

Help ! – RNO Challenge for 2009



The Dollar Dictionary Drive faced many challenges in 2008 that left us short of our goal in fund raising. We are confident we will close that gap in the near future, however we will be starting the new year from a difficult position of scratch - zero. We received donations from 36 member RNO's this past year which is a significant increase over the participation of 24 RNO's in 2007. Those donations comprise about one-fourth of our annual needs and we need to increase RNO participation so that it reflects half or better of the total goal. Other donations come from individuals and in the form of small grants. We are truly grateful for every contribution. We are proud to announce that our administrative costs are zero as we are an 'all volunteer' organization. Every dollar is applied toward fund raising, book purchase, and the distribution of books to students.

INC currently has 84 member RNO's. Our challenge is to have each member RNO donate to the dictionary drive in the year 2009. Our annual budget for this project is about \$30,000 and, as all are aware, funds are scarce as hen's teeth lately. Participation by all our RNO members will greatly help during the coming year.

We have provided 6,000 to 8,000 dictionaries and thesauruses to Denver's third-grade students every year for the past 13 years. We place a gift label in the front of each book listing neighborhood organizations as a benefactor. We are sure your organization has been listed on that label and now we would ask that you do everything you can to make that recognition a part of the pride of your neighborhood. Not all RNO's have surplus funds in their treasuries but any amount you can give will be a big help. Some RNO's pass the hat at their annual or monthly meetings and some have neighborhood garage sales that may provide a means for a donation.

This project is widely respected in Denver and, in 1997, we were proud to be the recipient of the national Neighborhoods USA Award. We will be proud winners again this year when we have a greatly increased participation from RNOs citywide.

Of course, remember that individual donations are always welcome as well. Share this information with your friends, associates, and fellow workers. Maybe a donation jar at your place of employment will pique interest and awareness of this great project. Perhaps you can add an additional amount when submitting your INC Membership Renewal and designate it as a donation to the DDD. We will have our annual Kick-Off for the DDD at the Presidents Dinner in January and donations will be accepted there as well. Lastly, we enthusiastically accept any fund-raising suggestions or assistance from those who know more than we do or have better contacts.

Donations can be made to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218 and can also be made online at www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc by clicking on "Dollar Dictionary Committee." INC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, therefore all contributions are tax deductible.

For further information, contact co-chairs Steve J. Nissen at 303-733-8524 or pennissen@cs.com, or contact Cathee Fisher at cathee@earthlink.net.

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INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

2009 Members are underlined

17th & 18th Lafayette St Neighbors

ABC Streets Assn

Alamo Placita Neighbors Assn

Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn

Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn

Ball Park Neighborhood Assn

Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn

Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn

Berkeley Neighborhood Assn

Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors

Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn

Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn

Broadway Partnership / MDLDC

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc

Cherry Creek East Assn

Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn

Cherry Creek Townhouse Corporation

Cherry Hills Vista Community Assn.

Cherry Point Homeowners Assn

Civic Association of Clayton

Colfax on the Hill, Inc

College View Neighborhood Assn

Congress Park Neighbors

Cook Park Neighborhood Assn

Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn

Country Club Historic Neighborhood (CCHN)

Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn

Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn

2nd filing

Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One

Curtis Park Neighbors

Downtown Denver Residents Org

East Montclair Neighborhood Assn

Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Assn.

Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc

George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.

Globeville Civic Assn #1

Godsman Neighborhood Org

Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver

Golden Triangle Museum District

Greater Mar-Lee Community Org

Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.

Hampden South Neighborhood Assn

Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn

Harman Neighborhood Assn Inc.

Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC

Historic Montclair Community

Association, Inc.

Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA

Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn

Ivy Street Neighbors Assn

Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)

Lowry Community Master Assn

Lowry United Neighborhoods

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc

Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn

North City Park Civic Assn

Old San Rafael Neighborhood Assn

Overland Park Neighborhood Assn

Park Forest Homeowner's Assn

Platt Park Peoples Assn

Plaza III Townhomes Association

Rangeview Neighborhood Assn

Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO

SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood

Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corp

Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn

South City Park Neighborhood Assn

South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn

South Jackson Street Denver

Neighborhood

South Park Hill Neighborhood Org

Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn

Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn

The Unsinkables

University Park Community Council

Upper Downtown Development Org

Virginia Vale Community Assn

Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn

Warrens University Community Council

Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn

West Highland Neighborhood Assn

West University Community Assn

(WUCA)

West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn

Whittier Neighborhood Assn

Windsor Gardens Association

Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Assn

Associates

2009 Associates are underlined

Bernie Jones PhD

Bill Johnston

Bonna Gayhart

City Council Pres/Dist 10 Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

Councilman Doug Linkhart

Councilman Rick Garcia

Councilwoman Carol Boigon

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson

Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann

Dennis Gallagher, Auditor

Denver Health Medical Center

Denver Mayor's Office

Denver Parks and Recreation

Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc.

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Gertie Grant

Harriet R. Hogue

Hilltop Association

Historic Denver Inc.

League of Women Voters of Denver

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Palace Lofts Homeowners 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 at different locations. The public is always welcome. Check the INC website for location and agenda.



University Park—The Volunteer Snow Shoveling system is active. "Safe Routes to School" sidewalks are being constructed. And the three-year Prairie Park project is underway. This 14-acre area along Buechel Boulevard Trail will be re-vegetated in native grasses where needed. Care is being taken to protect the fox den site. An educational ecology-walk also is in the plan.

RNO Registration

By Michael Henry

The Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) has sent to the contact person for each registered neighborhood organization (RNO) notice of the annual requirement for each registered RNO to re-register no later than January 31st. If an RNO fails to re-register, it will **not** receive notices of rezoning applications, zoning variances, liquor and cabaret license applications, street and alley vacation applications, and a host of other important notices from many City departments.

RNO representatives should note and be prepared for the fact that this year's notice requires more detailed information about each organization in order to ensure compliance with the City's Neighborhood Registration and Notification Ordinance. In other words, do not wait until the last day! The City is offering an option to re-register online. The City has sent e-mail instructions to each RNO.

In addition, RNOs should note that groups are now allowed to designate a **secondary, optional contact person** to receive city notices; this recognizes the fact that contact persons may fail to receive important notices if they are out of town or their computers malfunction. Very few groups have yet designated secondary contacts. RNOs should seriously consider taking advantage of this new option. If groups have recently changed officers and/or contact persons, they should be very careful to ensure that the appropriate person receives, fills out, and submits the registration form no later than January 31. As usual, CPD's Julius Zsako is administering the registration process. You should contact him if you have any questions about the

registration of your RNO at julius.zsako@denvergov.org or 720-865-2969. (Note: This re-registration as an RNO with the City is separate from the requirement of corporations to file an annual report with the Secretary of State {See Colorado Revised Statute 7-90-501} and is also separate from rejoining INC. The INC application form for 2009 is on page nine.)

Participate in ZAP

All members of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation are encouraged to participate in the monthly meetings of the Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee. The Committee generally meets on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th-floor party room. Thirty or more zoning experts from many RNOs attend each month to share information and ideas. The next meeting will be on **January 24th** with Michael Sizemore, the director of Neighborhood Inspection Services, as one of the presenters. The committee usually has several discussions each month with City administrators or policy-makers regarding zoning or planning issues and often proposes motions to the INC delegation. Contact the chair of the committee, Michael Henry, at 303-377-6609 if you have any questions or issues.

One of the major issues for the ZAP committee, for INC, and for all RNOs during 2009 will be the update of the Denver Zoning Code of 1956 vintage. Michael Henry serves as the INC representative on the Zoning Code Task Force. The Task Force, which has been working for almost four years, hopes to have several public meetings in the spring and to have a new zoning code and a new zoning map ready for City Council consideration in late 2009. If you would like to be added to the list to receive the notices and agendas of the ZAP meetings, contact Gertie Grant at gertiegrant@estreet.com.

TOD Area-Plans

As part of Denver's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Initiative, Denver has been working with community stakeholders to develop new area-plans for priority stations identified in the City's *TOD Strategic Plan*. While the *Louisiana-Pearl Station Area-Plan* was adopted in 2007, the Sheridan, Alameda, and Auraria-West station area-plans are the next three nearing completion.

The purpose of adopting these plans is to establish the community's vision for how land use, transportation, and other public infrastructure should evolve in the areas around transit stations for the City to grow in the ways that promote the livability and sustainability envisioned by *Blueprint Denver*. Adopted area plans become the framework for implementing important regulatory tools such as zoning as well as guiding future public investment in the station areas.

The station area planning process has involved outreach to numerous stakeholders including community residents, businesses and property owners, and public agencies like the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

The *Sheridan Station Area-Plan* articulates near- and long-term goals for the area around the planned West-Corridor light rail station at Sheridan Boulevard and Lakewood Gulch on the Denver-Lakewood border, the first new corridor under construction in FasTracks. The line will extend 11 miles from Denver's Union Station to Jefferson County's Government Center. The West Corridor should be in operation by early 2013.

The *Sheridan Station Area Plan* goals include:

- Creating strong pedestrian connections between the light rail station and Colfax Avenue along Sheridan Boulevard.
- Attracting more mixed-income and market-rate housing to increase the number of people living near the station and to support retail services.
- Incorporating Lakewood Dry Gulch into the station design and bring new uses to its edge.
- Developing a station identity that reflects the best aspects of the surrounding neighborhoods and Lakewood Dry Gulch.
- Coordinating future infrastructure improvements between Denver, Lakewood, and regional partners including the Colorado Department of Transportation, RTD, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

The *Alameda Station Area-Plan* is for the area around the existing Alameda Station on the Central Corridor. Currently an area dominated by auto-oriented development, the station is surrounded by major roads like Alameda Avenue, Broadway, and the I-25 highway. While these provide high visibility and convenient auto access, they also pose great difficulty in walking or biking to the station for residents of adjacent neighborhoods such as Baker and West Washington Park.

The area closest to the station is anticipated to redevelop over time into a pedestrian-oriented area that reintroduces the city street grid and provides a variety of uses (including a new education center) that support the station and provide amenities to adjacent residential neighborhoods. The plan also envisions enhanced sidewalk routes to make major roads in the station area safer, more convenient, and attractive for pedestrians and new bicycle routes and bridges over the consolidated mainline railroad tracks and South Platte River to provide connectivity to the Athmar Park neighborhood to the west.

The *Auraria-West Station Area-Plan* will re-designate the existing Auraria-West Station, a part of the Central Platte Valley spur, as part of the West Corridor light rail project planned for opening in 2013 to serve as a transfer station between both corridors. Educational and industrial

uses, as well as a large amount of surface parking serving both the Pepsi Center and Auraria Campus, currently dominate the area surrounding the station. Existing and proposed student housing are located west of the station. The plans for development surrounding the station encourage vibrant, transit-supportive, mixed-income, urban environments. The plan's fundamental objectives are to:

- Improve multi-modal connections between the mixed-use entertainment district, Auraria Campus, and the office/employment uses to the south.
- Connect students and transit riders with downtown, surrounding neighborhoods, and adjacent light rail stations.
- Activate the station platform and provide a destination for students and transit riders with a "campus hot spot."
- Connect the study area to the regional transportation system, including adjacent transit stations and downtown.

The Sheridan and Alameda plans were scheduled for Planning Board review this past December and a City Council vote this month. The Auraria-West plan will follow about a month later. Other area-plans that are expected to be adopted later in 2009 include the La Alma/Lincoln Park Station (which includes the 10th/Osage Station), the Evans Station, the Decatur Station, the 38th/Inca Station, and the 38th/Blake Station. Check the www.denvergov.org/tod webpage for the latest schedule.

Free Energy Workshop

Get your home buttoned-up for winter with useful, practical advice from certified energy-efficiency experts. Xcel Energy, in partnership with home energy auditors from All About Saving Heat, Invisible Energy, and Lightly Treading Inc., is offering FREE one-hour presentations on home energy efficiency. Topics covered include:

- Insulation
- Heating
- Water heaters
- Windows
- Lighting
- Appliances

To schedule a presentation for your neighborhood association or other community group, call 303-294-2476 today.

Having trouble paying your energy bill? Contact Energy Outreach Colorado at 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit www.EnergyOutreach.org.

Zoning and Planning

There was no ZAP meeting in December. The January meeting will occur on January 24th at 9:30 a.m. at 1201 Williams Street in the top-floor meeting room.

Executive Committee

by Larry Ambrose

The meeting was called to order by Karen Cuthbertson on December 15th, 7:02 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee (EC) members present were Larry Ambrose, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Brad Zeig, and Penelope Zeller. Also present was Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry and President's Dinner Committee Co-Chair Susan Morrison.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 10th meeting was made, seconded, and passed by acclamation.

Steve presented the November Treasurer's report. The ending balance for all accounts was \$14,055.56. Steve believes we could make better use of the money INC has in its accounts as some of the certificates of deposits (CD) have a low return. In addition, there is as much as \$15,000 in checking accounts. He would like the Committee's authority to exercise due diligence in getting the best returns and placing funds in varying short term CDs. There was a motion to move \$2000 from checking and \$6,000 from savings into CDs.

Susan Morrison reported on planning for the Thursday, January 29th, event at the Doubletree Hotel at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Quebec Street. The Mayor has agreed to speak. Regarding other possible program presenters, Karen has checked out a couple of comedians. The Executive Committee members are pursuing these leads in hopes of finalizing the program soon. January 9th is the deadline for award nominations. Members agreed to call RNO presidents and ask for nominations to be sent to Karen. The Committee voted on the final menu selections for the Dinner. The bill of fare will be:

- Spinach salad with red peppers, goat cheese, and pine nuts
- Roasted beef shoulder tenderloin with rosemary infused Madeira demi-glace served with Boursin mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Chocolate truffle

Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry made a request to Karen for the Executive Committee to approve a motion that required urgent action. Based on INC Bylaws Article III, H.2., "When timing requires immediate action, any INC Officer may propose that INC take a position or choose to act on any matter by making a recommendation for "exceptional action" to the INC Chair." A request for

"exceptional action" was made on the motion detailed in the letter on page 6.

The general membership will be polled by e-mail of the proposed action requesting a reply within 24-hours recommending approval or disapproval of the action.

Regarding the Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD), Karen retrieved the source files from Signal Graphics and will update the brochure. The DDD owes INC accounts \$2,785.92. However, there is a left over inventory of \$3,560.20 of Dictionaries and Thesauruses from purchases this year.

Larry reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet in January. Larry Ambrose has been involved in issues in reference to all of Denver's parks being cut off from Denver water. Katie and Larry affirmed that the Parks and Recreation Committee will spend time this next year studying the facts of this and other issues.

There was a motion to establish an award in the name of Nancy Jackson to be given annually to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. The motion passed by acclamation.

The U.S. Census has asked INC to participate in the 2010 census. There will be a series of three meetings to establish committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

City Council Meetings

Denver City Council Committees meet in the Council Committee Room at the City and County Building.

- **Blueprint Denver Committee** - Second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **FasTracks Committee** - Third Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
- **General Government Committee** - Second and fourth Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
- **Public Amenities Committee** - Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- **Public Works Committee** - First and third Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Safety Committee** - First and third Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m.
- **Neighborhood, Community and Business Revitalization Committee** - Second and fourth Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Finance Committee** - First and third Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Economic Development Committee** - First and third Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

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.



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VIA EMAIL

To: Mayor John Hickenlooper
Mr. Terrance Ware, Director, Housing & Neighborhood Development
Mr. Peter Park, Manager, Community Planning & Development
Denver City Council

RE: Comments on *Building Denver's Future – Denver Housing Plan
2008 – 2018*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please be advised that the Delegation of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation voted 25 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions in favor of the following motion from the INC Zoning and Planning Committee:

INC recognizes the need for affordable housing in Denver and **generally supports the recommendations** in the Final Report of the Denver Housing Plan Task Force entitled *Building Denver's Future – Denver Housing Plan 2008 – 2018*, but wishes to **make these comments**:

1. **Blueprint Denver must be recognized and respected** in planning for Denver's future housing needs. **Blueprint Denver was not mentioned in the Report.**
2. **Planning for affordable housing must be closely integrated with the city's neighborhood plans, small area plans and transit-oriented development plans.**
3. The city's **Housing Plan should contain a commitment to improve the information given to RNOs and the meaningful participation of residents** regarding housing issues in Denver, including, in particular, notification to RNOs of the proposed use of public funds to construct or acquire housing units. Currently, RNOs receive very little information and **the Task Force's plan makes very little mention of the need for such neighborhood information and participation.**
4. City agencies and RNOs should **work together to "de-concentrate poverty"** so that housing for the poor and other special populations are not over-concentrated in any parts of town and to **encourage "good neighbor agreements"** between providers of such housing and neighborhood organizations.
5. The Office of Economic Development, Denver Housing Authority, Community Planning and Development, and City Council should all work together to **implement a collaborative and non-confrontational culture of meaningful citizen involvement in housing issues.**

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Plan 2008 – 2018*

6. **Neighborhood residents and RNOs should be meaningfully involved in planning and implementing foreclosure mitigation programs.**

Thank you for your consideration.



Karen Cuthbertson
Chair, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

CC: Mr. Andre Pettigrew, Exec Director, Office of Economic Development
Heather Barry, Neighborhood Liaison

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Community Advisory

What would YOU do if a disaster hit close to home or work?

What: Citizens Emergency Response Training is a 16-hour disaster preparedness and response training that will include how to plan for a disaster and teach basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. At the completion of this training, participants are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in our community.

Why: When a disaster hits, we cannot always depend on professional responders to be immediately available. We would like to have the citizens of Denver trained to help within their own neighborhoods.

Who: This training is open to anyone (up to 40 participants).

When: Saturday, January 24th and Saturday January 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (both days are necessary to receive a certificate).

Where: People House, 3035 West 25th Avenue.

How much: The training will be provided at NO COST to participants.

Sponsored by: Federal Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Denver Fire Department, and Denver Police Department.

For More Information and Registration: <http://www.denvergov.org/oem>; Carolyn H. Bluhm, OEM: 720.865.7600; or email, DenverCERT@denvergov.org

Stimulus for Denver Area

The Mayor and Governor push for a stimulus to the Denver area. Plans include speeding infrastructure improvements and creating a community-generated economic stimulus package. Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, and area business leaders have announced state and local efforts to stimulate the economy by accelerating infrastructure projects and initiating rapid development of a business-led economic stimulus package to be introduced early next year.

Hickenlooper announced that Denver will accelerate some of the 200 Better Denver infrastructure projects – approved by voters in 2007 – that are in various stages of planning, design, and construction. The City will seek to complete all of the projects within three to four years, creating vital jobs for Coloradans and opportunities for Colorado contractors.

This week, Governor Ritter sent the Obama administration stimulus suggestions for transportation and energy infrastructure projects to create new jobs in Colorado. In addition, The Governor has proposed a \$12 million job-

creation, job-training/retraining, and business-assistance package and announced \$200 million to start construction on higher education and other infrastructure projects.

Hickenlooper introduced the team representing local industry sectors that will lead the development of Denver's multi-sector economic stimulus plan:

- Banking: Bruce Alexander, President and CEO, Vectra Bank Colorado
- Legal: Cole Finegan, Managing Partner, Hogan and Hartson LLP
- Energy: Doug Hock, EnCana Oil and Gas Inc.
- Retail: Nick LeMasters, General Manager, Cherry Creek Shopping Center
- Real Estate/Housing: Susan Powers, President, Urban Ventures LLC and Ferd Belz, President, Cherokee Denver, LLC
- Hospitality: Walter Isenberg, President and CEO, Sage Hospitality Resources
- Cultural: George Sparks, President and CEO, Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Architecture/Construction: Brad Buchanan, AIA, Principal, Buchanan Yonushewski Group, LLC

Hickenlooper and Ritter also appealed to Coloradans help stimulate their local economies by supporting local businesses.

Award Nominations

INC bestows a new award, the Nancy Jackson Award, that goes to a person who has made an outstanding or innovative contribution to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. (The contribution can be financial, personal time, public relations, or other.)

The remainder of the awards are named in honor of noted, former INC participants - all now deceased.

The Virginia Oredson award is given to a person who has encouraged Denver neighborhoods or citizens to work together in a common effort to solve community problems, has established a record of selfless community service and has encouraged, and has motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement.

The Bill Gross award is given to a person who has a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community and has made Denver a safer place in which to live.

The Walt Kembel Award is given to a person or group who is/are an INC delegate/s or a member/s of an INC RNO. This person or group will have contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization or has moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

Then there are the "Neighborhood Stars" Good Neighbor Awards. Neighborhood Stars are nominated by the Board of an INC-member RNO. A Neighborhood Star

is awarded to a person who has worked individually or with a group to make "Denver a Better Place to Live" or worked individually or with a group over the past year on a cause or a project that has improved the appearance or the quality of life in their neighborhood. A Neighborhood Star can be anybody who lives or works in the neighborhood and does *not* have to be a member of an RNO (or any organization, for that matter). A Neighborhood Star can be the kid who shovels an elderly neighbor's walk, the person who picks up trash at the park playground during his daily walks, a super neighborhood-friendly business owner, a tutor/mentor, or other.

If a person deserves these awards, let us not let them down. Nominate a deserving person right now! These awards are presented at the upcoming Presidents Dinner and the submission deadline is near (9 January). Send your nominations to the INC Chair, Karen Cuthbertson. See the back page for communications.



The non-profit Metro Denver Sports Commission's (also known as Denver Sports) purpose is to create a legacy of economic and social vitality through sport. Through collaborative efforts around sporting events, the Metro Denver Sports Commission attracts, facilitates, and supports

- Economic vitality by attracting major events that generate a significant economic impact on the Metro Denver area
- Social vitality by promoting youth access, participation, and volunteerism in sport.

An example of a sponsored sports event is SportAccord. In March, Denver will be the host of an annual international sports convention that brings over 1,500 of the top Olympic and amateur sport leaders in the world. Representatives from more than 100 International Sports Federations, the International Olympic Committee Executive Board members, sponsors, bidding and host cities, broadcasters, and Games Organizing Committees will come together in an exclusive and authoritative networking environment.

In total, an estimated 3,000 people will head to Denver in order to attend this prestigious event, which is being held for the first time in the Americas. Madrid, Lausanne, Berlin, Seoul, and Beijing are all previous host cities. The

2008 event was held in Athens. Denver will also mark the first meeting of the International Olympic Committee's Executive Board in the United States, outside of an Olympic Games.

What is sport accord? It is a 5-day gathering of 1,500 leading representatives from international sport. The annual convention encompasses the Congress and General Assemblies of over 100 international sports federations. The mission is to offer the sports community a powerful opportunity to come together on a global scale, in an exclusive and authoritative networking environment, to build relationships, share knowledge and develop ideas.

How can you help? Bi-lingual volunteers are needed. The official languages of the Olympic movement are English and French. Though a large percentage of delegates speak English, the greatest need for bilingual skills is in French, followed by Spanish. Each volunteer will also need skills in other areas. Greatest needs for languages include: French, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, German, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Italian, and Portuguese.

Other skills needed (for both bilingual and non-bilingual volunteers): Greeters/Hosts, Hospitality Registration, Transportation host and Drivers, Support – Office, PR, Media/Press, and IT, Directional assistance, Morning Run coordinators, and Special Events – transportation/ushers.

When are you needed? March 21st to 28th.

Where can you register? www.denversports.org (click on "Denver Sports Insider", then click on "Become an Insider" in the left hand column, choose from the two membership options and include your email address directly below. Then fill out BOTH the Denver Sports Insider Form AND Volunteer form at the bottom. Please check "SportAccord" as your area of interest.)

GET IN ON THE ACTION. It is all about access and being a Denver Sports Insider is simply the best way to get inside the sports world in Denver. There are two membership options: free and \$25.

For just \$25, you get all of the following:

- Special discounts on tickets to your favorite Denver teams like Colorado Avalanche and Denver Nuggets games of the month from \$10.
- The best sports volunteer opportunities.
- Access to "member's only" events and prizes.

If you are not quite ready for all of the access provided with our paid program, you can register for the free program that will get you the following:

- A newsletter - A periodic communication about what is going on at Denver Sports.
- "What's On in Denver Sports" alert - A weekly reminder on sporting events/activities taking place in Denver each week and where to get tickets.

The above information was referred by the Downtown Denver Partnership, an INC Patron Associate.

Future of Sloan's Lake

A public meeting to discuss the future of the Sloan's Lake Marina and Boat House is coming. Denver Parks and Recreation invites all residents to discuss the implementation of the Sloan's lake park master plan dealing with the marina area. The open house will provide attendees the opportunity to provide input on detailed elements of the Marina design including the jetty and marina lake edge, future public usage of the boathouse, and the architecture and location of the irrigation pump house. The meeting will only focus on the redevelopment of the Marina, not other park ideas. The meeting will be held, Tuesday, January 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Scheitler Recreation Center, 5031 West 46th Avenue.

Recycle your Tree

This January 5th through January 16th, Denver Recycles' annual Treecycle program will be recycling thousands of Christmas trees into mulch again this holiday season.

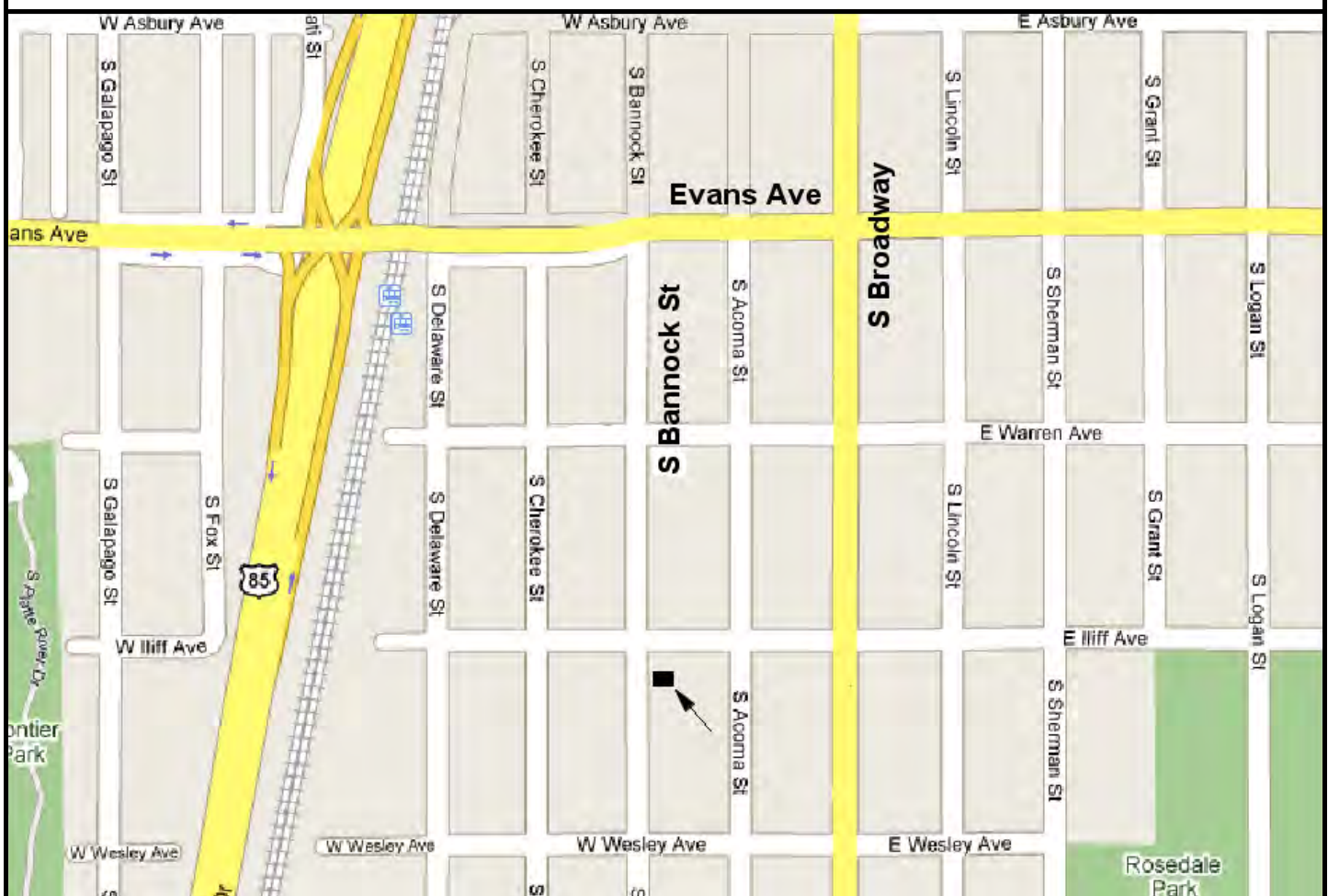
Treecycle helps Denver avoid using landfill space and paying disposal fees for a valuable, recyclable resource.

Denver Recycles grinds the trees into mulch that is made available FREE to Denver residents in the spring.

It's as easy as can be!

1. Remove all tinsel and decorations from your tree. No artificial or flocked trees, tree stands, or trees in plastic bags. Christmas trees only!
2. Manual and barrel customers: set your tree out on your trash collection day near your normal set-out location during the two week period starting Jan. 5th.
Dumpster customers: set your tree out on January 5th or 12th and it will be collected during that week.
3. Be sure your tree is set out by 7 a.m. and at least four feet away from any containers, bags, dumpsters, or other obstacles.
4. Do not place trees in the dumpsters.

NOTE: The church has no lot. On-street parking only. Car-pool if you can!



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2009 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood organizations 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: ☐
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Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐

Organization Name: _____
 Organization Address: _____
 Agent's Name: _____
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 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

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Included in our payment is a \$ _____ donation to the Dollar Dictionary Drive

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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 PO Box 181009
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January 2009

Denver Neighborhood Connection

**Meeting Saturday
January 10th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**John Collins United
Methodist Church
2320 S Bannock St.**
See map on page 8

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from
Councilman Chris Nevitt
Katherine Sandy of
Overland Park N.A.

9:10 a.m.

Around the Neighborhood

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Mike Major, Director
311 Operations
On the 311 System

11:00 a.m.

Heather Barry
Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison
Recreation Center Task Force

11:15 a.m.

Dana Miller
Transition Denver

11:45 a.m.

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