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# Denver Neighborhood Connection

The Newsletter of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## March 9 INC Meeting Will Examine Parks Master Plan, Hold Elections

will be one of several open house meetings where public input will once more be solicited. The meeting will be held at the Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center, the crown jewel of Denver recreation centers, located at 3334 Holly Street (see map on page 2).

The March 9 meeting will also be INC's annual meeting, during which new officers and delegates-at-large will be elected. It appears that most of the current board, all of whom are eligible to serve two consecutive terms, will be running for re-election. However, the board is always in search of new members. Anyone interested in serving on the INC board may be nominated from the floor on March 9. Those with questions about the board's duties or who would like to discuss becoming getting more involved in INC in the coming year may contact Fred Corn at (303) 433-8577.



### April Meeting

The April 13, 2002 INC meeting will be hosted by the Southeast Corridor Constructors (T-Rex). The location of this meeting will be discussed at the March meeting.

## Law Enforcement Grants Target Community Partnerships

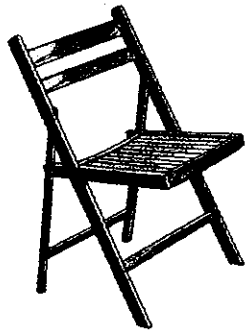
*By Stan McIntyre  
Public Safety Committee*

Line Officer Grant funds will be targeted towards problem-solving partnerships between law enforcement agencies, communities, and schools. Funds are designed to empower individual officers and communities to implement specific problem-solving strategies developed with community involvement, that address the underlying causes of crime or impact public safety issues.

I talked to Captain Marco Vasques from the Denver Police Chief's office about this program, and sug-

gested using the Community Resource Officers, INC, individual neighborhood associations, and PTAs jointly to educate and address safety risks with our elementary school students. Potential topics are fire safety, law enforcement, and

1th. In the first part of May, Risk Watch will hold a training session for this program. The INC board has discussed this issue and has decided that, at least for this year, it will not undertake participation in this program.



# From the Chair

**By Fred Corn  
INC Chair**

## Parking Management

On February 12 the Mayor asked the INC board to meet with him to discuss photo radar and parking management. The photo radar discussion was productive and I think the Mayor knows that the neighborhoods will support him if he fights for

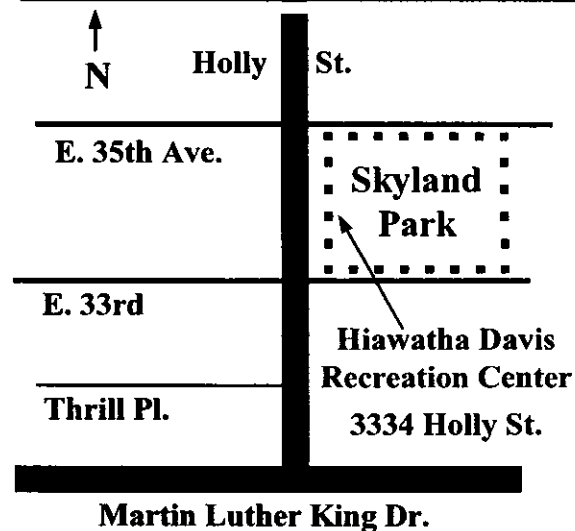
photo radar.

The parking discussion, however, was much longer and not quite so satisfying. The Mayor asked John Oglesby, the parking czar, to explain his parking management program to us. Even after the lengthy explanation and discussion, it seems to me the biggest problem with the plan is that it was created without enough public input. If you recall, John Oglesby was invited to speak to INC at our January meeting, before the plan was put into action and received such negative reviews. Mr. Oglesby accepted our invitation, but then never showed up. Nor did he ever call to apologize or make excuses. I'm not saying he's getting what he deserves -- just that when I read about his public relations problems and all the anger directed at him in the press, I am not at all surprised.

On February 16 INC co-sponsored the Neighborhood Leadership Conference and I think it is fair to say it was a great success. Attendance was twice what it has been in past years and the feedback I have gotten so far is that the sessions were informative and well-prepared. We all owe a special thanks to Julius Zsako of the Community Planning and Development Agency who shouldered most of the work and made the conference such a success.

Paul Ryan suggested that in my opening remarks I should say that INC monthly meetings are like mini neighborhood leadership conferences. I'm sorry Paul, I forgot, but the point is a good one. Every month we share information and discuss relevant issues that impact neighborhoods, and most people leave our meetings with a little more knowledge, or a little better prepared to tackle their problems, than when they came in.

## Map to March 9 INC Meeting



## Advertise In

### *Denver Neighborhood Connection*

INC is now accepting ads for its newsletter. The circulation is about 400, going to all the Neighborhood Association Presidents and INC delegates as well as various city offices. Your ad should be business card sized and should be emailed to [craig@eley.net](mailto:craig@eley.net). The deadline is the 20th of the month, and the cost is \$30.00 per ad per month. You will be invoiced after the ad has run. Please call Joyce Goulet at 303-298-0401 for further information.

# Around the City

**By Eddie Britt  
INC Secretary**

**Hampden South** - construction is scheduled to start this spring on the picnic shelter promised as part of the 1998 Bond Project in Rosamond Park. The closed Tamarac Cinemas are being reopened as an art film theater. The rebuilding of the Hampden and Monaco intersection is under construction, and is a mess.

**Virginia Village\Ellis Community Association** - is concerned regarding the court case, which the city has lost and removed photo radar from enforcing speed limits within neighborhoods. It hopes all neighborhoods and INC will work towards defeating any class action lawsuits that might arise from this issue.

**Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.** - census redistricting proposals.

**Citizen's for Residential Quebec** - good news: a new library/swimming pool after having the same facilities for more than 50 years. Bad news - city chose to inform and go to Denver Regional Council of Governments before coming to the neighborhood to inform it that back in the 2003 Transportation Plan is a plan to widen Quebec and thus displace around 250 affordable houses for a highway. If you build more roads the car will come. Also, creating a disaster at Alameda and Quebec endangering bikers and walkers (namely school children). The sidewalks in the area are also a problem for the pedestrians and the handicapped.

**Baker Historic N.A.** - neighborhood plan meeting with more than 100 people attended from all areas of the neighborhood helped confirm the board's ideas regarding the concerns over parking fee increases and the impact on the neighborhood and its businesses.

**Keep Denver Beautiful** - Denver Partners Against Litter (720) 865-STOP; Denver Recycles- compost

sale and mulch giveaway occurs May 4.

**Downtown Denver Residents Organization** - working on building a "pocket park" somewhere downtown and also working on a safety forum for individuals and businesses along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street mall.

**Capital Hill United Neighborhoods** - has started planning for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Capital Hill People's Fair set for June 1 and 2. Any groups wishing to have a booth should contact CHUN at (303) 830-1651.

**County Club Historic Neighborhood** - active with both Cherry Creek North Neighborhood and Cherry Creek East Neighborhood, it is working on possible paid parking along the Cherry Creek business district and the possible effects on the respective neighborhoods. It is attempting extremely hard to find solutions that work for the businesses to produce revenue to build a parking garage and mitigate traffic and parking problems for neighbors.

**University Park Community Council** - has been selected by Historic Denver as its home-tour neighborhood for September, 2002. The neighborhood has voted to support a request to name the Buchtel Trail open space area as an official park. The group also continues to work with the city and DU on land use and traffic issues related to growth and continued construction of TREX. It is also planning an upcoming spring plant sale.

**Platte Park** - "Up and running fast!" After six months it now has more than 100 members. Bylaws were adopted in January and elections will be in March. The group has established three active committees working within areas of Responsible Development and Zoning, Traffic, and Social. A web design group hopes to establish an on-line presence by the end of the March or early April. Between 75 and 80 per cent of its membership has e-mail and web access, thus allowing the group to use internet communications for quick action and response capabilities.



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## Minutes and Around the City

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**Westwood/Southwest Improvement Council** - the Westwood Neighborhood Organization elected a new president. As a result of the December 18 methamphetamine drug arrest at S. Utica that occurred from a literature drop done by community activist, a hog's head was left on a community leader's doorsteps. This prompted much media attention and help from District Four Police Capt. Sandoval. He gave a lecture regarding the dangers and materials used to make such drugs and activities common with the promotion of labs and activities of such. As a result, a neighborhood watch program has been established within the area to help locate problems and issues before more drug problems become a dangerous issue. Denver Police Sgt. John Pinder from the narcotics bureau has helped in discussions with landlords and owners where problems with drugs have been discovered, hoping to alleviate more problems for the future.

**Sloan Lake C.G.** - A portion of the Sloan Lake district is slated to have a change in zip codes. The Denver Postmaster General is attempting to change the 80212 zip code from 29<sup>th</sup> St. to the north and 20<sup>th</sup> St. to the south, and from Sheridan to the west and Osceola St. to the east into a zip code of 80214, which is based out of Jefferson county. Business owners and residents are offended and upset over such a change since they have resided within these boundaries in many cases for numerous years. They are upset that some portions of Jefferson County will remain within the 80212 boundaries but Denver residents will be grouped with the Jefferson County Post Office of Edgewater. A change in zip codes is known to effect insurance rates and in some cases public services. The reason given for the change is new growth within the boundary such as the Elitch Redevelopment and other infill.

INC Web Page

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc)

## INC Member Neighborhoods

(Patrons in Bold)

Athmar Park NA	Lynwood 7&8 HOA
Bellvue Hale NA	North City Park CA
Berkeley NA	Northern Airport Corridor Assoc.
Capitol Hill United Neighbors	Platte Park People's Assoc.
Citizens for a Residential Quebec	Progress & Preservation Together
Clayton NA	South Hilltop NA
Cook Park NA	Southwest Improvement Council
Cory-Merrill NA	University Park Community Council
<b>Crestmoor Park HI</b>	Upper Downtown Development Organization
Curtis Park Neighbors	Uptown On The Hill
Denargo Market NC	Virginia Vale CA
<b>East Montclair NA</b>	Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
Golden Triangle NA	Wellshire HOA
Greater Park Hill Community	West Highland NA
Harman NA	
Highland Economic and Community Health Organization	
Highland United Neighbors	
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA	
Inspiration Point NA	
Ivy Street NA	

### Supporting Organizations

Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth  
Denver Water

**Denver Neighborhood Connection**  
article submission deadline  
is the 20th of each month

Articles must be submitted by e-mail to  
Fred Corn at [fredcorn@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fredcorn@worldnet.att.net)

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## Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation 2002 Membership Application

My organization would like to register as a: ☐ Member (enclose \$35) ☐ Patron (enclose \$70)

**Dues Must Be Paid On or By the March 9, 2002 Meeting for Delegates to Vote in the March Election**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Each organization is entitled to two delegates, whose names must be entered below. **The president of the organization is not automatically a delegate.**

INC Delegate # 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

INC Delegate # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Association Boundaries (approximate):

North \_\_\_\_\_

South \_\_\_\_\_

East \_\_\_\_\_

West \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose dues and bring this form to the March 9 meeting**

**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday**  
**March 9**  
**2002**

**Hiawatha Davis**  
**Recreation Center**  
**3334 Holly Street**

(see map on page 2)

**Hosted by**  
**Denver Parks &**  
**Recreation**

**AGENDA**

**8:45**  
**Coffee and Chat**

**9:00**  
**Around the City**

**10:15**  
**Elections**

**10:45**  
**Break**

**11:00**  
**Parks Game Plan**

**Noon**  
**Adjourn**

**The Article Deadline**  
**for**  
**Denver Neighborhood**  
**Connection is the**  
**20th of each month.**  
**Articles should be**  
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