

## Carriage Houses offer Choice

Present zoning code limits what homeowners can do to their property to accommodate elderly parents, companions, or changing circumstances. They can add on, pop the top, or scrape and rebuild but these are costly options.

A less-expensive choice is the carriage house, a secondary dwelling that can be used as an office, guesthouse, studio, or apartment for a relative, companion, or caregiver.

Imagine two 1890 Victorian homes side by side on the same street. The owners of both properties want to improve their homes. One homeowner decides to scrape the property and replace it with a duplex. That would result in two modern side-by-side homes on the same lot where the Victorian once stood. Neighbors worry that the character of their street would suffer.

The other homeowner chooses to build a granny flat above a detached garage in the back yard and rent the flat to a niece. Her rent will pay the relatively modest cost of building the structure and may help finance improvements to the Victorian.

Neighbors praise the homeowner for preserving the character of the street. The only problem is that existing City code would not allow this solution because a dwelling unit is not permitted in the back third of the property.

Denver's Zoning Code Task Force wants to fix that problem with a proposal to reintroduce the carriage house to our community. These efforts are supported by a group of homeowners called Friends of Granny Flats who believe that carriage houses, also known as granny flats or accessory dwelling units, are a positive step for communities. Carriage houses help preserve neighborhood character while allowing seniors more options than scraping their homes or moving out.

Some people have qualms with the Carriage House concept. The following are points made in opposition:

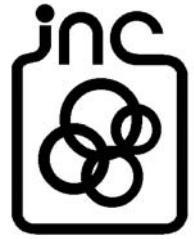
- Neighborhoods that do not have alleys in Denver are often wide and shallow lots. These types of lots do not lend themselves well to the idea of ADU's being "low impact".
- Some homes that have a large footprint on a small lot would not easily accept most types of ADUs, especially detached styles. (A basement apartment could be added, but that would need an exterior stairwell.)
- Some lots and homes with large and numerous trees may not be good choices to build

an ADU. The choice to destroy old growth trees for the sake of adding a larger garage or granny flat would be a shame.

- Because utility poles often run up the alleys in many Denver neighborhoods, in some cases, one whole side of the block may not be able to build a carriage house over the garage (limited to one story at the alley). If the lot is small and the original house is large, adding a detached single story ADU may infringe on the open space requirements.

- The language that the new Zoning Code settles on may also create a negative impact on the ability of ADU's to fully serve the community in a positive manner. In Arvada, the language was well intended but too restrictive to be of any real value to the homeowner.

Next month, the Task Force will have a series of community meetings to explain their ideas on a whole range of zoning changes. Friends of Granny Flats encour-



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**Ball Park Neighborhood Assn**  
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 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn  
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**Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods Inc**  
 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn  
 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**  
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn  
**Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn 2nd filing**  
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing One  
 East Montclair Neighborhood Assn  
 Elyria Neighborhood Assn  
 Far Northeast Neighbors, Inc  
 George Washington Homeowner's Assn. Inc.  
 Globeville Civic Assn #1  
 Golden Triangle Assn. of Denver  
**Golden Triangle Museum District**  
 Greater Mar-Lee Community Org  
**Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.**  
 Green Valley Ranch Citizen's Advisory Board  
 Hampden Heights Civic Assn  
 Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assn  
 Highland United Neighbors Inc.  
 Hilltop Heritage Assn LLC  
 Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.  
 Humboldt Street Neighborhood Assn  
 Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point HOA  
 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn  
 Ivy Street Neighbors Assn

Lighthouse at the Breakers  
 Homeowners 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  
**SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood**  
 Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn  
 South City Park Neighborhood Assn  
 South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn  
 South Jackson Street Registered Neighborhood  
**Southmoor Park East Homeowners Assn**  
 Stapleton United Neighbors  
 Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA  
 The Unsinkables  
**University Park Community Council**  
**Upper Downtown Development Org**  
**Virginia Vale Community Assn**  
 Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn  
 West University Community Assn (WUCA)  
**West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn**  
 Whittier Neighborhood Assn

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INC organizations should send changes to their president and delegate data to the membership chair at [kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net](mailto:kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net) or 303-798-9306.

INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. See this issue for location.

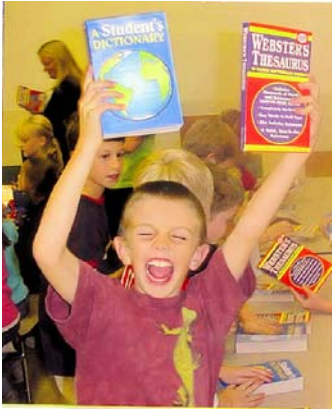
The INC Executive Committee meets monthly at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor meeting room.

RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters.

ages homeowners to attend one of these community meetings.

Dates, times, and locations can be found at [www.newcodedenver.org](http://www.newcodedenver.org). Friends of Granny Flats can also answer direct questions at [friendsofgrannyflats@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgrannyflats@gmail.com)

## Dollar Dictionary Drive



**JOIN THE TEAM!** The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive is under way. This project is supported by folks across the city who place their confidence in education of our youth. We hear a lot about education during these trying times and thus, we invite you to participate in this great donor effort which provides free dictionaries for third-graders in all Denver Public Schools.

Several individuals, businesses, and registered neighborhood organizations have made donations so far. We invite you to join the team of concerned citizens supporting this project. We need the support of RNOs city-wide. RNOs making donations so far this year are;

Ballpark Neighborhood Association  
Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association  
Councilwoman Carol Boigon  
Civic Association of Clayton  
George Washington Homeowners' Association  
Greater Park Hill Neighborhood Association  
Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association  
Hilltop Heritage Association  
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Homeowners' Assn.  
Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association  
Mayfair Neighbors  
Stapleton Master Community Association  
Virginia Vale Community Association  
West Washington Park Neighborhood Association

## Home Renovation

Submitted by Julius Zsako, Communications Director, Planning and Development.

Pending City Council approval in May, Denver will offer a Home Renovation Bonanza. Between June 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Denver will issue FREE construction permits to homeowners and licensed contractors making qualified home improvements or repairs that can increase the value of existing one and two family dwellings.

The Home Renovation Bonanza is offered in order to encourage the improvement of existing one and two family homes, raise property value, and encourage homeowners to

stay in existing homes. A variety of home improvements are covered by the Home Renovation Bonanza including:

- Basic interior remodel of existing one or two family dwellings (existing kitchen, bath, or bedroom)
- Basement remodel of existing one or two family dwelling
- Residential one or two family roof covering repair or replacement
- Wall insulation
- Replacement of water heaters
- Change out of central heating and air conditioning
- Residential photo-voltaic systems
- Stucco or siding home exteriors

Permits add value to your project, protect the resale of your home, and require that inspections be performed to verify that work was done correctly. Have your contractor pull a permit. The permit holder is responsible for compliance with the Building Code.

Learn more at [www.denvergov.org/building](http://www.denvergov.org/building).

## RNO Registration Submitted by Michael Henry

One of the most valuable tools for city government agencies and for Denver neighborhood groups is the City's official list of all of the registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs). City agencies are required to send many important notices to RNOs including notices of liquor and cabaret license applications, rezoning applications, zoning variance applications, and many other notices that affect neighborhoods. RNOs can also use the list to contact other adjoining or overlapping neighborhood organizations in order to plan joint efforts or joint meetings to address neighborhood issues.

The 2009 list is available on [Denver.gov.org](http://Denver.gov.org) – on the homepage, click on Neighborhood Information, then click on Neighborhood Organizations, then click on Find Neighborhood Organizations. You can insert a specific address and receive a list of the RNOs in the immediate vicinity of that address or scroll down and find a list of all the City's RNOs in alphabetical order.

The list now contains 229 RNOs compared with 220 in 2007 and 295 in 2003. Included are 13 new groups. Several groups from 2008 intentionally or neglectfully did not register for 2009. A number of the new groups are for single apartment buildings or condominium complexes; that may indicate that larger neighborhood associations should consider better communication with and better service to such buildings or complexes so that they do not feel that they have to set up separate neighborhood organizations.

The new list reflects that almost half of the RNOs have decided to take advantage of the optional secondary e-mail contact information by which the city will send notices to two contact persons instead of only one. The advantage is



that, if the primary contact is out of town or if his or her e-mailbox is full or otherwise not functional, there will be another person to receive, review, and act upon notices from the city.

New groups wishing to register may only do so during January or July of each year. All RNOs must re-register in January every year or, if they fail to do so, they will be dropped from the City's notification list. All existing groups, however, may submit changes in their contact person's information (including information for a secondary e-mail contact), boundaries, etcetera, at any time during the year to Julius Zsako, the keeper of the list, at [Julius.zsako@denvergov.org](mailto:Julius.zsako@denvergov.org) or 720-865-2969. RNOs should appreciate Julius efforts to update the list.

## Executive Committee Recap

### By Fran Rew

Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the Executive Committee (EC) to order on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1201 Williams Street at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Larry Ambrose, Karen Cuthbertson, Ray Ehrenstein, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Penelope Zeller, and Bradley Zieg. Also present were Membership and Newsletter Chair, Ken Beaudrie; Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, Mike Henry; and Assistant to the INC Secretary, Fran Rew. Education Committee Chair Billie Bramhall and Transportation Committee Chair Dave Webster were absent.

Ray Ehrenstein, who volunteered to fill the last Delegate-at-large vacancy, was approved by acclamation. Ray is a member of Overland Park Neighborhood Association.

Fran Rew volunteered for the role of Assistant to the INC Secretary. Because there is no provision in the INC Bylaws for a role of co-secretary, Fran has agreed to volunteer as an assistant to the new INC secretary, Dave Felice. Fran's volunteer commitment is contingent on the official recognition that as an assistant, Fran is not a member of the EC and, therefore, cannot vote.

**Member Acknowledgment.** The INC EC members expressed gratitude that family and friends offered a computer and support for Chair, Karen Cuthbertson, whose computer was stolen during a recent home burglary.

The March minutes were approved as published in the March 2009 INC newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was approved. As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, the balance of all accounts was \$20,288.22.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Education Committee:** Karen will follow up with Chair Billie Bramhall on the status of moth-balled schools and on DPS board member Arturo Jimenez' offer to help educate fellow board members on the importance of the Dollar Dictionary drive.

Mike said some neighborhoods are pushing to buy the former Gove Middle School for a recreation center and that

maybe private schools will close in preference to public schools because of economy. Mike also said he would like the new DPS superintendent to come to an INC meeting.

**Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) Committee:** Chair Steve Nissen said Arturo Jimenez is willing to work with INC and the DPS board to help recognize and promote the Dollar Dictionary effort. Arturo also offered North High School as a possible labeling site for the books.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive Treasury Report shows a \$713.19 deposit in March and a year-to-date balance of \$744.68. Steve reported that postage to mail donation requests would cost \$600 to \$700. It was suggested that bulk mailing may cost less but there may be a minimum number required and the mailing has to be sorted by zip code. Steve hand-delivers dictionary brochures in his neighborhood. INC no longer has a bulk-mailing permit because they send out e-mails instead. Steve will investigate whether it makes sense to have a bulk-mailing permit. Mike recommended that the DDD flyer be distributed in an electronic form.

Penelope said that, in her North City Park neighborhood, they have a big spring gardening program on May 9<sup>th</sup> where they can distribute the DDD brochures.

After discussion, it was agreed that an e-mail of the DDD flyer with a combination of text format and PDF format would make it easier for people using different Internet Service Providers to read the information.

Mike recommended that the EC might need to make a decision in July as to whether there are sufficient funds to continue the DDD.

Karen asked Steve to submit a list of tasks that members of the EC could share with him. Mike said there would be a \$500 donation to DDD coming from CHUN. Brad asked members of the EC to consider a personal matching contribution with their RNO or a lump EC contribution.

**Transportation Committee.** No report.

**INC Membership Committee.** Mike asked if Ken could send an invoice instead of an application to get more INC members. The current membership is 69 members, 15 of whom are patrons, and 24 associates, 12 of whom are patrons.

Karen requested that Ken send her a copy of the Membership Report once it is updated. Karen will send out an invoice requesting renewal of membership. Coming from the Chair, it might get a better response.

**Zoning and Planning Committee:** There is an INC meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> about the new zoning code. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Heitler Hall at National Jewish Hospital. It is a special Zoning Code Meeting targeted at neighborhood activists. He is expecting 90 people who are mainly with RNO zoning committees. Mike begged City officials to leave plenty of time for questions and answers. The presenters will include Tina Axelrad, Peter Park, and Caryn Wenzara. Mike does not know when the Zoning Context

Map will be made public.

EC members strongly suggested that every INC member RNO closely examine the new language and how the City is now designating each neighborhood and that all reviewers look to ensure the language is consistent throughout the document.

**Parks and Recreation Committee.** Steve passed around a picture showing the size of the sign proposed by Denver Parks and Recreation (P&R) as described at the INC meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It is a 12 by 18 inch sign with a section on the bottom used for advertising.

**Chair's Note:** A motion to send a letter asking for a delay was passed at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. P&R does not have any signs currently in parks nor is there anything currently in place with Purina.

Larry expressed the concern that once the small signs get started then larger signs may be permitted. The container is already up for dog poop bags. Ken said he would rather have the sign than handmade plastic bottles with dog poop bags.

Anthony asked how much P&R expected to earn for the advertising. Larry noted that P&R would not be receiving revenue, per se, but that they would not have to spend the money they currently spend to maintain the current dog waste stands. Larry said the problem involves the sale of public assets.

The INC P&R Committee will be meeting every third Tuesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street, in the arts and craft room. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Larry and Katie submitted a proposed P&R Committee budget of \$575. A motion to approve this budget was discussed and passed seven in favor, one opposed. There was discussion about ensuring that both sides of any issue be represented and that only well-qualified persons be on the panel. Larry and Katie are working to satisfy all concerns.

Larry and Katie have organized a P&R Workshop to explore the topic of toxic contaminants from the Lowry landfill being used to water Denver Parks. (Editors note: This workshop has been temporarily postponed.)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

People's Fair beer booth as an INC Fund-Raiser: Mike proposed a beer booth as an INC fund raiser at the Capitol Hill People's Fair, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Karen said this is the only annual fund-raiser for INC.

Ken suggested that INC have their sole fund-raiser, that also introduces INC to the general public, be associated with something other than beer.

Mike told his story of how an INC fund-raising booth caught fire years ago when it sold hot dogs and hamburgers.

Karen will send an email to Ken about the INC Beer Booth fundraiser for distribution. The deadline for members to respond will be the end of April. Karen said it has not been a problem finding recruits. Brad said Bellvue Hale will take one 4-hour volunteer slot.

**INC Email and Newsletter Policy:** The EC discussed INC's policy regarding an e-mail forwarded by Ken to INC membership from Tom Anthony, President of the Elyria Neighborhood Association that had to do with an upcoming meeting announcement, but also included personal opinion on a neighborhood issue. There was concern that it was not what INC policy required. Karen asked that all EC members and Committee Chairs review the established email policy that covers this and other situations and states what the disclaimer should be.

**Updating INC Bylaws:** Karen noted that Dave Felice, the new INC secretary, needs to send out an updated version of the INC Bylaws to all EC members and Chairs. Ken will e-mail a copy to all members RNOs.

Next month's INC meeting will be at Regis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

## **Delegates Meeting Recap**

### **By Dave Felice**

The INC Delegates met on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the renovated Beth haMedrosh Hagodol (BMH) building at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Gaylord Street that is now a combined Christian/Jewish place of worship combining the Church in the City congregation with the BMH synagogue. These are highlights of the meeting:

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods prepares to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary while getting ready for the People's Fair.

The Urban Land Institute bought the old Holly Center property in northeast Park Hill.

The Museum of Nature and Science is remodeling and rebuilding with City bond money.

The Library uses bond money to renovate several facilities.

Dave Wahlstrom of CHUN and District 8 Councilwoman Carla Madison welcomed those attending the meeting.

Pastor Michael Walker of the Church in the City congregation gave attendees a tour of the renovated church/

#### **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.

synagogue. Pastor Michael, who was raised in the Jewish religion, says the facility is considered simultaneously a synagogue and a church. It was built in 1920 and was abandoned when the BMH congregation moved to South Monaco in the 1960s. The Church in the City congregation conducts numerous community outreach activities including several programs designed specifically for youth. The completely remodeled sanctuary features a cry room, two translation booths, an audio system with control console, and a spacious balcony. There is an auditorium-cafeteria on the lower level, a full commercial kitchen capable of serving up to 600 people, and several mid-sized meeting rooms. A parking facility is in planning.

George Sparks, Director of the Museum of Nature and Science, says the museum is well into its remodeling and expansion projects paid for by City bond money approved last year. Phipps Hall is being renovated to provide climate control and additional exits. Later, the three-story Science and Education Center will be constructed on the south side of the museum with connections to the main exhibit hall. Sparks says that new construction will have a “zero carbon footprint.” The addition will also have two stories underground for museum storage. There is no impact on parkland. Sparks says parking facilities are currently considered “adequate” and no new parking is contemplated.

The museum will feature in mid-October the Ghengis Khan exhibit from Mongolia. This is one of the few times the Khan artifacts have been allowed outside of Mongolia. Sparks says he wants to encourage more student attendance and participation at the museum. Anyone with questions or suggestions can contact Sparks at 303-370-6345.

The Museum is participating in development and construction of a new official weather station that will be built within City Park Golf Course.

The City Librarian, Shirley Amore, says \$52 million dollars in bond money is paying for repairs and renovations at 22 libraries, including the main library, and three new branch libraries will be built, one each in Green Valley, Stapleton, and along West Colfax Avenue. There are three main components to the library work: technology, life safety and infrastructure, and interior renovations.

The new technology of Radio Frequency Identification (RFI), a high-tech method of “tagging” books, will greatly improve the efficiency of library operations and inventory

control. In addition, RFI will reduce Repetitive Motion Syndrome problems experienced by library employees.

Amore says the projects “are moving quickly and are on time.” Project planners and staff are trying to reduce disruptions from library closings while work is underway. She says people “are flocking to the libraries.” There is greatly increased demand for computer services and the main library is slated to get a new facility where patrons can learn computer skills.

According to Amore, the library is on track with a 2.5 percent budget reduction in 2009. Some open staff positions are not being filled. There are some cost-savings associated with closures during renovation but closing the branches is necessary for construction.



Mike Henry, ZAP Committee Chair, addresses the delegates.

The library has two new bookmobiles donated by Janus Capital.

Amore can be contacted at 720-865-2105, samore@denverlibrary.org, or 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver 80204-2731.

By a vote of 18 to zero, with five abstentions, INC delegates approved a letter to Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Patterson seeking a moratorium on a plan to put up advertising signs on animal waste-bag dispensers in several City parks.

Patterson’s Assistant, Angela Casias, attended the INC delegates’ meeting Saturday to explain and defend the proposal. Casias says the plan focuses on the areas with the greatest problem of animal waste, the Rivers and Trails District and the Northwest District. She says “all parks are still under evaluation.”

The letter says the requested moratorium would be in effect “until RNOs, other interested parties, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have been included in a process to discuss the proposed pilot project. In the process, information could be shared on the assessment of the impacts and desirability of the dog waste project, the exploration of other alternatives that would help with the management of dog waste in parks, and the project’s adherence to the intent of the City laws, regulations, and policies.” The letter was drafted by INC’s Parks Committee, co-chaired by Katie Fisher and Larry Ambrose.

Casias claims that dealing with dog waste in the City’s parks may cost the city up to \$100,000 per year. She explains that the company called Poo Free Parks would be “totally responsible for maintaining signs and dispensers and keeping the dispensers stocked with biodegradable bags.” Sign advertising presumably would pay for operat-



ing the dispenser program and the City would get no additional revenue.

Casias acknowledged that Parks and Recreation policy prohibits “permanent” signs but the signs to be placed on the poles holding the bag dispensers are “temporary” because “the contract requires the company to offer only six-month sponsorship agreements.”

Because the bag dispenser operation is what Casias calls “kind of a new business,” the company headed by Bill Airy was selected without competitive bidding. She says the project will be open to competitive bidding after the first year if there are any other interested operators. According to Casias, the City Attorney’s Office was asked for and gave its blessing to these interpretations of City ordinances and regulations.

Some of those attending the meeting indicated they did not think “voluntary” homemade bag dispensers set up by concerned residents were effective. “I’d rather see a well-maintained sign instead of plastic bottles full of newspaper wrappers,” said non-delegate Ken Beaudrie. A northwest Denver delegate, Bill Johnson, says the “integrity of our parks system” is the real price. “The overriding issue is, and has been, private advertising in public parks,” comments Johnson. “Are we going to be crossing the Rubicon (by allowing the signs)?” Several members of the INC Parks Committee and other critics contend the plan to allow advertising-signs conflicts with Parks Department guidelines.

In spite of the resolution to seek a moratorium until the plan can be fully and publicly discussed, Casias maintains Parks representatives have met with neighborhood groups and “we’ve gotten positive response.” She says samples of the signs were not previously available “because the contract was just finalized last Friday, April 10th.”

## Zoning Code Update

By Michael Henry, chair of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee and member of the Zoning Code Task Force

The INC Zoning and Planning Committee hosted a special briefing on April 29<sup>th</sup> about the Zoning Code Update. There was standing room only as 100 neighborhood activists jammed Heitler Hall at National Jewish Health to learn from Peter Park, the Manager of the Denver Community Planning and Development Department, about the content and status of the updating of Denver’s 53-year-old zoning code, a project that is entering its 4<sup>th</sup> year. He presented the reasons that the current zoning code is outdated, confusing, inconsistent, and dysfunctional for all concerned and the basic format of the draft new code that is context- and form-based. The draft code also reflects current values of protecting the character of existing neighborhoods, fostering environmental sustainability, and encouraging affordability of housing. Several neighborhood representatives emphasized that citizens will need adequate time to

review the text of the new code draft (which is expected on-line at the end of May) and the zoning map draft for each neighborhood.

All registered neighborhood groups should encourage their members to attend one of the public meetings mentioned below to learn about the basic concepts of the new code. During the summer and early fall, there will be numerous other public meetings (mostly organized by City Council districts) to review the text and the map. The adoption of the new code and the new zoning map by City Council are expected by the end of 2009. Learn more at [www.newcodedenver.org](http://www.newcodedenver.org)

### **Tuesday - May 12, 2009**

Denver Convention Center - 5:30 p.m.

Next to the Big Blue Bear on 14<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Wednesday - May 13, 2009**

Place Middle School Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Denver - 7125 Cherry Creek North Dr

### **Thursday - May 14, 2009**

Lake Middle School Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.

Northwest Denver - 1820 Lowell Blvd.

### **Tuesday - May 19, 2009**

Denver School of the Arts Concert Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Northeast Denver - 7111 Montview Blvd.

### **Thursday - May 21, 2009**

Abraham Lincoln High Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.

Southwest Denver - 2285 S. Federal Blvd.

## 16th Street Mall

The Regional Transportation District, in the fall of 2008, publicly expressed interest in removing the pedestrian median and replacing the intricate pattern of granite pavers in order to address recurring and expensive maintenance concerns. A relatively short window of opportunity is now open for public input into the process. You are encouraged to express your opinion, both through the Downtown Denver Partnership survey on their website at [www.historicdenver.org](http://www.historicdenver.org) and through attendance at the public meeting on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Colorado History Museum.

## Plastic Pot Recycle

Plastic garden pots of any size or color, hanging baskets (with wires removed), carrying trays, and flower packs of any type will be accepted for recycling at Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York Street, on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, participating stores will accept these types of plastics anytime at their locations. A list of participating stores is available online at [gardencentersofcolorado.org](http://gardencentersofcolorado.org).

No paper, glass, trash, or items other than plastic plant containers will be collected at these events. These plastics are not recyclable in your purple Denver Recycles cart.



**Athmar Park N.A.** – Yea! The bulldozers have arrived at Alameda Square. The sounds of champagne corks popping are from us!

**Baker Historic N.A.** – The Heirshfeld Tower remodel is complete and has become an asset to the community. The energy efficient building will be a model for other housing projects. The Daly Park upgrade is in its first design.

**Bonnie Brae N.A.** – We are anxiously awaiting the decision of Denver Public Schools (DPS) as to the fate of the Knight Academy building on Exposition Avenue. There have been groups of neighbors from several organizations that have approached DPS with ideas and suggestions.

**Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods** – This year's Capitol Hill People's Fair at Civic Center Park will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Y'all come!

**Cole N.A.** – Cole is having a neighborhood cleanup and tree planting day on Saturday.

**Denver Mayor's Office** – Heather Berry says the City has prepared large-format postcards with advice on how to deal with coyotes in the city. There are numerous road projects financed by both bond money and federal stimulus funds. Traffic disruptions are anticipated.

**Denver Parks and Recreation (P&R)** – Angela Casias is the new representative to INC from P&R. She is administrative assistant to P&R Manager Kevin Patterson. Casias will be attending INC meetings regularly. She says the latest recreation center recommendations are posted on the P&R web site. The department is planning activities for Arbor Day and Earth Day at the end of April. The Dog-park Master Plan is on line until April 30<sup>th</sup> with a public meeting planned for May.

**Green Valley Ranch Citizen's Advisory Board** – Working on the first annual Earth Day this April 19<sup>th</sup> and also working with Denver Public Schools on the new P-12 school to open in August, 2010.

**Lowry** – The fire on March 8<sup>th</sup> (no losses!) was a great way for neighbors to get together – too bad we did not take neighborhood applications with us.

**Mayfair Neighbors** – The Reverend Doctor Percy Lyle (percy399@yahoo.com) is the new representative for May-

fair. He takes the position on the death of long-time INC member Nancy Jackson.

**Park Forest H.O.A.** – The Park Forest garage sale will be Saturday and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sloan's Lake** – Larry Ambrose reports the flock of American White Pelicans has returned for their summer stay at Sloan's Lake.



## From the Chair Karen Cuthbertson

This column isn't really neighborhood-related, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many, many kind words and deeds that have come my way in response to the burglary of my home a few weeks ago. While I remain extraordinarily ticked off and have had to take extreme precautions against ID theft, all the rest of the subsequent events have been wonderful. I told one person the night of the burglary. Within a few hours, I got a call from my older sister, who said she'd gotten an email about it. Talk about six degrees of separation! The next day, a little non-profit I'd been helping out with computer problems loaned me a laptop "for as long as you need it". A neighboring RNO president even gave me a couple of gift cards. ... and the list goes on and on. I was relating this to someone at a meeting and he mentioned that - while this probably isn't the recommended way to go about it - it's sometimes nice to know that you're part of a network and a larger community and that they're there to pull for you when the need arises. Come to think of it, I couldn't come up with a more neighborhood-related column. You guys ROCK!



## New Liquor Policies



New liquor and cabaret policies are announced by the City.

By Michael Henry, Chair, INC Zoning and Planning Committee.

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Awilda Marquez, the Director of the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses, published a number of significant changes to the Department's Policies and Procedures Pertaining to Liquor and 3.2 Beer Licenses (previously published on January 14<sup>th</sup>). Neighborhood leaders should be pleased with these changes affecting neighborhoods that were adopted following comments from neighborhood leaders:

- The Department will now send written notification to the contact persons for each registered neighborhood organization "whose boundaries encompass any portion of the Designated Area of the purpose, date, time, and place of a hearing" on a new liquor or cabaret license application. In the past, notices were only sent to RNOs where the proposed location was located or if the proposed location was within 200 feet of the RNO's boundary.
- Either the representative of the protestants at a hearing or, if no representative was used, any resident of or owner or manager of a business in the Designated Area who testified at length as a party in interest will receive a copy of the hearing officer's Recommended Decision. Note that an RNO representative is not necessarily a "party in interest" unless he or she also resides in or owns or manages a business in the Designated Area and speaks as such. In order to review a copy of the Recommended Decision, an RNO representative will need to communicate and coordinate with others who testified as "parties in interest."
- A new section was added to specify the procedures for an application for underage patron license for cabarets (already allowed by city ordinance).
- A number of other clarifications were made.

The full text of the new Policies and Procedures can be found at [www.denvergov.org/excise\\_and\\_licenses](http://www.denvergov.org/excise_and_licenses) by clicking on Liquor Licenses, then clicking on Policies and Procedures.

## Street Sweeping

SHOW YOUR PRIDE  
MOVE YOUR RIDE



Citywide seasonal street sweeping began April 1<sup>st</sup> and we need your help to keep Denver clean! Check the red and white signs posted for street sweeping parking restrictions (not every block has restrictions) so that Public Works Street Maintenance can provide the best street sweeping service possible. Citations for not following the posted parking restrictions on street sweeping days are \$25.00. Residential streets in Denver are only swept once per month where posted so please be sure to *SHOW YOUR PRIDE AND MOVE YOUR RIDE* according to the signs on your block!

There are two ways to help remember your street sweeping day:

1. Sign up to receive a free email or SMS/text message to remind you of your sweeping day. Visit [www.keepitcleandenvr.org](http://www.keepitcleandenvr.org) and click on the "Show Your Pride, Move Your Ride" sweeper icon to sign up. Be sure you know what day of the week your sweeping day falls on (for example, "the 3rd Thursday of the month") so that you can enter it on your reminder sign-up.
2. Call Denver's customer service line, 311, and request "No Parking" sticker reminders for your calendar.

## Keep the Plants



Plastic Pot Recycle . Plastic garden pots of any size or color, hanging baskets (with wires removed), carrying trays, and flower packs of any type will be accepted for recycling at Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York Street, on

June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, participating stores will accept these types of plastics anytime at their locations. A list of participating stores is available online at [gardencentersofcolorado.org](http://gardencentersofcolorado.org).

No paper, glass, trash, or items other than plastic plant containers will be collected at these events. These plastics are not recyclable in your purple Denver Recycles cart so please take advantage of this special event to recycle your garden plastics.



# 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](http://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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Voting Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)  
 Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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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**Meeting Saturday  
May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
The public  
is welcome to attend.

**Regis University**  
**Main Hall, Room 333**  
**3333 Regis Blvd.**  
See map on page 10

**8:30 a.m.**

Coffee and chat

**9:00 a.m.**

Welcome from Art Engel,  
Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors  
and Councilman Rick Garcia

**9:10 a.m.**

Regis Community Garden

**9:20 a.m.**

Around the City

**10:15 a.m.**

Break

**10:30 a.m.**

Regina Huerter, Director  
Denver Crime Prevention and  
Control Commission  
Update on Graffiti Oversight  
Committee

**11:15 a.m.**

Suzette Reed, Denver Graffiti  
Fellow  
DPS Mural Project

**11:45 a.m.**

Committee Reports

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