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March 1 to May 31 -- Community Cleanups and Beautifications – Any one! Any day! Any time! If you have an hour or two, we can use you. Pick an area or we will suggest one for you. It is perfect for families, employees, sport and youth groups, et cetera). Show your community pride!

April 22 to April 23 -- "Adopt-A-Spot" Cleanups – Calling all Adopt-A-Spot volunteers; get out there and make those spots sparkle!

April 17 to April 23 -- Earth Day Cleanups – Are you looking for a way to observe Earth Day? Organize a cleanup for Earth Day (**April 22**) or during Earth Day Week (**April 17 through 23**).

Saturday, May 21 -- Citywide Neighborhood Cleanups – *Calling all neighborhoods! It is back!* Rally your neighbors for a block or alley cleanup. Clean out your garage or backyard. Then take your household discards and yard waste* to one of the conveniently located GAC collection sites listed below.

Register early to receive free cleanup supplies and giveaways while supplies last!

Neighborhood Cleanup Day - Free Drop-off Sites

One day only, Saturday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

- ♦ Cherry Creek Transfer Station, 7301 E. Jewell Avenue
- ♦ **North High School,*** 2960 North Speer Boulevard
- ♦ **Montbello High School,*** 5000 Crown Boulevard
- ♦ Kepner Middle Schools, 911 South Hazel Court
- ♦ Bruce Randolph Middle School, 3955 Steele Street

***Goodwill Industries** will be at North and Montbello High Schools to **collect reusable clothes and household items. Mattresses will also be collected** for recycling at these two locations only. **Mattress requirements:** Any mattresses with bed bugs must be wrapped in plastic and labeled "bed bugs."

These items will not be accepted at drop-off sites:

Soil or sod Fireplace and BBQ ashes

Large appliances

Concrete, rocks

Demolition debris, building materials

Auto Parts (including tires)

Railroad ties

Household hazardous waste (oil, paint, batteries, et cetera)

Branches over 4 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter

Register early (www.denvergov.org/portals/519/documents/2011_gac_general_registrationdm.pdf) to receive free cleanup supplies and giveaways while supplies last!

For more information, contact Keep Denver Beautiful at 311 or visit www.DenverGov.org/KDB or email ned-dra.niblet@denvergov.org



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Delegates' Meetings are held on the sec-
 ond 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.

Delegation Recap

By Ray A. Ehrenstein

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation delegates met March 12th at the same time of and in competition with Denver's Saint Patrick's Day Parade! Not too surprisingly, there were no Mayoral "hopefuls" at our gathering although previously they had been much in evidence. Today they were walking or riding and most certainly "running!" in said parade. Even so, some 38 purposeful delegates with friends and visitors had filled our meeting room to near capacity. A good turnout was needed as we had our own 2011 election to conduct. A warm and welcoming meeting room was provided to us once again at 2020 South Monroe Street by the Heritage Club Denver. We were welcomed first by Tom Gonnella, President of University Park Community Council. Tom recognized two of University Park's neighbors who "work tirelessly for the neighborhood - Diana Helper and Mary Myers!" Much applause for our own INC ladies! Tom continued that this year, University Park is celebrating its 125th anniversary and invited us to join them for heightened festivities at the annual Fourth of July Parade at Observatory Park.

Lovely Denise Brown also welcomed us to the Heritage Club Denver. She was glad that our group was back and observed, "somewhere in Heaven, John Simi is smiling at you all." She said she knew that John was the reason why we began having some of our meetings here. She also offered us tours around the place after the meeting. After Steve thanked Denise, Diana Helper rose to remind us that Denise and the Heritage Club provides our Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) a place to meet. "They are just a wonderful neighbor," she said.

The Chair mentioned that INC PARC had given a great presentation at the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last Thursday night that he felt was well received. We all then received a handout of the Mayoral candidates' responses to the PARC's questions. Jay Rust spoke and directed us to observe the candidates' answers in responding to the Parks Platform that INC had recently approved. Jay drew no conclusions, instead allowing us to discern either contradictory statements or good answers on our own.

Although the parade had thinned our ranks of candidates, four candidates were present: Josh Davies and Robin Kniech for City Council At-Large; Michele Fry for City Council District Five; as well as Larry Ambrose who just had qualified to run again for Council District One. Therefore, these folks are herein mentioned and should be praised for choosing us over a mere parade!

Then Steve turned to Michael Henry to speak while Steve handed out the proposed ZAP "Statement of Principles" to vote on later.

Steve then directed us to a Bylaws amendment that was

on the front page of the newsletter regarding the creation of a Website/Communications Standing Committee. Brad Zieg moved and Randle Loeb seconded that we approve creating this committee; it was approved unanimously.

We moved into the elections with Chair Steve Nissen agreeing to be our "victim for another year." Steve asked for "any other nominations?...Please!" that was followed by laughter. George Mayl nominated and Anthony Thomas seconded the nomination; Steve was re-elected unanimously.

Bradley Zieg being term limited, Larry Ambrose was nominated by Jim Sample and seconded by George Mayl for Vice-Chair; his election was unanimous.

As Ray Ehrenstein was not re-running for Secretary, Randle Loeb was nominated by Anthony Thomas and seconded by Will Cornell who also withdrew himself from consideration for that office. Randle was approved unanimously.

As Karen Cuthbertson was not re-running for Treasurer, after some discussion and questioning of the tasks involved, Jennifer Tomeny volunteered for the job. Brad Zieg nominated and Katie Fisher seconded Jennifer for the position; she was elected unanimously.

Then nominations were taken for the five Delegates-at-large positions: John (last name not remembered) nominated and Will Cornell seconded the nomination of George Mayl; Larry Ambrose nominated and Sally Kurtzman seconded the nomination of Cathy Donohue; George Mayl nominated and Ray Ehrenstein seconded the nomination of Jane Lorimer; Steve Lawrence nominated and Al Gallo seconded the nomination of Andrew Schurger; Judy Sullivan nominated and Ray Ehrenstein seconded the nomination of Brad Zieg; and Jane Lorimer nominated and George Mayl seconded the nomination of Will Cornell. Six good candidates being nominated, the Chair called upon each to come forward and speak. All spoke well and the balloting commenced. We were reminded that only five names should be written on each ballot. After the ballots were turned in, Ray, Kathleen, and Rosy withdrew to count the vote. As Steve started the clipboard circulating, the Delegates began "Around the City" before the break.

After the break, Chair Nissen read the names of the top five vote getters. The new Delegate-at-large members of the INC Executive Committee are as follows: Will Cornell, Cathy Donohue, Jane Lorimer, George Mayl, and Andrew Schurger. The winners were applauded.

Steve then introduced Captain Judy Will of the City's Nuisance Abatement Department. Judy told us, "We are the civil law part of the Police Department; the rest is about criminal law." Her office is located at the District One Station and she has six detectives assigned, one assigned to each of the Districts and one senior inspector for zoning. She lost her administrative support last December; the position was never filled so her department is down one member. At the same time, City Council voted to add a



Captain Judy Will of the City's Nuisance Abatement Department. Photo by Ken Beaudrie



Jennifer James and Ann Cuthbertson speak about George Washington High School Photo by Ken Beaudrie

Criminal Predicate to our Ordinance that is unlicensed Medical Marijuana dispensaries. Detective Brian Matos, in her office, is charged with being liaison to the Narcotics Bureau as well as Excise and License. The Narcotics Department has a list of unlicensed dispensaries and, after a criminal action is taken by the officers in Narcotics, Judy's department will step in as nuisance abatement to address the property issue. She admitted that her department rarely gets the opportunity to seize property although she can close the property for one to three years.

Jennifer James and Ann Cuthbertson next spoke to us about George Washington High School that attracts students from all over the City. The school is 50 years old this year and had dead trees and other serious problems. With student help over the last three years, they have planted 42 new trees. Also recognizing that the so-called main entrance on Monaco is largely unusable with no parking allowed on Monaco and that the north entrance, originally designed as a loading dock, has become the de facto main entrance, they are redesigning the north entrance and landscape to reflect properly its actual use. There will be a long and safe walkway along this north side with a proper turn around lane for parents dropping off their students. We were shown pictures including a Gateway Entrance. Their big fundraiser is to sell brick pavers for this new area costing \$100 for the smaller pavers and \$1,000 for the large pavers. They have gotten a matching grant if they can sell one-half of the required pavers.

Steve then had Michael Henry present the Zoning Committee's Statement of Principles. Michael pointed out that we must work anew with each succeeding mayor. Michael moved and Randle seconded accepting the Statement; it was approved unanimously.

Zoning and Planning Committee: The ZAP Committee will meet in two weeks.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Larry gave thanks to the people who crafted their platform statement.

Education Committee: Bill Johnston said they now have six or seven new members including Karen Taylor and

Will Cornell as new Co-Chairs.

Website/Communications Committee: Michael Smilanec gave us two names that will work - DenverINC.org and InterNeighborhoodCooperation.org will connect people to the website (when it opens in May).

Transportation Committee: Brad Zieg said they will meet on March 25th at the Blair Caldwell Library at 3:30 p.m. Lesley Thomas, City Engineer, will provide an update of the new Central Park Boulevard and I-70 interchange and Jody Erikson will share a progress report on the process being utilized by the I-70 East PACT to determine the alignment for the replacement of the elevated portion of I-70.

Public Safety Committee: Anthony said the City is looking at laying off 100 police officers and that we should speak to our Council member to head this off.

Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD): Steve lost a good friend as did the INC when George Masunaga passed away about 10 days ago. His wife Mary and he had been very active with the DDD for about the last eight years at the labeling job. George will be sorely missed. Steve wants to be sure that we are able to give both the dictionaries and the thesaurus this year.

Finally, Al Gallo said that we had received a donated 10-foot by 20-foot booth at the new Denver County Fair that will run July 28th through the 31st at the Denver Coliseum. This will provide us with great outreach opportunities. We will be in the welcome section and Al said this should provide a good tool to promote the DDD and the INC.

We adjourned at Noon.

Executive Committee Recap By Randle Loeb

The Executive met on March 14th at 1201 Williams Street at 7 p.m.

Present

Officers: Larry Ambrose, Randle Loeb, Steve Nissen, and Jennifer Tomeny

Delegates-at-large: William Cornell, Cathy Donohue, Jane Lorimer, George Mayl, Andrew Schurger

Committee Chairs: Ken Beaudrie – Newsletter and Membership, , Katie Fisher – Parks and Recreation, Michael Henry – Zoning, Karen Taylor – Education, Anthony Thomas – Public Safety, and Bradley Zeig –Transportation

Welcome

New Executive Committee (EC) members; everyone present indicated what neighborhood they are representing.

Minutes

Minutes of the February EC meeting was approved without exception.

Treasurer

The January and February Treasurer's Reports were both approved without exception. The February balance for INC was \$16,589 and including the Dollar Dictionary Drive was \$29,267.

Committee Reports:

Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD): \$12,678 is currently in the account. There is online donation capability on the current website and there will be a donation site for funds on the new web site. Co-chair Steve Nissen is gearing up to mail solicitations for donations.

Education: Education co-chair Will Cornell is attending DPS School Board meetings. Gove Middle School has been sold for 9 million dollars.

Membership/Newsletter: Motion passed: "The new web site will provide a neighborhood map with an accessible list of registered neighborhood organizations who are INC members, and if available, a link to their respective web site links."

Parks and Recreation: The new web site will post responses to the platform posed to mayoral candidates. A presentation on INC's Park Platform was made to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Safety: No report.

Transportation: Chair Brad Zieg gave a letter to Ken Beaudrie to mail out announcing a meeting with respect to the new I-70 highway.

Website/Communications: Will Cornell reported that the new web site domain names of DenverInc.org and InterNeighborhoodcooperation.org have been secured. The web site will be running by mid May.

Zoning: Michael Henry reported the new Director of Excise and Licensing is Dan Roberts. This is the time to ask for better notification on applications.

George Mayl reported that permitting of chickens and goats in neighborhoods is being considered. The Food Producing Animal proposal is going before City Council. George asked for support to address this issue.

Old Business:

Neighborhood Handbook: There was nothing to add.

Candidate Forums

There are many organized forums in neighborhoods throughout Denver. INC would like to emphasize all of the ones connected with INC and its partners - the Denver League of Women Voters, Historic Denver, and Channel

8. There was discussion as to which ones have to be announced by INC.

New Business

The fiscal year ends March 31st; the final treasurer report is forthcoming via Karen Cuthbertson. An "audit committee" was formed with members Larry Ambrose, Jane Lorimer, George Mayl, and Jennifer Tomeny.

Budget Committee: Jane Lorimer was appointed as Chair of this standing committee; George, Jennifer, and Larry will be members

Peoples' Fair Booth: William Cornell presented an idea to have a booth at the CHUN People's Fair. Focus would be to stage a raffle to raise dollars for DDD. It was decided there is not enough time (and perhaps not enough budget) to flesh out the idea in time to meet registration deadlines.

County Fair Booth:

The "first" Denver County Fair will be held in July. Andrew Schurger will explore options/costs to participate and come back with a plan.

Other Business

- Ivy Street Neighbors is hosting the next INC meeting. May currently has no host assigned. The available dates for hosting meetings will be sent around at the next INC meeting.
- Steve is on the Food-truck Task Force.
- There will be a Civility March and Rally on Palm Sunday to focus on the need for respect for others.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

From the Chair By Steve Nissen

March 12 was the date of our Annual Election of the INC Executive Committee (EC). I appreciate your confidence in re-electing me as your Chair for a second term. I look forward to working with a newly energized committee. We have three new members on committee this year. They are Jennifer Tomeny from Rosedale/Harvard Gulch N.A. serving as Treasurer, and Jane Lorimer from George Washington H.O.A. and Andrew Schurger from Stapleton United Neighbors serving as Delegates-at-large. Other EC members have shifted positions on the committee; a full listing can be seen on the last page of this newsletter.

We have a newly created Website/Communication Committee that is currently involved in revamping the INC website. The new website address will be DenverINC.org; the site is not yet complete with completion date set for May. The existing INC web address will lead you to the new site as well. There will be some information on the new site regarding the recently adopted Parks Platform as well as information on candidates for City office.

Mike Henry, Brad Zieg, and I have been busily engaged with Denver Decides in planning candidate forums for the many City offices to be filled by election on May

3rd. INC is proud to be co-sponsors with The League of Women Voters of Denver, Historic Denver, and Denver TV8. We encourage all to attend these forums to better acquaint yourself with whom you may want to consider for public office. Please see the schedule of upcoming forums elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to have the schedule on the website as well. The year ahead will be busy for INC. In addition to the usual challenges, we are planning to have a presence at Denver's first County Fair to be held in July. More details will be forthcoming as that involvement progresses. Albert Gallo, Jr., of Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors is leading that effort. We will need volunteers to represent INC at our fair booth. Please contact Albert at gallo_albert@hotmail.com about what time you can commit to that effort.

Zoning Committee

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning Committee (ZAP) met March 26th. Members were reminded of the many candidate forums scheduled, were urged to attend and to publicize them to neighborhood groups. Responses from Mayor and Council-at-large candidates to the INC Parks Platform are now on the INC website. The Manager of Parks and Recreation Scott Robson has resigned; the position is now held by Chantal Unfug.

Will Lamborn of Fort Collins spoke briefly about the graduate thesis he is writing on planning processes in several cities including Denver, with neighborhood communication seen as an integral part.

Dan Roberts of the Development Services Division (DS) of Community Planning and Development (CPD) asked that we check out its website at www.denvergov.org/developmentservices. DS works to streamline for better quality those processes that involve various City departments. A residential page is being developed and a new permitting system will be finished next year.

Dan has recently also been appointed to serve as Director of Excise and Licenses to replace Penny May, who has moved to help at the Department of Human Services. He believes the Excise and Licenses systems will be improved by automation within a year. There is a new program to train staff in the importance of proper notification practices. Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) that have not received notices of changes in liquor license situations should report this to Dan at dan.roberts@denvergov.org or 720-865-2908. Patio ap-

proval requires a number of different permits, all of them must be in place before approval is granted. Among discussion topics: RNOs need to know that response time on liquor license matters can be extended on request; inactive liquor licenses should be removed from the books; a category is needed for wedding/special event venues that is less inclusive than the usual cabaret license; and DS is creating a publication of all City agencies' rules and regulations on rights-of-way, parkways, et cetera to help clarify this complicated subject.

ZAP members circulated a letter to sign in support of the proposed citywide survey of historic buildings for which Historic Denver, Inc. and the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission are seeking a grant from the Colorado Historic Fund.

Tina Axelrad of CPD was on hand for a third discussion about the proposed "chickens and goats" ordinance. ZAP members voted to request that the notification requirement in the existing zoning ordinance be retained. The vote was 15 yeas, 1 nay, and 5 abstentions. A second vote was to request that four statements prepared and distributed by Charlie Busch of West Washington Park Neighborhood Association regarding coop space, land area, fees, distance from neighbors, and use of food products, be included in the proposed ordinance. The vote was 12 yeas, 7 nay, and 2 abstentions. These motions will be presented for consideration by the INC Delegation on April 9th. The text of the motions can be found on page 7.

Tina also distributed a summary of Text Amendment Number 7 to the new Zoning Code. Charlie Busch and Michael Henry will meet with Tina, Peter Park, and City Council President Chris Nevitt on March 31st to discuss ways of improving notification, as the present process of text amendments does not notify enough citizens far enough in advance of public hearings to enable RNOs to study and formulate substantive comments. The text of Amendment 7 will be posted online only one week before the Planning Board public hearing.

City Forester Rob Davis spoke of the need for volunteers to assist this department. He believes that with the current staff and budget, the City will be able to try to care for existing trees but not plant new trees. A Volunteer Training Forestry Program will begin for summer help; assistance is sought from non-profit groups and businesses. A stimulus program, that provides trees for west-facing front yards for energy-saving purposes, needs to be publicized to all RNOs, as does the importance of planting and caring for all trees and the current threat to black wal-

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.

nut trees. Standards are being redesigned for tree wells on city streets. Contact rob.davis@denvergov.org.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next ZAP meeting is on the fifth Saturday, April 30th. Contact Michael Henry, michaelhenry824@comcast.net, or Gertie Grant, gertiegrant@estreet.com, if you or others in your neighborhood group would like to receive agenda notices of future meetings.

Zoning Motions

By Zoning Committee

The INC Delegation will consider two motions on April 9th about the Food-producing Animals Ordinance. The INC Zoning Committee discussed the ordinance pending before City Council to amend the zoning code regarding food-producing animals (Text Amendment 7). Council President Chris Nevitt, the sponsor of the ordinance, summarizes the purpose of the ordinance as follows:

“With the growing ‘locavore’ movement, an increasing focus on healthy eating, an escalating enthusiasm among urban families to have direct contact with their own food supply, and finally a concern over the carbon footprint of industrial food production, more and more Denver families are seeking to keep egg-laying chickens and, in some cases, dairy goats. Unfortunately, the City’s regulation of chickens and goats is complicated, confusing, expensive, and unpredictable. Further, our regulation of other animals such as dogs, which pose substantially greater problems in the way of public health, safety, and neighborhood comity, is simple, costless or close to it, and highly permissive.... We need to make the system for regulating food-producing animals more simple, straightforward, and fair.”

After reviewing this idea at its January, February, and March meetings, the INC ZAP Committee passed the following two separate motions to encourage amendments to the proposed ordinance. INC delegates should come prepared to vote at the April 9th Delegation meeting.

1. The ordinance should not remove the currently required notification to Registered Neighborhood Organizations and abutting neighbors and the posting of a sign regarding a person’s desire to have no more than eight chickens or ducks (combined) and no more than two dwarf goats.
(Passed by the ZAP committee – 15 in favor, 1 opposed, and 5 abstentions.)
2. The ordinance should be amended to:
 - a) Increase the minimum amount of coop space from one square foot per bird to four square feet per bird and a six-foot minimum height for the coop.
 - b) Increase the amount of permeable land from 10 square feet to 16 square feet per bird and specify a

six-foot minimum height and perches.

- c) Require an initial license or permit fee then an annual fee.
- d) Increase the required distance from a structure on an abutting lot from 10 feet to 25 feet.

(Passed by the ZAP Committee - 12 in favor, 7 opposed, and 2 abstentions.)

Parks and Recreation

By Diana Helper

The meeting came to order on March 8th at 6:15 p.m. in the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street. Present were: Co-chairs Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher, Ronnie Crawford, Cathy Donohue, Ray Ehrenstein, Dave Felice, Steve Fisher, Diana Helper, Cindy Johnstone, Maggie Price, Jay and Kathleen Rust, James T. Sample, Michael Smilanic, and Kathleen Wells.

INC’s Parks Platform is on the agenda at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting March 10th. INC Chairman Steve Nissen will introduce the topic and Cindy Johnstone, Kathleen Rust, and Kathleen Wells will give a ten-minute presentation. This is the first time a neighborhood group has presented a policy topic of this kind to PRAB. Also on the agenda is the Washington Park Master Plan. Cindy will speak; she hopes the changes citizens have requested will have been made. The changes reference citizen involvement, vendors, and naturalization areas.

The *excellent* compilation of all replies by Mayoral candidates to the INC Parks Platform questions was distributed (several candidates did not reply). Discussion followed on how to present this great amount of material to INC delegates and others at the INC meeting on March 12th. The committee agreed that the best approach is to explain the two-page compilation (nine candidate names are listed alphabetically down the left side, the questions and each candidate’s reply read down in columns 1 through 12), distribute it, and urge the delegates to study all the replies while bearing in mind the content of INC’s Parks Platform with which the delegates agreed on February 12th. They also will be urged to take copies of the Platform and replies to forums and meetings with the information that all this material may be found online at www.DenverINC.org (editor’s note: this site will be available in May) or by contacting Jay Rust, who also agreed to answer any questions a reader might have about the Platform.

The committee agreed that it is important to commend the candidates for taking the Platform, the questions, and their answers very seriously. The Platform is an important step for INC, helping INC move forward to make Denver neighborhood improvements, including parks, a focus for the Mayor. Also, it puts these candidates’ statements on record, for future reference.

Other formats and printing matters were discussed, and jobs assigned: Michael Smilanic will put the information on the INC website, look into pricing for printing, and restructure the document; Cindy will print 75 copies for Saturday and will contact Dave Felice regarding other printing at no cost; Diana will write a press release; and Larry will get a press list to Diana, will introduce Cindy Johnstone, Kathleen Rust, and Kathleen Wells on Saturday. Anyone attending a Forum will try to have copies and information available

Responses to the Platform/questions from Council candidates will be handled as the Mayoral responses were and will be formatted to put on the INC website. So far, five or six Council-at-large candidates have responded.

The Heritage Club will be nominated for an INC Gold Star award next year and special recognition at the University Park spring meeting May 4th.

This committee will not meet March 15th unless needed. The next meeting will be April 19th.

Education Committee

By William Cornell

Denver Public Schools (DPS) held its Spring Parent Leadership Institute Workshops on Saturday, March 19th. The goal of the institute, held on the Auraria campus, is to provide educational opportunities that assist and empower participants to support students in their education, birth through college, and to identify available resources. There were a wide range of workshops that included topics on emotional intelligence, college preparation, financial aid/scholarships, child and youth development, teacher effectiveness, and preparing kids for college.

I attended the **It's Not College or Nothing** workshop that wonderfully described the various support options and pathways for preparing students for career and college readiness. **Career and college readiness** can be defined as students possessing the necessary cognitive strategies, academic knowledge and skills, and social and emotional behaviors to not only attend college but to complete college without remediation. Although students may not pursue a four-year degree immediately after graduating high school, they should understand that lifelong learning opportunities should be developed into their career strategy goals, either by taking career specific certificate courses, apprenticeship programs, or two-year community college programs; all of which can be integrated back into their pursuit of a four-year degree if they choose. In brief, "it's not college or nothing."

I also attended the **Teacher Effectiveness** workshop that gave an informative overview of the DPS Framework for Effective Teaching (<http://leap.dpsk12.org/the-framework/overview.aspx>) that is an evolving set of standards for measuring the effectiveness of teachers in the

classroom and, eventually, outside of the classroom based on a continuum of performance with four levels of effectiveness and seven ratings categories. It is an attempt to move away from an outdated binary, satisfactory or unsatisfactory, evaluation system that was sometimes very subjective.

The multiple measures of Leading Effective Academic Practice (LEAP) (<http://leap.dpsk12.org/leap-components/overview.aspx>) are based in part on the work of the DPS Framework. The measures take into account student outcomes, principal observation data, peer observer observation data, collaborative professional/contributions to team and school, and student perceptions data. LEAP is in its pilot phase in 16 DPS schools and hopes to rollout LEAP for teacher evaluation by August. At that time the pilot program for new principal performance assessment will be implemented to eventually evaluate school leaders.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

By Cathee Fisher

Attention all linguists and readers of English!: It has been determined by scholars around the world that the A to Z English alphabet is out of order. The alphabet from this day forward will be ordered as follows: ETAONRISHDLFCMUGYPWBVKXJQZ.

In a related item, scholars have discovered the chemical dihydrogen monoxide can be dangerous if used inappropriately.

Did I make this up? No, you can find verification on the Internet; just check it out. At first blush or first read, the details may be iron clad or illusive. The library calls them stacks, so anyone can visit and find more than ONE resource. Multiple web sites offer other sources. It is called a reality check. One book, author, source, relative, or neighbor may not have the whole story. Check it out!

Okay, April Fools! No one has changed the order of the alphabet, but Herbert S. Zim, in his classic introductory cryptography text *Codes and Secret Writing*, gives the English letter high-to-low frequency sequence as ETAONRISHDLFCMUGYPWBVKXJQZ, the most common letter pairs as TH, HE, AN, RE, ER, IN, ON, AT, ND, ST, ES, EN, OF, TE, ED, OR, TI, HI, AS, and TO, and the most common doubled letters as LL, EE, SS, OO, TT, FF, RR, NN, PP, and CC.

The use of letter frequencies and frequency analysis plays a fundamental role in several games, including hangman, Scrabble, Wheel of Fortune, Definition, Banana-grams, and cryptograms.



Dihydrogen monoxide is also known as water; the first word Helen Keller learned to understand with sign language. The periodic table and sign language alphabet are included in the dictionary we give to DPS third-graders with your donations to the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive. Thank You!

Transportation Committee

By Bradley Zieg

This is the March 25th Inter-Nighborhood Cooperation Transportation Committee report, Bradley Zieg, Chairman reporting. Meeting location: Blair Caldwell Library, 25th Avenue and Welton Street.

Presenters:

Denver Public Works Department, Jess Ortiz, Senior Engineer and Steve Coggins, Project engineer.

The Keystone Center, facilitator for I-70 East Preferred Alternative Collaborative Team (PACT), Jody Erikson.

Program:

Denver Department of Public Works has been designated a Separate Utility to process the I-70 interchange with Central Park Boulevard. The new interchange connects the neighborhoods of Stapleton Redevelopment with the Northfield Development north of I-70. The work includes improvements to the I-270 and I-70 intersection. Denver received over \$12,000,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to complete the project during the summer of 2011. The intersection will be the most complex transportation project in the Metropolitan region.

The Keystone Center has been facilitating PACT meetings beginning in July 2010. Their work is heading toward a recommendation of the replacement/alignment of the elevated portion of I-70 from the mousetrap toward the east. INCer Anthony Thomas is representing Denver on the PACT, that is closing in on several alternatives. The PACT is intending to present their preferred alignment this summer.

Observations:

The meeting was an excellent opportunity for INCers to hear directly from the persons in charge of these very important transportation infrastructure projects. The Committee was pleased with the professionalism of the presentations and the frank answers to our questions. Those in attendance were well rewarded for investing their time in the meeting.

Special thanks to Tony Young of the Mayor's Office for assistance and coordination with Public Works Department.

The INC Transportation Committee will be meeting quarterly to insure high quality, informative gatherings. The meetings will be announced in *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. You all come!



Anonymous – The Washington Park Master Plan was completed and approved by the DPR manager.

Capitol Hill United Neighbors – The 40th Annual Capitol Hill Peoples' Fair will occur June 4th and 5th at Civic Center Park. Call 303-830-1651 for information.

Cory Merrill N.A. – Cory co-hosted a mayoral forum on the 22nd at Saint John Lutheran Church. At the INC delegates meeting on the 12th, George Mayl was re-elected to the INC Executive Committee as a Delegate-at-large. It was also brought up at the recent delegates meeting that the upcoming meetings addressing the Food Producing Animals Ordinance change being proposed will take away any voice RNOs and other neighborhoods have.

Lowry United Neighborhoods – The next lecture for our series will be on Wednesday, April 6th, on food, glorious food, with Peter Marczyk, Feed Denver, and Sustainable Food, Denver. The free lecture will be at 7 p.m. in the Eisenhower Chapel, 293 Roslyn. For information, contact sallyk@ecentral.com. Hangar Two, saved from demolition by neighbors, is being developed as a restaurant district as well as a storage facility and a doggy day care.

Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) – SUN will hold an Earth Day Event featuring games, organic food, booths, raffles, and giveaways. The event will be sponsored by Wal-Mart, Xcel Energy, and with music provided by KBCO radio.

University Park (UP) – The UP Annual Home Tour will be on Saturday, May 1st, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Get tickets from University Park School for whose programs the funds are being raised.

Commentary

By Tom Anthony

My neighborhood property values have fallen faster than Lewinsky book sales, about 80 percent since 2004. Since Elyria had almost 60 percent home ownership at that time, that statistic means we fought it out with Greenwood Village for top "search" for bottom feeders. We have linked our status to the "Councilwoman-led" push to realign Interstate 70 up Williams Street (which she called "regrettable")

in her comments to the DEIS) and give North Denverites a yellow brick road to the Commerce City Wal-Mart. While it's certain the I-70 proposal has accelerated the decline of the neighborhood, what is more certain is that Elyria's homeowners early-on submitted over 1,000 signatures supporting the "neighborhood sponsored" I-70 solution and our City Councilwoman not only ignored it, but happily spanked us by taking away our recreation center.

The notion that homeowners might have a stake in their little piece of America's equity and have an incentive to build that stake and improve their lot convinced Congress and the Mortgage Banking Industry to give us interest write-offs. Yet, piling on the ARM's to twist while unplugging the voices from the mortgagees trying to maneuver their pathway to success is not just paternalistic and dictatorial, it is bad for business.

I have been reading Alexander De Tocqueville *Democracy in America*, published in 1836. De Tocqueville, a French aristocrat swimming through a wave of anti-monarchy fanaticism sweeping Europe, toured "stateside" as a surviving "nobleman" in order to reflect on the burgeoning new American Republic and its people, get out of guillotine range, and intellectualize. Without going into a thesis here, the historic work documents a highly informative period in which De Tocqueville warms to the engagement by ordinary citizens in the civic affairs of the nation. The democratic processes and representatives elected thereto seem to have permeated the daily life and habits of the citizenry. Establishing towns, courts, authorities, and rule of law in the frontier Republic demanded constant participation from the populace, and remarkably, burdening the people with duties of government, he noted, inspired a reassuring level of responsibility and ownership of their self-rule.

With a Denver City Council and Mayoral race currently underway, what "esprit du jour" permeates the average citizen? Having had three petitions totally ignored, been escorted from committee meetings by police, snorted at by boards, and perfected the "three minute 'beg for your life' speech," that may as well be delivered to the pillars as the pillars of the community; cynicism begins to look more appealing than simultaneously waiting for the pompous, paternalistic rhetoric, and the parking ticket. Homeowners, who have invested sometimes their life savings into their humble abode, might actually know what they need to improve their home value, and therefore the community's tax base that actually funds the schools, roads, public "servant" medical coverage, and generous retirement benefits. It might be smart to actually to listen to them.

Candidate Forums

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is co-sponsoring a number of candidate forums with the League of Women Voters of Denver, Historic Denver, and in partnership with Denver

8 TV, that will air the forums several times. These forums are to educate Denver voters in preparation for the important city elections on May 3rd (conducted by an all-mail ballot). A number of other forums are being organized and will be announced as soon as possible. Neighborhoods are encouraged to invite members to attend these forums.

- ♦ **April 5th for Mayoral Candidates** – 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Ricketson Auditorium, 2001 Colorado Boulevard – also co-sponsored by League of Conservation Voters.
- ♦ **April 7th for District 5 City Council Candidates and City Council at Large Candidates** – at Palmer Elementary School, 995 Grape Street – also co-sponsored by Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association and Mayfair Neighbors.
- ♦ **April 13th for City Council Districts 1 and 9**—at the Oriental Theatre, 4335 West 44th Avenue. Co-sponsored by Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors, Grandview Neighborhood Association, Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association, Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association, Northwest Quadrant Association, Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association, West 29th Avenue Neighborhood Association, West Highland Neighborhood Association, Elyria Neighborhood Association, Elyria Swansea/Globeville Business Association, Ball Park Neighborhood Association, and Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association.
- ♦ **April 12th for Mayoral Candidates** – at Tivoli Student Union at Auraria Campus, 900 Auraria Parkway – also co-sponsored by Denver Post.
- ♦ **April 21st for Mayoral Candidates** – 5:30 p.m. at Coors Field in the Right Field Club. The entrance is on 21st Avenue and Blake Street. Parking is available in lot A. There will be appetizers and an open bar. It is co-sponsored by the Ballpark Neighborhood Association, Lower Downtown Neighbors Association, LDDI, Downtown Denver Residents Association, River North Neighborhood Association, Highlands United Neighbors, Biennial, and the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association.

Forum organized by others:

- ♦ **Friday, April 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Denver Near-northeast Neighborhoods Mayoral Forum**
Manual High School Auditorium 1700 East 28th Avenue. Candidates confirmed to attend: Carol Boigon, Michael Hancock, Doug Linkhart, Danny F. Lopez, James Mejia, Chris Romer, Ken Simpson, Theresa Spahn. Moderator: Vernon Jones, Jr., Administrator, Manual High School. The program will be taped. Visit www.DenverMayorForum.com to view online.

It is hosted by: Civic Association of Clayton, Curtis Park Neighbors, North City Park Civic Association, Whittier Neighborhood Association

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Recycler's Corner By Tom Strickland

Landscaping your yard just got cheaper. There will be a free mulch giveaway and compost sale on Saturday, May 7th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or while supplies last).

Northeast: Havana Nursery, 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana Street.

- Mulch and compost loader service for trucks and trailers, and dig-your-own.
- Limit of 3 cubic yards of compost per vehicle.
- Compost Prices: \$3 per 10 gallon bag or \$30.00 per cubic yard (plus tax).

"Dig-Your-Own" Free mulch sites:

Northeast: Fred Thomas Park, Quebec Street and 26th Avenue.

Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park, Sheridan Boulevard 17th Avenue.

Southeast: Veterans Park, Iowa Street and Vine Street.

Southwest: Bear Creek Park, South of Dartmouth Avenue on Raleigh Street.

The free mulch is made by grinding up Christmas trees collected from residential homes during Denver's Treecycle collection this past January. The compost is made from leaves collected in Denver's LeafDrop program last fall. This event is sponsored by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management section, Denver Parks and Recreation, and A1 Organics. Compost will only be sold at the Havana Nursery Site while supplies last.

Please remember:

- Bring your own pitchfork or shovel and your own bags or containers to collect your supply of mulch or compost if you plan on digging your own from the pile.
- Bring a tarp to cover your truck or trailer.
- Due to limited quantities, Denver residents only.
- Commercial vehicles are prohibited from taking or selling the City's mulch.

Also this year: Recycle your plastic flowerpots at the Havana Nursery site. Garden Centers of Colorado will be collecting plastic garden pots for recycling as part of this event. Plastic garden pots of any size or color, hanging baskets (with wires removed), carrying trays, and flower pack holders will be accepted. Plastic garden pots are also accepted for recycling anytime at local participating garden stores. For a list of participating stores, visit online at GardenCentersofColorado.org.

For more information about Denver Recycles programs, call 3-1-1 or visit us online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles

Eco-rally Electronic Recycling Collection Event

Residents may recycle their old electronic devices on Saturday, April 30th, by scheduling an appointment to attend the "Eco-rally Electronic Recycling Collection

Event." Electronics recycling services will be offered at a significantly reduced price of \$5 per vehicle (limit of two "screens" per vehicle, see below for more details).

1. Sign up at DenverGov.org/EcoRally
 2. Choose your appointment time slot.
 3. Show up on April 30th at your scheduled appointment time with your electronic items.
- **LOCATION:** Auraria Campus, Tivoli Center, 900 Auraria Parkway
 - **APPOINTMENT TIMES:** 9 a.m. to 3 p. Event Participation is by Appointment Only!
 - **FEE:** \$5 per vehicle - cash or check only. Limit of two "screens" (televisions, monitors, and/or laptops) per vehicle. Additional screens will cost an additional fee of \$5 per screen.
 - **ITEMS ACCEPTED:** Televisions, monitors, CPUs, laptops, printers, scanners, faxes, keyboards, mice, stereos, external hard drives and storage devices, cellular phones, telephones, DVRs, VCRs, digital cameras, video recorders, MP3 players, and some small appliances such as microwaves.
 - **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** Air conditioners, large appliances, vacuum cleaners, car batteries or household batteries (rechargeable batteries okay).

The Eco-rally is an electronics recycling, education, and engagement initiative that partners Comcast with the City of Denver and local consumers to address the serious environmental concern of televisions and electronics in landfills. As residents are increasingly upgrading their televisions, computers, and other electronics, they have put their older technology in storage or the trash. The U.S. EPA estimates that between 1980 and 2005, 180 million electronic devices have accumulated in storage and in, 2005 alone, Americans threw away an estimated 1.5 million tons of e-waste. It is important to know that electronic waste is potentially toxic and it can leach dangerous chemicals into our groundwater and pollute our air. Additionally, by recycling electronics we can reduce the need to extract the planet's natural resources to make more electronics components. This event is sponsored by Comcast, Denver Public Works, Solid Waste Management/Denver Recycles, and Metech.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Membership Application



INC is a consortium of Denver's registered neighborhoods 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 denver.gov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**

We wish to donate \$_____ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

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

See below to apply as an INC Associate

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

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

Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []
President is a voting delegate: [] Do not publish my information to other RNOs: []

Note: Each RNO is allocated two voting delegates. If the president is one, appoint one below; otherwise, appoint two.

Voting Delegate Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []
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Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []
Do not publish my information to other RNOs: []

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

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

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

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

**Meeting Saturday
April 9th**
The public
Is welcome to attend.

**Cure d' Ars Parish
4701 E MLK Blvd**

See map on page 12

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by the Ivy Street
Neighbors and Councilwoman
Carla Madison

9:15 a.m.

INC Business
Zoning motions

9:30 a.m.

Committee Reports
Around the City

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Better Bond Projects update
Michelle Majeune
Stu Williams

10:45 a.m.

ARRA (stimulus funding)
Michaela Turner and Laura Kane

Noon Adjournment

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information about presentations
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"meetings & more" link.
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