Denver Councilman Paul Kashmann. For more information, visit murraybmwofdenver.com.

We Get Letters...

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A Plea For A Bicycle-Friendly Denver

My name is Laura Gundy and I am a resident of Glendale. I read the *Chronicle* and truly appreciate your articles.

I wanted to respond to the recent article, "A plea for a bicycle friendly Denver." We work to be cautious to bicycles, pedestrians, motorcycles and all other types of people in transit. The group we have found as most dangerous are the cyclists. I have counted numerous times when we have come up to a 4-way stop and a cyclist goes straight through without hesitation when it is our time to start driving. We have also encountered cyclists running red lights.

We love that Denver has active people and work to be cautious to those people taking alternative means of transportation but we ask that cyclists better follow the rules of traffic law to make it easier for vehicles to protect them

Dr. Laura Gundy
Glendale, CO

I am a former cyclist — age has made me a walker and a reluctant driver now. But one obstacle to a bike friendly Denver are the bicyclists. Most run lights, some even ride on sidewalks and ride their bikes at night with no lights. Few pedestrians use the Cherry Creek Path, bicyclists have made it their territory and if you are a senior citizen who is hard of hearing and slow to react, it is simply unsafe — drivers on Speer show more respect for me and a walking buddy than a bicyclist ever has on Cherry Creek Path. Sure, let's make Denver bicycle friendly, but also let's hold bicyclists accountable. We could change the law so that a bicycle can "run" a red light after coming to a full stop and making sure there are no pedestrians and vehicles, but until then, they must obey the law, not show contempt for it.

Will Russell
Denver, CO

Jebya

Your article titled "Jebya" accompanied by a picture of the Bush brothers was absolutely brilliant! I'm so grateful that the *Cherry Creek Chronicle* comes my way. I'm going to alert my young neighbors to make sure they read your history lesson of September 2015.

My late husband Nelson Rangell fought in the second battle of Okinawa in the Pacific and remained on that island until the second World War was over with the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I remember that day very well, August 6, 1945, one day after my birthday. We were stunned, aghast, unbelieving and relieved! The atrocities of the Nazi concentration camps, the staggering loss of twenty million Russians, the six million Jews killed, the bombings of London, the French collaborators and more seems a terrible reflection on who we are, the human species.

There are a few of my contemporaries left, still it is worth noting the loss of 4,500 Americans in Iraq. It's worse than sad.

Thank you. Keep blasting away!

Martha Rangell
Denver, CO

Peter Boyles was absolutely to point concerning his comments about the Bush dynasty and the latest heir seeking the throne — Jeb Bush. Jeb Bush's assessment of the Iraq debacle represents a blatant example of a revisionist's view of history. The war in Iraq was predicated on deceit and lies that cost thousands of lives and served to destabilize the Middle East. Closure will only come when George Bush is in the dock at the Hague indicted for war crimes. Only then will positive steps be made towards contrition in one of the most grievous acts of presidential "gingoism" in American foreign policy.

Mark Boyko
Denver, CO

Soak Them 'Til They Cry

My house had the same valuation in 2006 and the taxes were 40% less. 40% increase (I think — large, anyway!) in 9 years! Services are decreasing.

I keep hearing about the building of "affordable housing." Why build affordable housing and price out your current residents? Or is it deliberate to get rid of the older residents?

We have a lot of people moving into Cory Merrill for the Cory school, then they move to another neighborhood for a better middle school. They vote everything in because they won't be here to foot the bill. We now have high taxes and a transient neighborhood.

Where is all this Pot money going?

Barb Crowley
Denver, CO

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