

Next Meeting  
Saturday  
November 9  
2002

Ramada Inn  
1150 East Colfax  
Between Downing  
and  
Marion on Colfax

Hosted by Capital Hill  
United Neighbors

#### AGENDA

8:45  
Coffee and Chat  
9:00  
Around the City  
9:30  
Program  
Noon  
Adjourn

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#### Dollar Dictionary Drive Delivers 17,000 Books To 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

By Cathee Fisher  
Co-Chair  
Dollar Dictionary

to Denver's 2003 third graders. Your donations will help continue this program. Send them to Dollar Dictionary Drive, PO Box 181009, Denver, CO 80218.

This is an on-going designated program. It means all funds donated are used strictly for the Dollar Dictionary Drive. We expanded the program in 2000 to provide sets of 30 of the dictionary/thesaurus to 250 Denver 3rd grade classrooms. Next year we hope to provide a dictionary that includes world maps, country and state demographics, the U.S. Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Providing this special book will mean a need for increased funding in 2003.

Special Thanks to a long-time INC supporter for his generous matching donation and to Steve Nissen for his donation of \$900 from the 9 Who Care Award and his personal \$900 donation. In addition, Steve's personal campaigns of telling everyone he knows or has met about the program and asking them to contribute and his "found" money have added greatly to our 2002 fund-raising success. Steve's found money total this year was \$33.40. I'm sure Steve would like to see several people bring a brown bag of change and dollars in a greater amount next year.

This INC program that gives a dictionary and thesaurus of their own to all DPS third grade students each year is a positive effort to reach out to a group of citizens in the spirit of our stated goal - the continuing improvement of Denver.

Thank You to all our 2002 Donors & Supporters!

Alamo Placita Neighborhood  
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Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Neighborhood Association  
K-Mart  
Mayfair Neighbors  
Optimist Club of Monaco South  
Platt Park Peoples Association  
Ridgeview Community Outreach Volunteers  
Rocky Mountain Scooter Centers  
Rocky Mountain SER Community Center  
Safeway Public Affairs  
Senator Doug Linkhart  
South City Park Neighborhood Association  
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University Park Community Council  
Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association  
Washington Park East Neighborhood Association  
Washington Park Profile  
Over 150 Individuals & Businesses

Thank you to all who have spread the word to your friends and neighbors about our 7th annual Dollar Dictionary Drive. Contributions have come from individuals, businesses, neighborhood associations and city agencies. Many of our donors have contributed each year.

We have received donations to cover all of our expenses for the distribution of 17,000 books in 2002. We have also started on our nest egg to provide a dictionary and thesaurus

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# From the Chair

By Wayne Jochem  
INC Chair

learning all that INC does, during this last year, INC has been involved in or taken charge of the following:

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dictionary Drive – This is our biggest single activity. The INC Dictionary Drive provides a dictionary and thesaurus to every third grader in the

Denver Public Schools.

Quick Wins II – The INC Zoning Committee has worked very hard on this issue. Because of their hard work, some compromises were reached.

TMU-30 – The INC Zoning Committee, and other neighborhoods, worked very hard to recommend changes, which City Council has adopted.

Parking Meters – While I don't know how successful we were on this, the INC Board did meet with Mayor Webb to discuss this and the implementation was delayed briefly.

Annual Presidents' Dinner – An annual event, which has been sponsored for a number of years by AT&T. This event is INC's way of thanking the many neighborhood presidents and representatives of our city agencies who work so hard to make our communities what they are. We also use this opportunity to give awards to some of those who have gone beyond the usual in working toward the betterment of our city and neighborhoods.

Fund Raising Opportunities – Staffing of beer booths at the People's Fair and LODO Music Fest has allowed member neighborhoods to have some fun while raising some money for their neighborhoods.

Monthly Meetings – These meetings are a great way to network. By sharing what is going on in your neighborhood during our Around the City, chances are good that you will find other neighborhoods that have faced the problems you now face or that others may want to know how you did something. We also invite people from the various city agencies or the private sector to give presentations at these meeting.

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Hello and welcome to November. With November comes Election Day and with that, I'd like to thank Platt Park People's Association for hosting the October INC meeting on ballot issues. I was in such a hurry to get the meeting going and keep it on time, that I forgot to do this at the start of the meeting. Without our members, and other groups and agencies, that are willing to host one of the INC monthly meetings in their neighborhoods, we wouldn't get to those other parts of the city that many of us don't travel to, or through, as well as see and meet the neighbors in your neighborhood.

A special thank you to INC's Paul Ryan for putting the ballot issues program together. The people who were invited and showed up to present their side of the ballot issues did so wonderfully. During and after the meeting, many of the presenters commented to me that so far, our group had some of the best questions regarding their ballot issue. This sure made me feel good so I wanted to pass it along to all of you. While I know that many neighborhoods will be hosting their own meetings on ballot issues, it was nice to hear that the presenters appreciated the "one stop shopping" because of the number of different neighborhoods represented and their positive comments regarding our question and insights on their issues.

Also, by the time you receive this newsletter, the annual INC Presidents Dinner, sponsored by AT&T, will be very near and I look forward to meeting all of you!

## Membership Renewal

As an early reminder, January 1<sup>st</sup> is soon approaching. This means that it is once again time to renew your membership to INC. While I'm still

## Inter-Nighborhood Cooperation

### 2003 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 8, 2003 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 an INC meeting or mail to:**

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# Restructuring Threatens Denver's Drug Court

By Kathi Anderson  
President  
The Unsinkables

As reported in the *Denver Post*, the Denver District Court is in the process of restructuring the Drug Court. Established in 1994, Denver's Drug Court has been a model for other jurisdictions, both in and out of Colorado.

Drug Court is a unique program that provides intensive pre-trial supervision for drug offenders. Random urinalyses and reporting are conditions of bond. An expedited docket process and cooperation between the district attorney, public defender and judge means arrest to disposition of cases averages 100 days, much faster than usual.. Also, Drug Court offers area restrictions. For example, those convicted of a felony drug crime can be restricted from the area they previously victimized. This is a valuable tool for the police, and it makes it easier to maintain safer neighborhoods.

Now is the time for community and public input. Please write Presiding Judge J. Stephen Phillips and ask that Drug Court be preserved, not altered, weakened or dissolved. Judge Phillips can be reached at Denver District Court, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 209, Denver, CO. 80202 and Chief Justice Mary J. Mullarkey at 2 West 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203.

To learn more about the Drug Court, visit the web site, [www.denverda.org](http://www.denverda.org). Link to the Drug Unit and click on Denver Drug Court.



# Liquor License Educational Forum Slated for November 14, 2002

Resident's Response on New Liquor Licenses, a public forum, will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Dagwell Hall, 1313 Clarkson Street, from 6-8 p.m.

For those with questions regarding the process for new liquor license applications, this educational meeting will answer them. Experts on the liquor code and representatives from the city will be available to explain the process and what role neighbors and residents can expect to play.

The event is sponsored by the Capitol Hill Community Justice Council, the Unsinkables and Capitol Hill United Neighbors. Pizza will be provided by Papa John's Pizza. For more information, call Susan Motika at (720) 913-9086 or Kathi Anderson at (303) 355-6811.

# Conflict Center Offers Resources on Conflict Management, Parenting Skills

The Conflict Center, which was established in 1987, is dedicated to reducing physical, emotional and verbal violence in society. In courses and seminars which it offers, it teaches conflict management, anger management and parenting skills that help solve problems and foster the building of relationships.

The Center also offers workshops, in-service sessions and mediation services. In addition, it maintains a library which contains the largest area collection of books, curriculum, audio tapes and video tapes about conflict. Those wishing to make use of these materials should call the Conflict Center at (303) 433-4983. The Center is located at 4140 Tejon Street in Denver.

# From the Chair

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## Committee Changes

Now for a couple other issues. As announced earlier, Eddie Britt, our Secretary and Public Safety Committee Chair, experienced the loss of a family member. Because of this he has been busy helping with family matters out of state and needless to say, he's been very busy. While he remains involved with INC, the Board has decided to appoint Mary McGee, with the Platt Park People's Association, to the position of INC Public Safety Committee chair. Mary brings many years of experience in dealing with public safety officials at local, county and state levels and in meeting with her, she has some great ideas on how to move this forward and make it as big as our Zoning Committee (or a close second!). Look for an upcoming article on this topic.

As some of you are aware, Jeanne Robb has stepped down as Parks and Recreation Committee chair. I've talked with Jim Zavist about taking over as the INC Parks and Recreation Committee Chair. After some discussion about this and the possibility of a co-chair, Jim has accepted. For those of you that don't know, Jim is on the RTD Board and on the Parks Advisory Board.

Jim was also his neighborhood's president until their last election.

There is also a Denver Union Station Advisory Committee. Highland United Neighbors Inc., which is an INC Member Neighborhood, has Pam Brown on this committee as a quadrant representative. In talking with Pam regarding this, she has agreed to report back to INC on this as it is one of the biggest committees ever put together. This kind of makes her, at least indirectly, the INC representative on this committee. All this is what makes INC work so well. INC has member neighbors throughout the city.

When a group, agency or city department is forming a new committee, it will often contact local neighborhoods in the affected area to obtain representatives to serve on the committee. On occasion, an entity forming a committee will look for city-wide representatives. Because INC is a city-wide organization, I will frequently receive a telephone phone call in which the caller is asking if there is a possibility of recruiting someone from INC to be on a newly formed committee. I am continuing to compile a list of neighborhood people who are on committees or who are chairing committees. In the box below is a list of members of various committees of which I am aware so far. Please let me know by phone or e-mail if you are on a committee and are not listed below.

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Committee	Committee Member	Affiliation
INC Zoning	Michael Henry	INC/Capital Hill United Neighbors
INC Dollar Dictionary	Cathee Fisher Steve Nissen	East Montclair Alamo Placita
INC Public Safety	Mary McGee,	Platt Park People's Assn
INC Membership	Lew Gaiter	INC/George Washington
INC Parks and Recreation	Jim Zavist	West University C.A.
Illegal Dumping Committee	Fred Corn	West Highland N.A.
Denver Union Station Advisory Committee	Pam Brown	Highland United Neighbors Inc.
Gates Redevelopment Committee	Nell Swiers	INC, Baker Historic N.A.
Washington Park Historic Preservation	Lynn O'Neil	Progress and Preservation Together/Washington Pk East
Colfax Corridor Coalition	Donna Stark	East Montclair
Lowry Redevelopment	Greg McAllister	East Montclair
Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board	Lee Coleman	East Montclair
Leetsdale Cop Shop	Don Decker	Lynwood

# From the Chair

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## Future Meetings

Now, concerning the upcoming meetings. There have been a couple changes, so here's where we are:

Month	Host/Location	Topic
Nov.	Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods	to be announced
Dec.	Undecided (possibly Union Station)	jail issue
January	Open	
February	University Park	
March	Open	
April	Denver Water	snow pack and impact on summer watering

## Newsletter

Elizabeth Hamilton, INC Vice-Chair, has brought it to our attention that many neighborhoods have e-mail addresses. In an effort to keep up with the times (and save some trees and postage along the way!), we will begin e-mailing *Denver Neighborhood Connection* to those who prefer to receive it in that manner. While we are doing limited e-mail of the newsletter now, we are hoping expand this in January or February of next year.

Because the e-mail version of *Denver Neighborhood Connection* will not have to go through the printing and mailing process, it will get to subscribers significantly earlier than does the printed version. If you wish to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please e-mail your name and e-mail address to the editor, Craig Eley, at [craig@eley.net](mailto:craig@eley.net). Please put "DNC e-mail" in the subject line of your e-mail so that it can be easily identified and distinguished from the daily river of spam e-mails.

Also, just a reminder that the text of *Denver Neighborhood Connection* articles appear on INC's internet site at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc). Newsletter articles are posted on this site about a week before the newsletter is mailed, so you can get a head start on putting upcoming meetings on your calendar by checking our website. This service to our members is also helpful when they need to reference articles or get directions to the monthly meetings but no longer have their printed newsletters. INC appreciates the great work of Dave Messinger in making this possible each month.

# INC Member Neighborhoods

(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA	Historic Montclair Comm.
Athmar Park NA	Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA
Baker Historical NA	Indian Creek NA
Ballpark NA	Inspiration Point NA
Beacon Club	Ivy Street NA
Bear Creek HOA	Lowry Neighbors
Bellvue Hale NA	Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA
Berkeley NA	Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.
<b>Capitol Hill United Neighbors</b>	Mayfair Park NA
Cherry Creek North BID	North City Park CA
Cherry Creek North NA	Northern Corridor Coalition
Cherry Point HOA	Northern Airport Corridor Assoc.
Citizens for a Residential Quebec	Platt Park People's Assoc.
City Park West NA	Progress & Preservation Together
Clayton NA	Ruby Hill NA
College View NA	South Gaylord NA
Congress Park Neighbors	South Hilltop NA
Cook Park NA	South Jackson NO
Cory-Merrill NA	Southmoor Park E. HOA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood	Southwest Improvement Council
Cranmer Park Hilltop	St. Charles NA
<b>Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 2</b>	Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 1	<b>University Park CC</b>
Curtis Park Neighbors	Upper Downtown Development Organization
Denargo Market NC	Uptown on The Hill
<b>Downtown Denver Residents' Org.</b>	Virginia Vale CA
East Cheesman Park NA	Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
East Montclair NA	Washington Park East NA
Far Northeast Neighbors	Wellshire HOA
Golden Triangle NA	West Highland NA
Greater Park Hill Community	West Washington Park NA
George Washington HOA	<b>Supporters</b>
Hampden South NA	Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth
Harkness Heights NA	<b>Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie</b>
Harman NA	Denver Water
Highland Economic and Community Health Org.	One Sky One World
Highland United Neighbors	
Hilltop Heritage	

# Around the City



## October, 2002 Meeting

**Hampden South** – The Rosamond Park picnic shelter is finally taking shape at the Southwest side of the park. The neighborhood newsletter is now available via email. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, send your email address to [hamilej@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:hamilej@ci.denver.co.us)

**West University Community Association** – New chair, Katie Fisher, replaces Jim Zavist. On-going concerns with scrape-offs.

**Whittier** – Colorado Tree Coalition gave Whittier an award for planting trees!

**University Park** – This group is working with the city on the proposed development at the Colorado Center Light rail site. It is also dealing with the city on proposed uses of St. Mary's Church. With the University of Denver, the neighborhood is involved with issues concerning students parking their cars.

**Baker** – The Denver Planning Board has approved the Baker Neighborhood Plan. The proposal is expected to arrive at City Council for approval in December. The Gates Development Steering Committee continues to work on issues impacting neighborhoods. The Fentress Building plan for W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Acoma St. is currently going through the Landmark Commission design review process.

**Washington Park East** – Progress and Preservation Together, and a host of supporters, are moving forward with an application for the Washington Park Place

historic district. For more information, please call Lynn O'Neil at 303-733-7089.

**Country Club Historic Neighborhood** – Continues to study traffic calming and mitigation methods and to work on neighborhood beautification issues with Parks and Public Works. The association's annual meeting is in November. The neighborhood is concerned that it can no longer get information on the Cherry Creek Plan from the administration.

**Lowry Neighborhood** – Is continuing to enlarge its effectiveness with all the neighbors moving in. Members recently met with affordable housing representatives to see how Lowry's new buildings will bring more people to first time home ownership. The neighborhood is growing!

**Greater Park Hill Community** – Annual meeting to elect new officer will be held Oct 24, 2002. A Board retreat is planned for November 23.

**Platt Park People's Association** – This new but active neighborhood association is celebrating its first anniversary, boasting nearly 250 members (10% of neighborhood households) and 97% block captain coverage. Active committees are addressing land use and development issues, economic development challenges and opportunities, and traffic and safety concerns.

**West Washington Park Neighborhood Association** – Facing an onslaught of land use and traffic issues: noise issues from T-Rex under construction and then highway noise from the highway surface and vehicles after construction, pressure from Downtown Denver business interests to put light rail on Lincoln and Broadway through fastracks and development of part of the Gates Rubber Company by Cherokee Denver.

**Lynwood** – The bi-annual Cherry Creek clean-up planned for Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. The neighborhood hosted Community Resource Officers at its last neighborhood meeting to discuss its local Cop Shop and to discuss Neighborhood Watch and property identification. The meeting was well attended.