

Civic Center



Denver proposes that Civic Center cultural facilities, Colorado History Museum, and City Cultural Center be sited in Civic Center Park. Mayor Hickenlooper and Councilwoman Jeanne Robb have outlined potential opportunities in which the City could partner with the State to restore the historic Carnegie Library to public use as a new Colorado History Museum. Following a six-month public process on the future of Civic Center Park, Denver proposes creating a public cultural space in the park for year-round programming and establishing

a nearby community cultural center to facilitate the park's activation.

Flanked by Bannock Street on the west, Broadway on the east, Colfax Avenue on the north, and 14th Avenue on the south, Civic Center Park is located between the Denver City and County Building and the Colorado State Capitol. Surrounded by the Denver Public Library, Denver Art Museum, the Golden Triangle, Capitol Hill neighborhoods, and the Downtown Central Business District, the park provides an urban oasis connecting Denver's civic, cultural, commercial, and residential axes. Large festivals and a summer farmers market are among the park's current uses.

In July 2007, the Colorado Historical Society asked the City to consider allowing the Colorado History Museum to locate inside Civic Center by utilizing portions of a restored McNichols Building (Carnegie Library), building a new companion building of equal mass and scale to the McNichols Building in the southwest corner of the park, and creating an underground exhibit space between the two buildings. During the course of the extensive six-month public process that followed, the proposal sparked valuable community conversations about the park's history and future, how best to activate it, and how best to honor and enhance its significance.

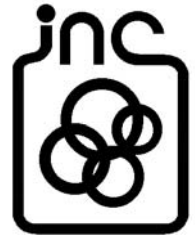
Having evaluated the feedback from stakeholder groups, concerned individuals, and members of Denver City Council, Hickenlooper and Robb are offering a counterproposal to the Colorado Historical Society that involves the following primary elements:

- 1) Allowing the State to renovate the 1909 McNichols Building and develop an adjacent underground exhibit space to house the Colorado History Museum;
- 2) Working with the State to construct a one-story glass exhibition hall (hopefully with a grass-covered roof as well as a secondary entrance/exit for the underground exhibit space) in the southwest corner of the park to serve as a public cultural center for year-round exhibits, programming, and events;

- 3) Renovation of the Permit Center (southwest corner of 14th Avenue and Bannock Street) to accommodate the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, cultural nonprofits, and public cultural spaces as well as provide possible space for Colorado History Museum offices and storage if needed.

"We realize that many unresolved details remain, but we look forward to an ongoing dialogue with the State on this proposal," wrote Hickenlooper and Robb in their letter to park stakeholders, thanking Governor Bill Ritter and the Colorado Historical Society for providing a collaborative opportunity to consider. "We are grateful to all of the organizations, individuals, City departments, and City Council members that de-

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CCHN Country Club Historic Neighborhood
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 Overland Neighborhood Assn
 Park Forest Homeowner's Assn
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 Sloans Neighborhood Assn
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 South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood
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 Southwest Improvement Council
 Stapleton United Neighbors
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Upper Downtown Development Org
Virginia Vale Community Assn
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INC organizations should send changes to their organization personnel to the membership chair at kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net or 303-798-9306.

INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:45 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets monthly. All members are welcome. Call the Chair for time and location.

Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chair Dave Webster. There were six Executive Committee members present: Larry Ambrose, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Al Halbercorn, Steve Nissen, and Dave Webster as well as Membership and Newsletter chair Ken Beaudrie and Zoning and Planning Committee chair Mike Henry.

Treasurer Al Halbercorn announced that the Treasurer's Reports for September, October, and November had been amended to reflect actual balances. As of September, INC had \$15,107.02 in Certificates of Deposit, Savings Accounts, and Checking Accounts.

Ken Beaudrie reported there are 73 current members of whom 14 are patrons and 19 associate members of which 5 are patrons. Regarding year-end membership renewals, there were 4 recent RNO renewals and 6 associate renewals. Memberships expire at the end of each year; however, members have until March to renew. Mike Henry suggested that RNOs be invoiced. Ken reminded the Committee that applications are available online, that he needed a completed application along with a check, and that invoicing alone would not be adequate. Everyone complemented Ken for the great appearance and content of the newsletter. Inclusion of a reminder of the upcoming meeting in each newsletter will also continue.

Karen Cuthbertson, a member of the Mayor's Graffiti Fellow Oversight Committee, reported that a series of graffiti focus groups will be scheduled around the City to gather information about the public's perceptions of "graffiti abatement."

Mike Henry reported that as a result of the ZAP Committee's discussion and motion and subsequent approval by the General Membership a letter is being prepared for dissemination to the Mayor, City Council, and the Governor opposing the Colorado History Museum locating into Civic Center Park (Editor's Note: see the text of the letter on page 7.)

In addressing old business, a discussion ensued regarding how to remind members and guests that comments during the "Around the City" portion of the Delegates' Meeting should be short, succinct, and about relevant issues and ideas of common concern. It was decided that a short paragraph to that effect should be developed and read at every meeting.

Karen talked about the Presidents Dinner to take place January 29th at the Doubletree Hotel located at 3203 Quebec Street. The awards ceremony will begin at 6:15 p.m. after cocktails and dinner will follow at 6:45 p.m. Invites are scheduled to go out after Christmas. Mike Henry suggested that special recognition in the form of a President's Award be given to former City Council members Sal Car-

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Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

Members were responsive to INC Chair Dave Webster's call to order at the District 3 Police Station, 1625 South University Boulevard on December 8th. Ismael Guerrero, a former United Bank executive who recently became Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority (DHA), presented. Before he came to Northwest Denver, Guerrero hailed from Chicago. He served on the Board of the West Colfax Partnership where his corporate perspective helped to influence future West Colfax development. Mr. Guerrero invited members and guests to contact Stella Madrid, DHA Community Relations Director, with any questions or concerns. She can be reached at 720-932-3107 or smadrid@denverhousing.org or .

Denver Housing Authority is the largest landlord in Denver. There are 8,000 units of subsidized housing, 3,800 units of HUD public housing, and 1,000 Section-8 units. Section-8 housing utilizes vouchers to pay rent. 10,000 families apply for vouchers through a lottery but only 850 families receive benefits. DHA has 250 employees who perform management and maintenance duties.

The average length of stay for a DHA resident is five years. Residents pay an average of 30 percent of their income to rent. The average rent collected for DHA units is \$200 per month. DHA rehabilitates its units over time. Both high-rise and low-rise housing are being renovated.

The current goal of DHA is to preserve the existing number of units but also to try to integrate housing with different subsidy levels with home ownership. DHA residents participate in local resident councils that give them a voice with regard to living conditions and how their units are run. Guerrero said that DHA meets with Residents' Advisory Councils and neighborhoods to discuss what is coming. Regarding problem occupants, Guerrero says that heads of households are screened carefully. However, DHA cannot look at juvenile records in determining suitability. DHA considers itself to be the largest housing developer but it serves the lowest income folks by helping at the 30 percent of median income level.

Guerrero thinks that "affordable housing" is very much misunderstood. It includes a broad spectrum of housing from emergency shelters up to "workforce" housing which hosts residents with \$30 to \$40 thousand per year in family income. Most of DHA's stock is "workforce" housing where renters pay \$700 to \$800 per month rent with the rest being subsidized.

Guerrero was asked if he thought that Residents' Councils should be Registered Neighborhood Organizations and subsequently INC members. He said he would have to think about the idea but will take it into consideration.

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City RNO Registration

Open registration is only in the months of July as well as December and January. Registrants understand and will comply with the regulations of the Neighborhood Registration Ordinance (Revised Municipal code, Section 12-91) that state:

- ◇ Our organization will be open to any owner of any real property or resident located within the neighborhood boundaries of the proposed organization.
- ◇ The organization will be a general purpose group formed for the purpose of collectively addressing issues and interests common to the area.
- ◇ Our organization will assign a contact person who can be notified by phone and mail of upcoming events affecting our neighborhood.
- ◇ Our organization will hold a meeting at which all members may vote at least once in each calendar year and at least 12 members must be in attendance at the annual meeting. All meetings shall be open to the public.

All existing Registered Neighborhood Organizations are required to re-register each year. Please use this mandatory re-registration form. www.denvergov.org/Portals/134/documents/RNO%20Mandatory%20Registration%2007-08.pdf

Groups that do not re-register by January 31st will be removed from the list of Registered Neighborhoods in February as required by ordinance.

Previously unregistered groups may register with this form January 31st. www.denvergov.org/Portals/134/documents/RNO%20New%20Registration%2007-08.pdf

For more information, contact Julius Zsako at julius.zsako@denvergov.org or 720-865-2969.

Neighborhood Flavor

Mile High Business Alliance (a buy local first organization) has recently published a Local Flavor Neighborhood Guide for Denver neighborhoods. The Denver Office of Economic Development is a supporting member of the Mile High Business Alliance and plans to coordinate with the organization to help with convening and educating small business. You are encouraged to check out the website at www.milehighbusinessalliance.org/.

Colfax Marathon

The 2008 Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon is gearing up for next year's marathon held on Sunday May 18th. See what's new (including the new race course!) and find out how to register a friend for free at www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org/portal/.

New Sidewalk Rules

As of October 15, 2007, Denver has new rules and regulations addressing sidewalk construction. These new rules are intended to create a more connected and walkable City for all members of the community by establishing consistent criteria for construction of sidewalks and installation of pedestrian curb ramps.

The new sidewalk construction requirements would apply only when a property owner pulls permits for improvements of their property totaling at least \$100,000. When an improvement triggers this requirement...

- Properties with sidewalks already in place will simply be inspected by a right-of-way engineer and any sub-standard sidewalk must be brought up to code (i.e. must be clear of trip hazards, wide enough {standard is 5 ft wide}, and generally accessible);
- Properties without sidewalk will be required to build sidewalks consistent with the "attached" or "detached" sidewalk character of their neighborhood.

In a few instances, areas of the City without sidewalks have met a number of criteria and will be exempted from the requirements to construct sidewalks. Those areas are

1. Belcaro: Between and not including Exposition Avenue, Kentucky Avenue, Steele Street, and Colorado Boulevard.
2. Crestmoor: Between and not including 6th Avenue, Monaco Parkway, Bayaud Avenue, and Holly Street.
3. The Park Lane Historic District of Country Club: Between and not including 6th Avenue, York Street, 3rd Avenue, and High Street.
4. South Jackson Street: Between and not including Iliff Avenue and Harvard Gulch.
5. Lakeridge Road: Between and not including Wolff Street and Tennyson Street.
6. Inspiration Point streets: Includes North Ames Way, West 51st Avenue from North Benton Way to North Benton Street, and North Benton Way from West 51st Avenue to Inspiration Point Drive.

Please contact Jason Longsdorf at 720-865-3162 with any questions. You may also find the rules and regulations at www.denvergov.org/publicworks or at the office of the City Clerk.

Metro Volunteers

Metro volunteers is a local nonprofit that helps thousands of people find volunteer opportunities at many different service organizations in the Denver metro area.

If interested in volunteering or if you would like more information contact Metro Volunteers online at <http://metrovolunteers.org/> or via phone at 303-282-1234.



Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn—A gas station in our R-2 zoned neighborhood recently installed higher wattage light bulbs in their canopy lighting. Several neighbors were impacted when the extremely bright light suddenly projected horizontally into the windows of their homes. After our City Council person was inundated with complaining phone calls, the city notified the business to make corrections within 10 days. Now, approximately 10 days after expiration of the 10-day notice, we have been informed that the city has instructed the business to put blinders on the lights within 10 days. Invasive and offensive "Light Pollution" can occur in any neighborhood of our fine city and we may be well advised to bring this issue before all City Council persons for proper redress city-wide.

Athmar Park N.A.—The police are starting their "Broken Windows" policing program in Athmar Park. Neighborhood residents are really excited because they have seen it work so well in Westwood and Greater Mar Lee. Karen is on the Graffiti Executive Oversight Committee that is working with the Graffiti Fellows to implement the recommendations that were developed by the Graffiti Taskforce and presented to the Mayor and City Council in May. Karen will conduct a focus group to determine people's knowledge of available graffiti abatement programs—contact Karen if you are interested in participating. On another note, the Presidents Dinner is Tuesday, January 29th, at the Doubletree Hotel at Quebec and ML King (32nd) Avenue. It was published that it was going to be at the DCPA but a snag developed so the location had to change. We have a larger room and plenty of free parking!

Cherry Creek North—On December 1st, 48 residents volunteered to help the Salvation Army organize and sort food for holiday food baskets to be distributed to the Denver needy. The volunteers met for coffee and donuts at the

Salvation Army warehouse off Champa Street where they sorted and boxed up over 500 cases of food that will be distributed in food baskets for the holidays. They also loaded a truck full of toys for Christmas distribution. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious Mexican lunch. This was a great chance to do some good for the community and get to know your neighbors. All of the residents truly enjoyed helping bring the holiday spirit to Denver's citizens with the greatest needs!

Lowry United Neighborhoods—At the end of 2007, a new neighborhood group, Lowry United Neighborhoods, was formed to help coordinate the community's efforts and concerns. Right now the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) is winding down with the complete development of this former Air Force site. A master association will handle all the requests for housing changes, street cleaning and snow removal, and general development within Lowry. There needs to be, however, a central community group to help with the concerns the neighbors feel they have with the large association. The group is looking forward to helping to understand Lowry's past, work with community development in the present, and plan development for the future.

MayFair Neighbors—Mayfair Neighbors hosted a wine tasting and silent auction at the Cork House restaurant. We donated \$2,372.00 in proceeds to Palmer Elementary School's PTA to assist in their classroom needs wish-list.

Overland N.A.—Overland is hosting the first transit-oriented redevelopment at the Evans-Street-station on January 24th at John Collins church, 2320 South Bannock Street from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be pizza and beverages and this is an open, public meeting too.

Platt Park—Demolition has begun on Gates West being redeveloped by Cherokee. On the East side of Broadway, building has begun for the Lionstone redevelopment. South of the Gates property, business owners and the City have plans to redevelop the Antiques Row section of South Broadway making it more pedestrian and neighborhood friendly. And the house at 1510 South Corona won the Platt Park Holiday Lights contest. Merry Christmas from Platt Park Peoples' Association.

University Park—A huge crowd enjoyed the annual Holiday Sing December 2nd in Observatory Park with wagon rides, cider and cookies, star-gazing, and Santa. A "Snow Clearing House" is being set up to list UP folks who need help shoveling their walks and folks willing to volunteer to help shovel. The final draft of the UP Small Area Plan is being completed.

Data Corrections

Keep INC informed of changes in your organization's president and delegates. Notify the membership chair at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Mail Ballots or Not?

The Denver Clerk and Recorder urges optional, not mandatory, mail Ballots. While Denver Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley supports the decision of the Colorado County Clerks Association to consider all-mail balloting in Colorado in 2008, she strongly objects to making all-mail voting mandatory. "I strenuously object to mandatory mail balloting. Denver should not be stripped of its ability to determine an election model that works best for its voting public," said O'Malley. "While mail balloting has its advantages, it also has disadvantages. In addition, we have heard a very strong message from Denver's voters that they want the option of going to a polling place to cast their ballot in person."

The Clerks Association is calling for an all-mail election process in 2008 in the wake of Secretary of State Mike Coffman's decertification of much of Colorado's electronic voting equipment. Not all voting machines were affected by the Secretary of State's ruling; however, the use of electronic voting machines that were not decertified is problematic due to the taint of mistrust caused by studies done in other states and by growing voter skepticism. This includes about 75 percent of Denver's voting machines that were not decertified but which are not accessible to disabled voters.

The *Help America Vote Act* of 2002 requires voting systems that allow voters with disabilities to cast their ballots with privacy and independence as other voters do. Mail ballots will not help those voters who require assistive technology in order to vote.

O'Malley also noted that Colorado's voter registration statute is very restrictive compared to many states because it requires county clerks to make voters who miss voting in a major election inactive voters and inactive voters do not automatically receive a ballot in a mail ballot election. The result will be that as many as 150,000 registered voters may not receive a ballot in 2008 unless they make a special request. With precinct voting, an inactivated voter can be re-activated by walking into the appropriate polling place on Election Day. Additionally, there is potential for vote tampering in all-mail balloting because all ballots are outside of the control of election officials for a significant period of time.

O'Malley supports the right of other counties to decide they want to conduct an all-mail ballot. She also wants to preserve Denver's option for precinct voting.

Let it Snow Let it...

Please remember to help out those around you who can not shovel their walks! Note that residents must shovel sidewalks 24 hours after snow and sidewalks in front of businesses will need to be cleared within four hours.

Denver Digs Trees

Denver Digs Trees is an annual tree distribution program that The Park People (a Denver nonprofit) puts on each year to provide Denver residents with free or low cost trees to plant in the public right-of-way. Denver Digs Trees plays an integral part in Mayor Hickenlooper's Million Tree Initiative.

The deadline for applying for a street tree is January 31, 2008. There are only a thousand street trees available so apply quickly. Contact Program Manager, Kiran Obee at 303-722-6262 or email at kiran@theparkpeople.org to apply.

Feeding the Homeless

"Come On In" is a coalition of different groups whose main goal is to ensure that every hungry and homeless person has access to food and has the opportunity to eat indoors. For more information on this group and indoor feeding facilities or information on how you can help, please call 303-285-5258.

"Come On In" is just one way you can help with Denver's homelessness problem. "Denver's Road Home," Mayor Hickenlooper's initiative, is a plan that is designed to reduce and ultimately end homelessness in the Denver Metro area within 10 years. If you would like more information about the Mayor's initiative and on ways you can help, please go to www.denversroadhome.org.

Lead on Toys

Recent media coverage regarding toys containing lead has caused an avalanche of concern amongst consumers. The following guidance is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): 1) commercially available lead testing kits used to evaluate the presence of lead in or on toys are not recommended by the EPA. These kits may be overly sensitive and give false readings. The EPA is currently developing improved test kits, and 2) for a list of toy recalls, visit the following: www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.html.

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voted time, energy, and civic passion over the past six months to review the Colorado Historical Society's proposal....We look forward to hearing from the community, City Council, and the stakeholder groups whose feedback was instrumental in creating this proposal."

"The State's initial proposal, the subsequent public process, and our counterproposal all reflect an unprecedented level of collaboration between the State of Colorado and the City of Denver. We are all better for having gone through this process, and we sincerely hope that a long-standing, mutually beneficial partnership will result."

(Editor's note: see text of an INC letter on the next page.)

Free Seeds



Do not miss out on your chance to order free vegetable seeds and transplants. Applications are now available to Denver residents who meet low- to moderate-income guidelines. Applications can be picked up at nearly 35 distribution centers (recreation centers, churches, and senior centers) throughout Denver. The application deadline is Monday, February 4. Some of the seed and plant varieties include tomato, pepper, onion, broccoli, squash, lettuce, corn, carrots, herbs, and much more! Seeds are delivered to centers in March and transplants in May. To locate the distribution center nearest you, call Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) at 303-292-9900 or visit their website, www.dug.org.

Garden plots are also available in more than 70 community gardens throughout the Denver area. Garden space is limited and early sign-up is encouraged. For more information, call DUG at 303-292-9900.

The Program is funded by a grant from the City of Denver Housing and Neighborhood Development Services and is operated by DUG, a nonprofit organization. DUG was formed over 22 years ago to help urban neighborhoods create community gardens and neighborhood-scale parks. To date, DUG has helped build and support over 70 community gardens and open space parks throughout the Denver-metro area. DUG sites provide gardeners with space to grow pesticide-free produce, improve neighborhood aesthetics, and provide residents with visible examples of neighborhood achievement.

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Mike Henry reported that, at the November 17th Zoning and Planning Committee meeting, a motion was passed 15 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstaining to recommend to the INC membership that a letter be sent to the Mayor, City Council, and the Governor regarding relocation of the Colorado History Museum. A motion was made and seconded to submit a letter to the following effect: INC recommends that a new Colorado History Museum be located close to Civic Center Park. However, because locating a museum in Civic Center Park would result in a reduction in open space, Civic Center Park should be removed from the list of possible locations. The motion was passed 13 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstaining. (Editor's Note: the text of the letter is published in the next column.)

Councilman-at-Large Doug Linkhart announced an ordinance he introduced that would make it easier to install wind and solar energy generators in Denver. The ordinance will increase allowable heights and reduce setbacks required for wind-turbines and solar panels. Mike Henry moved and Gertie Grant seconded a motion to support the Councilman's green initiative. The motion was passed with 16 in favor and 1 abstaining.

Members were informed that the INC President's Dinner will be held courtesy of the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Doubletree Hotel at ML King (32nd) Avenue and Quebec Street on January 29th.

A Letter from INC

The following is text contained in a letter from INC to the following persons:

TO: Mayor John Hickenlooper
Governor Bill Ritter
State Representative Joel Judd
City Council Members
Colorado Historical Society CEO Ed Nichols
Parks and Recreation Manager Kim Bailey
Amy Mueller, Mayor's Office

"Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, a citywide network of more than eighty registered neighborhood organizations, has appreciated being involved in the ongoing presentations and discussions concerning the very important issue of whether or not a new Colorado History Museum should be located in Civic Center Park. INC particularly thanks Ed Nichols and other CHS representatives for presenting information at a meeting of the INC delegation in August and again at a meeting of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee on November 17, 2007. We want to relay the following information regarding INC's position.

On November 17, after an extensive pro and con discussion, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee voted as follows:

To recommend to the INC delegation that INC should communicate that Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation supports the mission of the Colorado Historical Society and wishes to have the new Colorado History Museum be located somewhere near Civic Center Park, but recommends that Civic Center Park should be removed from the list of potential locations for the new museum for the following reasons:

- 1. Open green park land is a very precious resource in central Denver (where many additional housing units are being built every year) and should not be diminished**
- 2. Allowing use of park land for non-park uses will set a poor precedent for loss of other park land in other parts of the city**

The Committee voted 15 in favor of the above motion, 6 opposed and 1 abstention.

On December 8, 2007 the full Delegation of INC voted to support the above motion by a vote of 13 in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Thank you for your consideration. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation stands ready to participate in further discussions about this very significant issue."

Chief Medical Examiner



Nancy Severson, Manager of Denver Environmental Health, announced that long-time forensic pathologist Dr. Amy Martin will be Denver's new Chief Medical Examiner. Her appointment followed the resignation of Dr. Robert Whitmore, effective December 14.

"Dr. Martin is a talented, highly respected professional who has the background and knowledge to step into the position without missing a step," Severson said. Dr. Whitmore is leaving to pursue other interests, Severson added, noting that, "during his brief tenure, he instituted new case management practices that improved death reporting and increased office efficiencies."

Dr. Whitmore was appointed Denver Medical Examiner last November. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Martin had served as acting chief medical examiner for five months during the vacancy. She has been with the medical examiner's office for more than 15 years.

Denver's Office of Medical Examiner is one of 52 in the country to be accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners. The office investigates deaths in the City and County of Denver that are required to be reported by Colorado law. It is responsible for the certification of the cause and manner of death.

Winter Sports



Returning for its second year, Ruby Hill Rail Yard brings the excitement and energy of skiing and snowboarding to Denver with a one-of-its-kind ski and rider urban rail yard.

Scheduled to open on January 19th, Ruby Hill Rail Yard will feature six rails of varying configurations and levels of advancement. With the weather permitting, the rail yard will be open through the end of February. To prepare the park for the rail yard, snowmaking equipment will pump out more than an acre of snow.

Opening day will feature demonstrations by Winter Park athletes and free snowboard equipment and lessons for local youth interested in trying a new sport or fine-tuning their already learned techniques.

There are many new programs and amenities planned for 2008, including *Jibbin' for the Kids* in partnership with the Snowsport Outreach Society (SOS). Every Monday from January 28th through February 18th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., SOS will partner with Denver Parks and Recreation's outdoor recreation team to provide lessons and snowboarding equipment to local teens. There will be snow-skate

demonstrations on opening day, Tuesday, January 29th and on Tuesday, February 12th.

Also new this year, lighting and generators will be at the park every evening until 9 p.m. facilitating evening access for youth and parents who want to come with the children after work.

Ruby Hill Park is located off of South Platte River Drive and West Florida Avenue. The Rail Yard will be open every day from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Ruby Hill Rail Yard is made possible by the generous support of Burton and Musco Corporation, with additional support by Thrifty Stick, Xcel Energy, and Wynkoop Holdings, Inc.

For more information, call Denver 311 or visit the Web site www.denvergov.org and click on Parks and Recreation.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

Thank you one and all for your contributions and support this past year to the 12th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive. Special thanks go to the League of Women Voters Education Fund and the Xcel Energy Foundation for their Gold Star donations.

The INC Presidents Dinner participants on January 29th will celebrate neighborhoods in Denver and all the volunteers throughout our city who spend those extra minutes and hours to say "I care" and "we care" and "the people matter who live where we do."

At the Presidents Dinner INC will kick-off the 13th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive. Wow! How did we get here? Since April 1996 it has been: One day at a time and one dollar at a time to give over 90,000 of our citizens one book - a dictionary - then a second book - a thesaurus of their own so they can expand their vocabulary one word at a time.

Each new class of Denver Public Schools third-grade students has been thrilled to have a Dictionary and Thesaurus of their own. In recent years, the dictionary has included much more including the U.S. Constitution and an atlas section.

NO! A dollar will not buy what it used to, but the value of this gift increases exponentially each year. YES - I had to use the dictionary for spelling. While searching, I revisited the "e" section - it is my favorite for words like egg, exacerbate, and excellent.

So Happy New Year and supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! THANK YOU ALL!!

Please ask others to join you with their donation. We will accept all donations large and small.

Send to:

INC Dollar Dictionary

PO Box 18347

Denver, CO 80218.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2008 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives who believe that neighborhood organizations deserve a greater participation in city government and possess a shared vision that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. **To join as a member neighborhood organization, the organization must be registered with the city as a Registered Neighborhood Organization. Log on to Denvergov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**



Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: _____
 Address: _____
 Borders: North _____ East _____
 South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
 E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Voting Delegate Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
 Delegate Name _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

Organization Name: _____
 Organization Address: _____
 Agent's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
 PO Box 181009
 Denver, CO 80218-1009

From the Chair

Dave Webster

As a reminder, all neighborhoods must register with the City annually and the deadline is the end of January. Please also remember to renew your INC membership (which is separate from registration with the city). The newsletter contains a membership application for INC.

The INC Presidents Dinner will be January 29th at the Doubletree Hotel at Quebec and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Space is limited so r.s.v.p. early. Invitations have been mailed to those entitled to attend.

We will be holding elections for the Executive Committee including officers at our March meeting. Our bylaws provide for a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Delegates-At-Large. Our Treasurer, Al Habercorn and I are both term limited and will not be running for reelection. In addition, the Vice Chair position is vacant as is one delegate-at-large seat. I urge RNO delegates to INC to consider volunteering to run for these open positions.

The Executive Committee believes we need to have a Parks Committee and a Transportation Committee. There are a number of proposals that will affect our parks and INC needs to be proactive. In addition, Transit Oriented Development and impact statements, etc. for FasTracks build-outs deserve the attention of our organization. Our Public Safety Committee needs a chairperson. There are many opportunities to become involved and help make a difference for our neighborhoods in this great city.

Mayor Hickenlooper and Councilwoman Robb have made a counterproposal to the Colorado Historical Society that would reduce the size of the proposed Colorado History Museum in Civic Center Park. The INC position on a Museum in the park is outlined in the Newsletter.

Chuck Morris of Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) Southwest has withdrawn his proposal for a music festival in City Park due to opposition from the Zoo. A task force is still continuing on the issues related to hosting paid events in City parks.

Finally, my notes from last month regarding cabaret licenses were incorrect. There is actually an acoustic cabaret license available. Awilda Marquez, Director of Excise and Licenses, is our guest this month and I suspect we will want to discuss this issue.

Tree Recycle



Recycle Your Tree after the Holidays. Denver Recycles' annual Treecycle program will be recycling thousands of Christmas trees into mulch again this holiday season. Treecycle helps Denver

avoid using landfill space and paying disposal fees for a valuable, recyclable resource -- Christmas trees.

Denver Recycles grinds the Christmas trees into valuable mulch that is made available FREE to Denver residents in the spring. In 2006, Treecycle recycled more than 22,000 trees that were reclaimed by Denver residents at last spring's Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale. Residents may call 720-865-6810 after April 1st for more information about the 2008 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale.

To recycle a tree, remove all tinsel and decorations from the tree. No artificial or flocked trees, tree stands, or trees in plastic bags are permitted. Christmas trees only! For manual and barrel customers, set the tree out on your trash collection day near your normal location during the two-week period that started on December 31st. For dumpster customers, set your tree out for collection on January 7. Be sure the tree is set out by 7 a.m. and at least four feet away from any containers, bags, dumpsters, or other obstacles. Do not place trees in dumpsters!

For more information about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs, visit www.denvergov.org/denverrecycles or call 720-865-6810.

No Grafitti

Become a partner! Keep your community graffiti free. Call 311 or the graffiti hotline 720-865-STOP (7867) to:

- o Report graffiti on public and private property.
- o Obtain free supplies to cover graffiti.
- o Receive assistance in removing graffiti.
- o Organize a community cleanup.

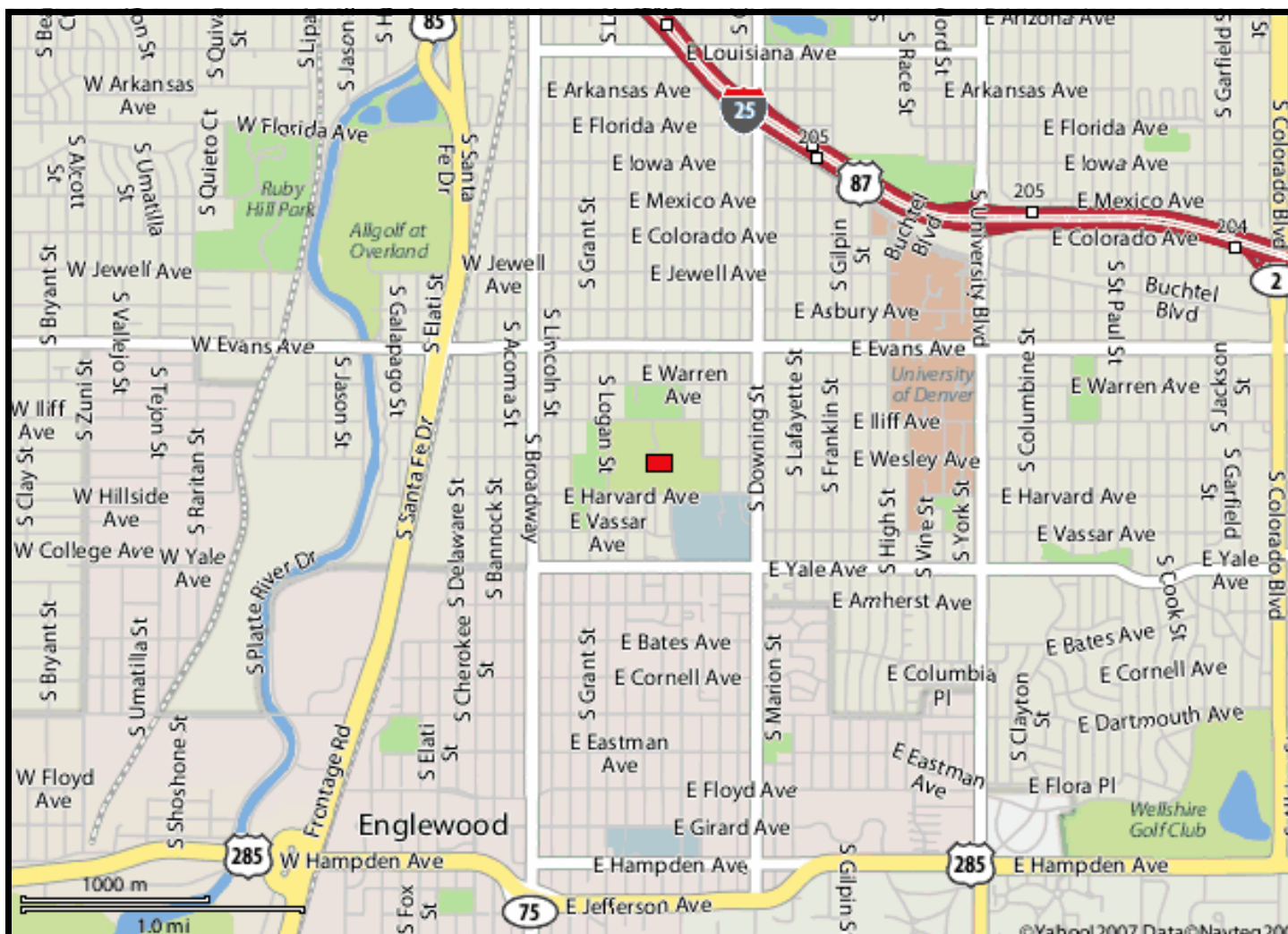
You can also report graffiti online at www.denvergov.org/graffiti.



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pio, Cathy Reynolds, and Cathy Donohue for their work in sponsoring the Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance in 1979. Larry and Ken will work on INC promotional packets to be given to non-members as they arrive and sign in.

With regard to new business, updates of the *By-laws* will be part of the discussion at the January meeting. It was suggested that a Chair be recruited for the INC Parks Committee. The ongoing issue of what is appropriate for INC to send out in e-mail was discussed. Larry will come up with policy suggestions for the Executive Committee to



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Meeting Saturday
January 12th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Harvard Gulch
Golf Clubhouse
660 East Iliff Ave**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

9:10 a.m.

Awilda Marquez
Director

Department of Excise and Licenses
On Liquor and Cabaret Licenses

10:30 a.m.

Around the City

11:30 a.m.

Committee Reports

12 p.m.

Adjournment

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