Early Education

Get the inside scoop on preschool and kindergarten! At the Early Education Scoop, enrollment experts will be on hand to answer your questions about all aspects of preschool and kindergarten at DPS, including tuition, transportation, the "School of Choice" process, special-needs programming, advanced kindergarten, English language acquisition and duallanguage programming, Montessori programs, and before- and after-school care. Childcare will be provided but you must r.s.v.p. one week prior to the event if you plan to bring the kids. To learn more or r.s.v.p., go to www.dpsk12.org/scoop.

Early Education Scoop Event Dates (all times are 6 to 8 p.m.)

- November 8th, Center for Early Education, 3245 East Exposition Avenue. December 8th, Palmer Elementary School, 995 Grape Street.
- January 6th, Valdez Elementary School, 2525 West 29th Avenue.

Contact Marissa Ferrari, Communications Office, Denver Public Schools. (720) 423-3681, ext 33681, marissa ferrari@dpsk12.org

Saturday Old-house Workshops



Denver's Old House Society holds Saturday morning workshops November 13th in the Platt Park Neighborhood. Denver's Old House Society, a nonprofit dedicated to educating owners of old (50+ years) houses and helping them protect their neighborhoods, hosts Saturday Morning Workshops® at Hope Community Church, 1801 South Logan Street. Three 45-minute workshops, all focusing on the interior of the home, will be offered, and exhibitors will present information on products and services for old houses. Reg-

istration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the first workshop is at 9:00 a.m. and the last concludes at noon. Tickets are available on-line at www.DenversOldHouseSociety.org, at select retailers, or at the door. Seating is limited. The cost is a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

The three workshops include: "Leaded and Stained Glass Windows," presented by Denver Art Glass; "Color Palettes for Arts & Crafts Style Mike Delva of Homes," (bungalows, Denver Squares, et cetera) given by color consultant Robert Rust; and "Period Kitchen Details," offered by Kelli Ortegren of Classic Homeworks. Saturday Morning Workshops® are designed to give homeowners succinct but vital information specifically crafted for old houses. The event also allows homeowners to talk with other old-house lovers and exchange information about caring for their homes.

Exhibitors of products and services for old houses include Lapis Design and Build and Denver's Old House Society that will have pre-fair tickets available for the upcoming Old House Fair in February.

Tickets are available at these select retailers: Modern Bungalow, University Hills Plaza Shopping Center, 2594 South Colorado Boulevard; Mod Livin', 5327 East Colfax Avenue;

> Architectural Salvage, Inc., 5001 North Colorado Boulevard; and Clotheshorse, 4232 Tennyson Street

> more information, www.denversoldhousesociety.org or call, 303-459-4710.

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Time to renew

The INC 2010 membership year ends on December 31st. Now is the time to begin thinking about renewing your RNO's membership for 2011 as it can be difficult to get these little details taken care of. See the application form for 2011 on page 13.



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INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

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-Regis United Neighbors Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn

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

Cultural Arts Residential Org (CARO)

Curtis Park Neighbors

East Montclair Neighborhood Assn

Elyria Neighborhood Assn

Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business 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

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 HOA

Lower Downtown Neighborhood Assn (LoDoNA)

Lowry Community Master Assn Lowry United Neighborhoods

Master Homeowner Assn for Green Valley Ranch

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc

Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn Montbello 20-20

Morrison Road Business Association of Denver

Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park

North City Park Civic Assn Northwest Ouadrant Assn

Overland Park Neighborhood Assn

Park Forest Homeowner's Assn

Platt Park Peoples Assn

Rangeview Neighborhood Assn

Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A.

Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO

Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn South City Park Neighborhood Assn

South City Park Neighborhood Assn South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn

Southmoor Park East Homeowners

Assn

Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn

Southwest Improvement Council - SWIC

Stapleton Master Community Assn

Stapleton United Neighbors Stokes Place Green Bowers HOA Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc

The Unsinkables

University Hills Neighborhood Assn University Park Community

Council

Upper Downtown Development Org

Villa Park Neighborhood Assn

Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn

Warrens University Community Council

Washington Park East Neighborhood

West Highland Neighborhood Assn West University Community Assn (WUCA)

West Washington Park NA

Whittier Neighborhood Assn

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Delegation Recap By Ray Ehrenstein

INC Delegates gathered on Saturday, October 9th at 7350 East 29th Avenue in the offices of Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC) at the invitation of Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN). Chair Steve Nissen called the delegation to order at 9:05 a.m. The Chair introduced SUN President Steven Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence told us that only 16 years ago this was an airport and that "today we have 4,400 housing units and 11,000 people." He acknowledged Andrew Schurger, SUN's delegate to the INC, Michael Sapp of Councilman Hancock's staff, as well as Cheryl Cohen-Vader, President of the SDC, who then welcomed us. Councilman Hancock provided the morning refreshments. Cheryl gave us an update on the Stapleton Neighborhood telling us that they were excited about the new interchange going in at Yosemite Street and Central Park Boulevard that would open up the north end of Stapleton to further development. She said that it was partially bond money and partially stimulus money that had made this possible soon rather than the possibly five to ten years as earlier projected. This of course has provided many jobs. The other project is the Stapleton/3 elementary school going into the surrounding area. This area, formerly targeted for business development, is now available for single unit homes. This new neighborhood will eventually be at the gateway of a new transit center. Cheryl invited us to drive around and see the area for ourselves. She said the old parking structure nearby would be coming down in two to three months now that RTD has moved to their temporary location; she also told us that the old air controller tower would remain standing. She said they had no idea what it would be used for but that they were open to ideas and that it would remain as a symbol of the community and a reminder of its history. Michael Henry asked Cheryl what percentage of the area is built out now; she answered about 45 percent. She continued that Mercy Housing (Bluff Lake Apartment Homes) was inclusive housing and so would have low and moderate-income housing. She said that if one drives about one would be hard pressed to pick out this housing from the more expensive developments. Steve Lawrence added that there is, in the latest area concept plan for Stapleton, a section for building about 350 apartment complexes. At this point Mr. Lawrence introduced Councilman Michael Hancock. Michael said "This is the Mayor of Stapleton, by the way." referring to Steve Lawrence. Councilor Hancock said this is the fastest growing area in Denver. He expects that most of the economic development in Denver in the next 50 years will occur east of Colorado Boulevard; he calls it "the next frontier of Denver "

Hancock said that DIA was really the initial driving force behind this growth. He put Stapleton's phenomenal

growth into perspective by pointing out that areas like Montbello and Green Valley Ranch took 30 years to reach the population that the Stapleton Neighborhood has achieved in just the last 16 years. He added that one of the driving forces is the strong educational systems that came here first. He mentioned Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST) and asserted that Stapleton's good schools are what bring the families.

Michael continued that the new regional FBI Center will be close to the new elementary school and, in banter with Cheryl, they determined, considering that, Stapleton was either the safest or most dangerous neighborhood in the city! He praised INC for our citizen participation and said he had learned recently at a conference that only 20 percent of citizens normally will turn out to participate in civic activities such as city governance, education issues, zoning, parks, and the like and that only 15 percent are hard-core, dependable folks like the members of INC. He thanked us all for our leadership.

The Chair asked for approval of the September minutes. Michael Henry Moved and Steve Lawrence seconded the motion; it passed unanimously. Steve Nissen continued that the financial statement printed in the newsletter was misleading and showed us at a deficit. That was a mistake; we actually have a positive balance of \$22,811.00.

The Chair regretted the recent passing of Dorothy Wells of Cook Park and Wally Weston of University Park and Cory-Merrill and started two sympathy cards around to the delegates for signature if they wished.

Chair Nissen then passed the "Around the City" clipboard out for annotation.

After we returned from the break, the Chair introduced Nancy Severson, Manager of the Department of Environmental Health. Nancy thanked Steve and told us her De-



Nancy Severson speaks about the Department of Environmental Health

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

partment is a Denver Charter Agency and that she has been there for seven years. Her topic was "Healthy Communities and How We Can Achieve That Goal." She said her Department consists of five different divisions: The Office of Medical Examiner, Community Health and Support, Public Health and Inspections, Animal Care and Control, and Environmental Quality.

Nancy then regaled us with the grisly details of the excavations going on at the Botanic Gardens, known to be at the site of an ancient Denver cemetery. We learned that the Medical Examiner's forensics team included interns who had worked daily for a couple of months with the excavators recovering and identifying the remains of variously disturbed and doubtless wrathful inhabitants! Since then, the team believes they have found a proper resting place for the excavated citizens in another historic mortuary within Denver that would allow them the "History they could return to...." Nancy rather nervously concluded that the team members, including interns, learned much about our older neighbors' burial customs that were of historic significance. We wish Nancy and all the team a safe and restful Halloween.

Michael Henry, having learned the protocol "Call the Coroner" from the excavations going on in Cheesman Park (perchance not coincidentally placed atop another hoary Denver cemetery), had learned that, where the finished excavations have occurred, they found one rich Protestant. It seems however, according to Michael, that this part of the hallowed burial ground was "where the more affluent lived - er - were interred." Was Michael's slip of the tongue a warning from some disturbed Spirit? Perhaps Michael too should keep his windows tightly closed this Halloween.

However, on a more cheery note, Michael said they would soon begin excavating at the Cheesman Cemetery's outside perimeter where the poorer citizens were buried so of course "they were expecting to find a lot more...." Nancy Severson interjected, "We'll be busy." She went on to say, "Thank goodness, there are a lot of Interns!" It seems that the team is getting interns from Metropolitan State College of Denver and even from out of state to boost staffing. One wonders if these young people know what they are getting into and are prepared for the consequences? One may surely hope that no young person (or elder) will be expected to pull an excavating shift on All Hallows Night!

Community Health has a five year grant originally from Kaiser Permanente (including "Live Well") and will work in the Greater Park Hill Community to help these communities identify problems. Although kids were sometimes afraid to play out of doors in some areas, the Division has partnered successfully with "Bike Depot," a nonprofit which recycles bikes (at 28th Avenue and Fairfax Street). Here potential riders, young and old, can come in and "earn their bike" through learning to repair and main-

tain bikes, learn safety rules, and, at the course's end, they get the bike as well as a helmet and some other safety gear.

Environmental Quality deals with air, water, and land and, as a primary task, they are supposed to provide the public with assured water quality. Nancy offered that, "Well, we can't quite assure it but if it's not good we're going to work and investigate - and work with all the businesses and even City agencies that need to step up so that it will improve." She spoke of the confluence area and described how, at periods of different water flow and low levels, we get E. coli problems. The Division works with the media to inform the public of dangerous periods and the need to curtail water-related recreational activities. They do testing and reporting on air, water, and land. They also conduct environmental site cleanups such as "radium streets" and "brownfields."

Public Health has inspections in restaurants daily; there are 4,000 plus restaurants in Denver. They are doing some revamping of the Food Safety Code. In response to a questioner, Nancy told us they have nearly 30 inspectors including the three-member "very slim management team" and we were assured that they are very efficient and that everybody spends time in the field. They also must monitor public events.

Animal Care and Control has expanded their adoption events enormously with up to 170 volunteers at the shelters with a goal of every shelter having a very high save rate. We learned that we should call 311 to report dead animals since it is Public Works' responsibility and that Solid Waste will actually pick up dead animals. Nancy is looking forward to the new animal shelter opening in June.

Nancy's department also handles noise complaints but they have but one noise inspector; however, they hope to get his assistant back. Abandoned waste is handled by her agency's many contractors on call for different kinds of waste. Housing issues include the thriving of bed bugs that travel easily and are proliferating. They have one contractor who uses intense heat of about 140 degrees to kill the bugs in dorms and apartment buildings, but this is expensive. In Housing, they have four inspectors for the City. It seems we have our own CSI that works at crime scenes and give expert testimony in court. Another external partner is the Denver Office of HIV Resources that works with a very large planning council including a number of members of the HIV community. They manage, for the entire metro area, a government grant under the Ryan White Act of almost \$8,000,000 a year. Nancy continued that the aforesaid planning council helps to determine the distribution of those resources.

The Environmental Management System will be certifying Denver for meeting international standards and has already certified three-fourths of the City; we can expect to be the first city in the country to have all our City agencies certified. The Restaurant Association suggested ticketing non-compliant restaurants on food safety. The inspectors

would give a first time warning to be followed by escalating fines as well as the regular public postings. When asked by Dave Felice, we learned from Nancy that they have been involved with the environmental remediation here at Stapleton as well as at Lowry.

Nancy said her agency is trying to bring health-food grocers to "food deserts" within the City where obesity and diabetes are wide spread problems. She asked rhetorically, "If we can bring such grocers to a community, will the people eat such quality foods if they are made available - and the answer is yes!" We learned that the food-stamp program is under-utilized in Colorado and we want to get eligible people to use them as this will put more of their freed -up money back into the economy. They are looking for smaller businesses that are having a large impact upon the environment such as repair shops that, out of ignorance, use storm sewers for improper disposal. Now they are working on how to sell these small businesses on the cost savings gained by proper recycling and good business practices. Ms. Severson had a great deal more but saw she was exceeding her time and closed with the offer to supply the INC her power point presentation.

Angela Casias of Parks and Recreation (PR) then presented an overview of "The City's Admission Based Event (ABE) policy - where we are and where we are going." This policy now has been adopted by the Manger of Parks and Recreation, Kevin Patterson, so the permitting will begin November 1st going into December. Angela gave us a handout showing the parks that are in the policy. She noted that Park Hill Park and Ruby Hill Park are Festival Sites that will be available for ABEs but without alcohol



Angela Casias of the Parks and Recreation Department informs INC of the ABE policy.

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

while the other designated parks like City Park will have alcohol permitted. The Denver Event Facilities will be at Civic Center building, Chief Hosa Lodge, Washington Park Boat House, and City Park Pavilion; also, the Central Park at Stapleton Event facility will be available but with-

out alcohol. The Manager does reserve the right to designate another area based upon the criteria and policy - that Angela then read to us once again: tickets sales will be no more than 7,500 per park per day. Angela stated that there are but three locations large enough to hold this size of event; Civic Center, City Park, and Ruby Hill Parks. Considering the work going on at City Park and Ruby Hill Park, the only site that will be available this coming year will be Civic Center Park. All appropriate holiday and grandfathered-in events as well as rest periods will be blacked out. PR is forming an internal group to review applications. Open, free events will be considered first and only then ABEs. Permitting will be staggered and fees are still being worked on but the current discussion is to collect at least 10 percent either on a seat tax or a general 10 percent collection with 5 percent going to the affected park and 5 percent going to the citywide maintenance fund for the parks. A damage deposit also will be collected. When PR finalizes their fees, the policy will be sent to City Council within the next month or so and Angela promised that the information would be sent to all the RNOs with plenty of time for them to discuss the policy with City Council. PR agreed to take and keep Sloan's Lake Park off the list. She said that a Festival Site could be added by the Manager to the Festival Events list without public input but not so an ABE. She concluded that they would implement this policy slowly, evaluate carefully the revenue, and activate only where study indicates feasibility. She was guizzed by Jennifer Tomeny as to where people would park at Ruby Hill Park for such a large event. Angela said she would take this issue back to PR although she seemed certain that the event promoter would have to supply a parking plan.

Dave Felice and Michael Smilanic, representing "Parks are for People" and not INC, then were allowed 15 minutes



Dave Felice and Michael Smilanic (sitting) present the "Parks are for People" position on the ABE policy.

Photo by Ken Beaudrie

to state their position that ABEs are neither beneficial nor acceptable. Together they restated their organization's stance to that effect. Dave asserted that the City "was victorious for now" but that, "the will of the people would triumph" and ensured that the parks should remain open to

the people. Mr. Felice said, "that any part of a public park being closed to the public is too much." Michael Smilanic pointed out that, while there was a history of horse tracks and other admission based events in Denver parks many years ago, this happened when the land was actually owned privately. Michael argued that with these ABEs, the gained revenues would be inconsequential when compared to a \$50,000,000 budget. He concluded, "'Parks are for People' will continue to fight to keep the issue before the people at mayoral and other City elections."

INC's next Zoning and Planning Committee meeting on the October 23rd will have a discussion by Neighborhood Inspections Service. And on October 25th, City Council will hold the public meeting on Jeannie Robb's amendment on Medical Marijuana in Residential Neighborhoods. Moreover, the very next day on October 26th, there is a Board of Adjustment hearing on short-term rentals in Denver, an issue upon which INC has already taken a position. Michael also is seeking volunteers to help with the updating of the Neighborhood Guide.

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee's next meeting is on October 19th at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive has a \$6,700 balance, a good start on next year. Steve urged the purchase of the Macy's coupon to help the Dictionary Drive. Cathee Fisher told us of kids writing to thank INC for their books; she again thanked us for our support.

When asked by the Chair, Steve Lawrence reported that the Justice Center committee will meet on the 20th of the month and that the following Wednesday, the Dale Tooley Memorial Plaza will be dedicated with members of the Tooley family present.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at noon.

Executive Committee Recap By Ray Ehrenstein

The INC Executive Committee (EC) was called to order by Steve Nissen at 7:05 p.m. on October 11th at 1201 Williams Street, 19th floor. Present were Chair Nissen, Vice-chair Brad Zieg, Secretary Ray Ehrenstein, and EC Members-at-Large Larry Ambrose, William Cornell, Randle Loeb, and George Mayl, a quorum. Also present were Membership/Newsletter Committees Chair Ken Beaudrie, Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Michael Henry, Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair Katie Fisher, and Safety Cochair Anthony Thomas.

The Chair asked for approval of the last EC meeting minutes; Randle Loeb moved to approve and Brad Zieg seconded. They were approved unanimously.

There was no Treasurer's Report; however, Steve repeated what we had heard at the Delegates meeting - we are actually \$23,000 to the good in our treasury and we have \$6,700 towards next year's Dollar Dictionary Drive. Actually most all of what we discussed this night was already covered in the Minutes of the Delegate's meeting that had occurred only two days prior so there is little to add herein.

Will Cornell did present a well-stated Marketing Committee Plan for 2010-2011 and gave us a handout replete with a mission statement as well as his proposed plan. Including everything from domain name and web hosting service to web design and other components, the total expected expenditures for a full scale Marketing Committee should be in the range of \$3,230.

The new *INC Brochure* and the *Neighborhood Hand-book* were discussed again with Michael Henry telling us that the Handbook topic would be further stated and advanced at the ZAP meeting on October 23rd. Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher reminded us that the "Purple Pipes" forum would likely be in January, 2011.

Also under new business, we received a INC monthly meetings schedule that shows the INC Delegate Meeting is scheduled at Arrupe Jesuit High School at 4343 Utica Street on November 13th, with Mary Malatesta, the new Manager of Safety as well as the Police Chief, the new Fire Chief, and the Sheriff expected to be present.

Steve Nissen again urged us to take the Macy's coupons to sell for the benefit the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

The EC meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Zoning and Planning Notes By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met October 23rd.

An update on the "vacation rentals by owner" concern included a *Time* magazine article on this worldwide phenomenon that is a current problem in Denver neighborhoods when owners illegally rent houses for less than 30-day periods. The hearing at the Board of Adjustment on October 26th is expected to be very well attended. Zoning Administrator Michael O'Flaherty said this matter comes under "permanent occupancy." He is researching to find a law that makes it illegal for an owner to sub-lease a house

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.

for a few days. Tim Kristofek, a Chief Inspector of Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS), said this problem of "illegal use" is under investigation.

Mike Sizemore, Director of Inspection Services that includes NIS, enforces the codes established by the Building and the Zoning Codes. He and Tim Kristofek reported that there have been increased permits this year, thus more inspections. An informational handout on inspections made January through September was distributed. In some cases, more "warnings" are issued but compliance always results. A new technology platform for field inspectors to increase efficiency is being developed with agencies including permitting, planning, and the Fire Department. Citizens are asked to call 311 to register complaints; they also may contact michael.sizemore@denvergov.org, michael.o'flaherty@denvergov.org, or Tim Kristofek at 720-865-3280.

Tina Axelrad of the Planning Office distributed copies of "Proposed Text Amendment #5" to the Denver Zoning Code. In the months during which either the new Zoning Code or the previous one could be used, a number of situations have identified a need to amend the code further with regard to process, limitations, clarity, basics, terms, and more. This proposal goes to the Planning Board on November 3rd, to City Council committee on November 11th, and to public hearing circa December 20th.

ZAP questions and comment topics on the above presentations included marijuana dispensaries and plant-growing, restaurant outdoor patios, the sound ordinance, weekend-rented party houses near DU, parkway right-of-way (the Parkway ordinance has precedence over Public Works), parking of recreational vehicles on residential lots, and more. In closing, Mr. O'Flaherty expressed appreciation for ZAP members' continuing diligence.

Speaker Steve Charbonneau, Director of Community Mediation Concepts (CMC), said it receives calls to mediate conflict situations from 311, police officers, neighborhood organizations, the Mayor's Office, City Council, and Career Services. It is a non-profit organization under contract with the City's General Services Department. Steve stressed that CMC makes a point that is does not advocate for the City. CMC provides mediation and facilitation services, always with parties who volunteer to participate. "Helping People talk to People," its work includes property line disputes, alleys, the homeless, park use/overuse, good neighbor agreements, and more. Contact at 311, 303-651-6534, or cmc@FindSolutions.org

There will be **no** ZAP Meeting in November. The next meeting will be either December 4th or 11th. You will be notified or check the INC website closer to December.

Dollar Dictionary Drive By Cathee Fisher

Dinosaur Thesaurus is NOT extinct! Since 1996, INC every year has given a dictionary and thesaurus of his or her own to every third-grade student attending Denver Public Schools. Initially a dictionary for a dollar was possible. Who knew the dictionaries delivered to us were a two-forone book of a dictionary and thesaurus combined? For five years, this two-for-one book deal was only \$1.00. HOO-RAY! A great idea got better and the kids and their teachers loved it!

Life changes and the availability of the two-for-one book changed to two separate books. In addition, we had the opportunity to purchase a dictionary that included the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence, the periodic and multiplication tables, country and state maps, demographics, and many other references. This expanded dictionary of over 500 pages is only \$1.70 each.

In 2010, INC has reached a wall we cannot climb. Dispite diligent efforts, our fundraising does not allow us to purchase a thesaurus for \$1.50 each for 6,300 third-grader students in 94 Denver elementary schools.

Our book supplier and supporter for many years is The Dictionary Project. The "Dinosaur Thesaurus" is available for purchase by any individual, group, or school for the students of Denver or the United States. The dictionary, the thesaurus, and other resource books for students are offered. Check out www.dictionaryproject.org for more details.

Hopefully the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive is just catching its breath. With your help and support, we will climb this wall and conquer our next challenge. Donations are tax deductible. Send to DDD, PO Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218.

Thank you all for your support.

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- ☐ Create valuable compost

If you cannot reuse all your leaves in your yard or garden, bring them to the Denver LeafDrop site closest to you and we will compost them!

Brown Bag Them and Go! Save your plastic trash bags and our time by bringing your leaves in paper yard-debris bags. Unlike plastic bags, brown paper bags can be composted with your leaves. Many hardware, home improvement, and department stores sell paper yard-debris bags.

Or even better, bring your leaves in reusable containers or tarps that we can empty and give back to you.

LeafDrop Times and Locations

Saturday Drop-off Location:

October 30th, November 6th and 13th ONLY, noon to 4 p.m. Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station - 7301 East Jewell Avenue (Quebec Street and Cherry Creek Drive South) Sunday Drop-off Locations:

October 31st, November 7th and 14th ONLY, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

- Southeast: Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station -7301 East Jewell Avenue (Quebec Street. and Cherry Creek Drive South)
- Southeast: South High School (Louisiana Avenue and Franklin Street.)
- Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park (17th Avenue at Sheridan Boulevard.)
- Southwest: John F. Kennedy High School (Newland Street and Brown Place)
- East Central: Cranmer Park (3rd Avenue and Clermont Street.)
- Northeast: Smiley Middle School (26th Avenue and Holly Street.)

Weekday Drop-off Locations:

October 4th through December 3rd, except holidays, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- Havana Nursery: 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana Street.
- Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station: 7301 East Jewell Avenue (Quebec Street and Cherry Creek Drive South).

Weekday LeafDrops must be in tied or secured bags; paper bags are preferred.

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Treat your Halloween jack-o-lanterns and pumpkins to a second chance by composting them with Denver Leaf**Drop**!

Parks and Recreation Notes By Diana Helper

The INC Parks and Recreation Committee met on October 19th, 6 p.m., at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street. Present were Co-chairman Larry Ambrose, Joe Anderson, Ray Ehrenstein, Dave Felice, Diana Helper, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Johnstone, Steve Nissen, Jay

Rust, Kathleen Rust, James Sample, Michael Smilanic, Kathleen Wells, Brad Zieg, and included Paul Ryan (DPR Advisory Board member).

Angela Casias of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department joined the meeting via speakerphone because there was an emergency at her house and she was unable to attend in person. She reported that the final draft of the Dog Park Master Plan was to be posted after presentation at the Council Land Use Committee. INCPR asked that it be posted before that meeting so citizens have an opportunity to read and comment. Angela agreed to ask that this be done.

Regarding the Big Air (snowboarding event) in Civic Center Park, Angela believed it is not an admission-based event (ABE) because those paying to see it will be sitting at the edge of the park, although the event they are there to see is in the park. Streets will be closed. Angela will find out what kind of park permit was granted and what special arrangement was made to allow the ski-ramp height and other special needs of this event.

Angela said that no more procedures for ABEs have been set, including fee schedules. She has no list of sponsors for the Open Air Cinema and said that there has been no action on their application for a tayern license.

Regarding the City Park Master Plan, it was unclear because of phone difficulties whether Angela said there had been – or were going to be – numerous public meetings held before the public hearing. INCPR members in that area were not aware that there have been such meetings.

Larry mentioned that he had heard there was advertising on dispensers installed in City Park this summer. DPR will place stickers to cover advertising on dog-bag dispensers DPR bought from Mr. Airy. Larry reported the Sloan's Lake Marina Project is moving in slow motion. Angela will check on the Sloan's Lake project slow-down. The Notification Subcommittee will resume in January. INCPR thanked Angela for her phone-attendance and information.

INCPR discussed the "Rock & Roll Race." There will be a post-race meeting for affected neighborhoods. This event needed much better notification with DPR and neighbors included in the plans. Churches, particularly affected, asked for information but received none. The event should not be held on a Bronco home game day, traffic is bad enough without that. Next year's race will be on October 16th, so be ye forewarned.

Michael Smilanic told of his experience obtaining public records from DPR regarding information on its cost benefit analysis for ABEs. It was clear that there are concerns that misinformation was used by the DPR Advisory Board (PRAB) as the basis for its decision on ABE. INCPR decided to draft a letter about this matter that is being written by Michael and Kathleen Rust and Kathleen Wells to be shared with INCPR and ultimately presented for approval to INC delegates, who officially oppose the

new ABE policy. The Committee felt it important that this letter then also be a matter of public (and historical) record.

INCPR discussed the proposed INC "Platform on Parks" drafted by Kathleen Wells. It is intended as a guideline for speaking with mayoral candidates as well as presenting a definition of parks and their purpose, needs for additional parkland and sustainable funding, and community participation in policy. A number of edits were discussed. Kathleen will incorporate these items for further review.

The next INC PARC meeting will be November 16th. The next PRAB meeting will be its "retreat" on November 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the City Park Greenhouse; it is open to the public.



ABC Streets Assn. – The City Park Master Circulation Plan (contact Brita Herwig) is complete and expected to be released soon. Critics suggest the plan encourages vehicle traffic and parking to the detriment of pedestrians and alternative transportation. Work continues on reconstruction of Colorado Boulevard from Alameda Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors (BRUN) – BRUN is excited about the Tennyson Street landscape to get going in the spring. Public Works will also open up the street to upgrade services, so this will, unfortunately, create detours through the neighborhoods. We are talking to Councilperson Sandoval to discuss options to lessen the impact on the side streets.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) – CHUN welcomes two new neighbors, 1) The Denver Film Society will take over the former Neighborhood Flix Theater in the Lowenstein project at 2500 East Colfax Avenue and 2), the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is completing it 98-unit residential and retail complex at East Colfax Avenue and Pearl Street.

Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board – Join the annual 5k Gobble-Wobble run/walk on November 20th at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. Get more information at www.mygvr.org.

Hampden Heights Civic Assn. – The association is opening the availability of Hampden Height's pool member-

ships to other community individuals and welcomes families and individuals who would like to use the pool and surrounding grounds. For information on annual fees and convenient payment schedules, contact Sandra Sage at 303-750-4401.

Lowry – The Lowry Redevelopment Authority moved into the town center while they wind down. Hangar 2 has its restaurant district in place along with a doggy day care and a storage facility. Neighbors are keeping an eye on development.

Overland Park N.A. (OPNA) – Overland Park Neighborhood is forming a community garden and Jon Cook has donated the Shadduck area for this; it has water-taps available.

On Saturday October 23rd after the INC ZAP meeting, Jim Sample and Ray Ehrenstein hurried down to join their OPNA President Catherine Sandy, Vice-president Ronnie Crawford, and other members of OPNA to welcome Casey Davenhill's busload of League of Women Voters (including some INC regulars) to Grant Frontier Park so that our members could provide them a lunch break. There we all enjoyed an animated and fascinating presentation by Carl Crookum, a former schoolteacher and member of SPREE. Carl told us of how his junior high-school students and he had built the log cabin there. Then he described how a nearby wooden structure with a pulley and large metal bucket were used to remove rock from bores through granite following a succession of explosive dynamite charges, seeking after gold in the Rockies. Then Carl led us down a few hundred yards to the river where we tried our hand at panning for gold in the South Platte. Here we also encountered actual modern day gold seekers who had set up sluices and were hauling buckets of river mud and gravel to their contraptions, not simply for our edification, but in their own efforts to find gold. One miner showed us a tiny nugget which he had found that day. Then we returned with Carl to the cabin site where he and a younger man (who had been among those former junior high students) and now was accompanied by his own two children, all handing us dry twigs from cottonwood trees. Carl told us a Native American legend on how the stars got into cottonwood trees roots and then returned from those topmost twigs into the night sky. We enjoyed a hands-on lesson on how to select and break a cottonwood's fallen twigs just so - to find the stars contained within. The stars are quite perfectly formed and remarkable to see! Also, it was Casey Davenhill's birthday and Mr. Crookum presented her with a beautiful ring with another perfect star nestled within the dark stone of its design.

Our members may recall that INC gave Casey Davenhill her own Neighborhood Star last year! She and her friends just keep on educating us!

Parks are for People – Go to www.parksforpeople.org to follow updates and information regarding the effort to keep our parks ours – the residents and taxpayers that fund them.

Randle Loeb – On December 21st, 5:30 p.m., on the City and County Building's east-side step, there will be a memorial service for homeless people who have died they year. "We will remember." Names are turned into the Colorado Coalition for the homeless. Contact Meg Costello a t 3 0 3 - 2 8 5 - 5 2 2 0 meg.costello@coloradocoalition.org. Also of note, November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. There will be a conference on November 4th and 5th here in Denver as well as other events across Colorado. And the opening of Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Uptown Lofts on December 15th at 10 a.m. at Pearl Street and Colfax Avenue. Contact John Parvensky ip@coloradocoalition.org or 303-293-2217. The 33rd Starz Film Festival at the Tivoli Film Center, Lowenstein Denver Film Center, and the Ellie Caukins Opera House running from November 3rd through 13th. Contact Randle of the Peoples' Leadership Council at 720-292-0757 randleleob@gmail.com about the Denver Metropolitan Registry for care of people who are homeless. It is a place or dinner referral service and a point of ease.

Stapleton United Neighbors – In addition to the ground-breaking of Merg Housing's Bluff Lake Complex and the on-going development, Stapleton will be getting a transit-oriented development to provide over 300 mixed income apartments. Also, DSST, a public school within DPS, recently received a check for one million dollars to continue their current programming and to expand.

University Park – University Park Community Council's annual, free Holiday Sing will be at Observatory Park on December 5th; there will be horse-drawn wagon rides, singing, and more along with an appearance by Santa.

Proposed Rate Increase By Denver Water Board

Denver Water's Board is considering adjusting its rates for 2011 to provide further funding for the utility's capital projects that include replacing and rehabilitating old pipe throughout the city. Denver Water has more than 3,000 miles of pipe, much of which dates back to the 1940s and 1950s. There are numerous opportunities for the public to review and comment on the rates proposal:

- On November 10th at 9 a.m., the Denver Water Board will hold its regular meeting at our administration building. While rates will not be on the agenda, public comments will be accepted at the meeting.
- On November 17th at 9 a.m., the Denver Water Board will hold a regular meeting and vote on the rates proposal. Public comments will be accepted prior to the vote.
- Customers also can e-mail or write letters to the Denver Water Board (Denver Water Board, 1600 West 12th Ave, Denver, CO 80204) with comments on rates.

Denver RecyclesBy Tom Strickland

Denver's Graffiti Program is using recycled paint. "Denver Partners against Graffiti" (DPAG), a program of Solid Waste Management, is on track to cover-up five million square feet of graffiti in 2010. *That's a lot of paint!* That is why DPAG is thrilled to announce that in August, the City's graffiti abatement program began purchasing and using recycled paint for about five percent all the work-orders they complete.

The City's efforts to close the recycling loop for latex paint came about through a partnership with Mix Paints, a local private company. Mix Paints runs a storefront on East Colfax Avenue where they accept, for free, used latex paint from residents and contactors. The paint they collect is then reprocessed and matched to any color and sheen and used by Mix Paints in their services for those customers wanting to use recycled paint. Residents and contractors may also buy the reprocessed paint at the store for \$12 per gallon. The City's graffiti abatement crews find the paint to be of a great quality.

Denver Recycles began encouraging residents to recycle their old latex paint with Mix Paints over the summer and the response has been excellent. Residents are thrilled to have a local resource for recycling their paint and the company reports that they are getting several calls a week from residents that want to make drop-off appointments and properly dispose of their latex paint. Recycling latex paint locally and buying recycled latex paint is an easy way for Denver residents to support local business and help close the recycling loop.

To learn more about Mix Paints or to make an appointment to drop off your latex paint for recycling, visit Mixpaints.com/Recycle or call 1-888-9646-MIX. For more information about Denver Partners Against Graffiti, visit DenverGov.org/Graffiti. For more information about household hazardous waste and recycling, visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

America Recycles Day is November 15th

As America Recycles Day approaches, Denver is encouraging its residents to take a second look at their recycling habits. Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management, is challenging residents who currently do not participate in the City's residential recycling program to sign up in celebration of this national movement.

America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. This day was first celebrated in 1997 and since then it has grown to include millions of Americans who pledge to increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy products made with recycled materials.

Denver is doing a good job of recycling, however there is much more to be done. A study of Denver's residential trash revealed that we are still throwing away significant amounts of recyclable paper (such as cardboard, magazines, newspapers, office paper, junk mail, and paperboard). This study not only found large amounts of recyclable paper in the trash in neighborhoods with low recycling participation, but also found a lot of recyclable paper in the trash in areas with higher recycling participation.

Everyone can help recycle more paper. Residents who are not currently recycling at home can simply sign up for a purple recycling cart. Residents who are currently recycling can evaluate if they are recycling all that they can by remembering to recycle paper items found in every room in the house such as:

- In the **bathroom** toilet paper rolls, tissue boxes, soap boxes, and medicine boxes;
- In the home office writing paper, copy paper, and envelopes;
- In the kitchen paper egg cartons, cereal boxes, pasta boxes, and cracker boxes;
- In any room all forms of junk mail and cardboard boxes.

Remember, cardboard boxes must be flattened and placed inside your Denver Recycles purple cart in order for them to get collected and recycled.

If the 103,000 Denver households who have embraced the recycling program recycle all they can and if the approximately 65,000 additional eligible households sign up to participate in the recycling program, the City would easily double the amount of recyclable materials collected annually.

Residents that would like to start recycling can simply call 311 or sign up on line at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles. For information about other Colorado America Recycles Day activities, visit the Colorado Association for Recycling at www.CAFR.org.





To read the new Fall 2010 issue of Auditor Gallagher's Accountability Update, please go to the Auditor's website provided below.

www.denvergov.org/ Portals/3/documents/ Accountability%20NL-Fall10.pdf

Sand Creek Partners By Caroline Fry

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway's "Neighborhood Partners" team seeks 25 to 40 families who live in neighborhoods along the Greenway in Northern Denver, Southern Commerce City, and Northern Aurora. These families will volunteer on the Greenway for a few hours once a month removing invasive species, picking up trash, planting native trees and shrubs, removing graffiti, and repairing the trail. This team of families will get to know new people in their community while also giving back to their neighborhood. Singles, couples, parents, retirees, and everyone else are encouraged to join. The program will begin in spring of 2011 and will continue until late fall. We are looking into providing special prizes to our families that may include t-shirts, gift certificates to local restaurants and grocery stores, or other special perks. We will also hold an annual kick-off event or end-of-season thankyou picnic on the Greenway for our team members. For more information about the "Neighborhood Partners" team, please contact Caroline Fry at

cfry@sandcreekgreenway.org or 303-468-3262.



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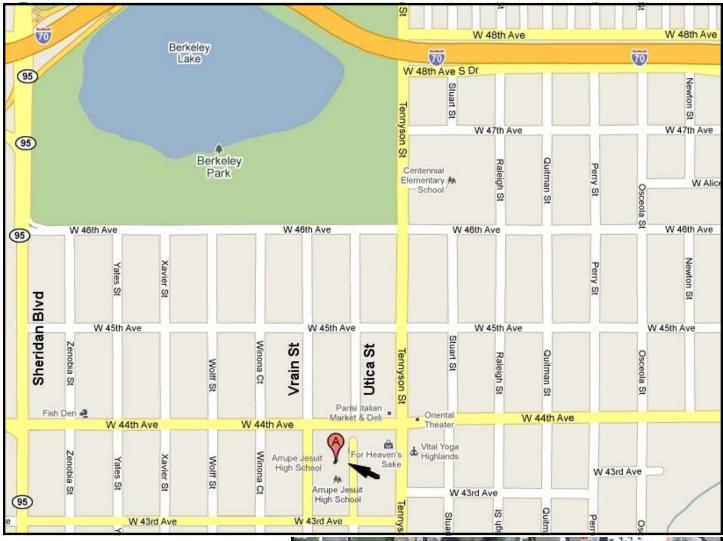
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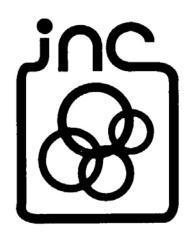


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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation 2011 Membership Application

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.



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Meeting Saturday November 13th

The public is welcome to attend.

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See map on page 12

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Berkeley Regis United Neighbors and Councilman Paul Sandoval

9:10 a.m.

INC Business

9:15 a.m.

Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Mary Malatesta Manager of Safety Jerry Whitman, Chief of Police Eric Tade, Fire Chief Gary Wilson, Director of Corrections **Ouestion and Answers**

11:15 a.m.

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You can always view upcoming INC meeting locations and get information about presentations on our website. Click on the "meetings & more" link.

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