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11:00

Speakers

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Denver Public Library is Location Of December 14 INC Meeting

December's INC Delegates' Meeting will be held Saturday, December 14 at 9 a.m. at the Denver Public Library, downtown at 13th and Broadway. The speakers for this meeting are scheduled to be from the library and will discuss the library and all it offers. Also, a representative

from the Denver Sheriff's Department will present information on the proposed Justice Center at the Rocky Mountain News site.

There is no free parking at this location and the best rate is at the lot on the south of the library, so bring some money or carpool. Also, since the library is closed at the time of the meeting, attendees will need to use the Acoma Street entrance. This is not really a street but is the plaza entry on the west side of the library.

INC Election Process Subject of Special Meeting December 10

INC will be having a special meeting on Tuesday, December 10^{th} at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor party room. The topic of this meeting will be to discuss INC's role in the city elections in May 2003, when a new mayor, new auditor, new election commissioners and at

least 10 new City Council members will be elected. The discussion will be aimed at creating a game plan for INC sponsorship of candidate forums, etc., as well as working with other groups such as the League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors Bureau, Channel 8 and others to develop a plan for meaningful discussions with candidates. We will also consider the possibility of working with other neighborhood organizations to establish a "neighborhood platform" to present to candidates for consideration. This is an open meeting for all interested persons.

Christmas Tree Sales Benefit Youth Projects

The Optimist Club of Monaco South, a contributor to INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive, is an organization that, like INC, is dedicated to helping youth. This service club sponsors dozens of youth-oriented events each year. These include

essay and speech competitions, basketball skills clinics, citizenship awards at elementary and middle schools, and the Brain Bowl (an event like the old College Bowl) for middle school students.

Most recently, the club served Thanksgiving dinner for 600 members of the Boys & Girls Club and their families.

The primary fundraiser for this club is selling Christmas trees and wreaths at its lot in front of the K Mart at the intersection of South Monaco and Evans Streets. Please keep this in mind when deciding where to buy your tree this year.

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From the Chair By Wayne Jochem INC Chair

Hello and happy holiday season to everyone from your INC Board members and me! May each and every one of you, and your friends and family as well, have a wonderful Holiday Season.

INC Presidents Dinner

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend this year's INC Presidents Dinner and thank AT&T Broadband and AT&T Wireless for their wonderful support of INC and this event. Without their support, it would be difficult to make this happen. We all missed their attendance and it just didn't "feel" right without them. I would also like to thank our guest speaker for this year, Dr. Bob Clifton, with the University of Colorado at Denver, who did a most excellent job. The award winners for this year are:

Bill Gross Award – Jim and Jan Belmere Walt Kembel Award – Diane Wolta Virginia Oredson Award – Carolyn Etter Special Award – David Spencer

November Delegates' Meeting

The speakers at November's meeting were Denver Auditor Don Mares and R. D. Sewald with Neighborhood Inspection Services. I apologize that this didn't make it into the newsletter before it went to print last month.

Other Thoughts

Now for the long part of this month's column. Up until the day I started to write this month's article, it really was going to be a short one but then things happened so I guess I'll dive right in and get all these thoughts out of my head and on paper.

While we are pretty much all volunteers, many of us have full or part-time jobs. For those of you who were able to be at the INC Annual Dinner and listened to our

guest speaker, he touched on being who we are, which made a lot of sense. But in thinking about this and dealing with people, like we all do, I've noticed that this can be a difficult thing to do as often our actions can be misunderstood by others. For example, some people we will give a hug to while others we will give a simple handshake. Some of us will hug everyone or shake everyone's hand. Some people try to make sure every one is having a good time and are generally nice to everyone. Another example would be people who are offended by something at an event and then spread the word to others who weren't even there to get their side of the story out first. By saying something first it seems to portray that person as the victim and the other person as a bad person who has done something horrible. If you watch people at the INC Meetings, your place of work, etc, you will observe this going on at some point in time.

It often seems to be that the problems we see can be attributed to that pesky little word or idea or whatever, called perception. I looked this word up in the dictionary, thank you Cathee, and it says "the process or faculty of perceiving" and "the result of this; knowledge, etc, gained by perceiving" and lastly "insight or intuition, as of an abstract quality". Sounds almost like a misunderstanding, but it is worse. A misunderstanding we can work around pretty easily if we can agree that it was all just a misunderstanding, but if a person's perception of the matter is that you offended me, or made me feel uncomfortable or worse, a victim, watch out because they feel that their perception is right and that you are wrong. Another problem can arise when there are pre-existing problems in which case, regardless

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TM-U Zoning Update

By Diana Helper & Nell Swiers

On November 4, City Council unanimously passed CB 836, which includes Transit Mixed-Use-30 zoning regulations. This new zoning category contains a number of INC requests, conveyed to the city as we studied successive drafts of this zoning and consulted with INC membership.

Special thanks go to Pam Brown for her rigorous study and to INC Zoning Chair Michael Henry. TM-U-30 applies to the largest Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites. It is being sought by the developers of both the west and east sides of S. Broadway south of I-25 -- the former Gates Rubber site, by developers of the 50-acre TOD site on the west side of I-25 between E. Ulster and E. Belleview, and likely for the Union Station TOD area.

City staff and City Council members are now considering TM-U-20 zoning regulations for TOD sites that are not large enough to accommodate TM-U-30 density. Council's Transit Oriented Planning (TOP) committee meets regularly on this subject. We attend these meetings and will keep you posted on the progress of this zoning, which will become an amendment to CB 836. Once-proposed TM-U-10 Zoning for the smallest TOD sites has been eliminated, as those areas probably can use the zoning already in place.

The INC Zoning & Planning Committee named Diana Helper point person for TM-U zoning in May 2002. She and Nell Swiers (INC Delegate-at-Large) are INC representatives to Cherokee Development (Gates) advisory committee, and are involved in numerous other transit and zoning issues.

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Public Workshops Held On City's Pedestrian Master Plan

The City and County of Denver Public Works Department has begun work on a citywide Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP). It is expected that the PMP will help identify pedestrian destinations, create sidewalk standards, and make recommendations for revisions or creation of new policies. Implementation of this plan will be phased over the next 10-20 years. The Pedestrian Master Plan will be submitted for City Council adoption in 2003.

In order to help classify pedestrian routes and prioritize pedestrian improvements, public workshops were held in each quadrant of the city during November. The city invited residents, neighborhoods and business districts to the workshops to give them the opportunity to identify locations that need improvement. Each workshop focused on the needs of a quadrant of the city but will address the overall goals of the plan.

Send comments or suggestions to: pworks@ci.denver.

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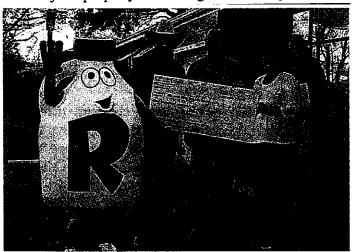
Denver Recycles' annual Treecycle program will recycle thousands of Christmas trees into mulch again this holiday season. Treecycle helps Denver avoid using landfill space and paying disposal fees for a valuable, recyclable resource -- Christmas trees.

All Denver residents whose trash is collected by Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management may participate. This year, Christmas trees will be collected during a two-week period between December 30 and January 10 (flocked trees cannot be recycled).

To Treecycle, remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from your tree and set it out for collection as follows:

Trash Can and Barrel Customers: Set your tree at least 4 feet away from your trash container by 7 a.m. on your trash day during either the week of December 30 or the week of January 6. Call (720) 865-6805 if your tree has not been picked up by 3 p.m. on your trash day during the week of January 6. Remember, January 1 is a holiday and service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Dumpster Customers: Please note this is a change in service. Set out your tree by 7 a.m. on either Monday, December 30 or Monday, January 6. Place the tree just behind your property on the edge of the alley and make



The Ingalls family holds a \$100 check presented to them by Councilman Charlie Brown. They are the first winners of the weekly recycling lottery.

sure it is not next to the dumpster. Call (720) 865-6805 if your tree has not been collected by 3 p.m. on Friday, January 10.

Denver Recycles grinds the Christmas trees into valuable mulch, which is made available at no cost to Denver residents in the spring. Last year's Treecycle recycled more than 24,000 trees, which were reclaimed by Denver residents at last spring's Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale.

Random Gifts of Money

With funding support from the American Plastics Council, Denver Recycles will give away \$100 each week for an entire year to randomly selected residents participating in the city's recycling program. To be eligible, residents must be participating in the Denver Recycles program and must have their bins set out by 7 a.m. with properly sorted materials based on program guidelines.

Residents not participating in the program can sign up for recycling service, and thus become eligible to win the lottery, by calling (720) 865-6805, Monday through Friday, to request service. Recycling service is available to most single family homes and multi-family buildings with seven or fewer units, which have their trash collected by the Denver. There is no direct charge for recycling service.

Denver Recycles recognized the first winning recyclers by knocking on the door of Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls of southeast Denver and presenting them with a giant \$100 check and a gift bag of recycled content products.

The Denver Recycles Lottery has been made possible through sponsorships from the American Plastics Council, the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News.

For more information about the Denver Recycles Lottery and other recycling programs, visit www. DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call (720) 865-6805.

The INC Board meets the second Monday of each month at the Temple **Events Center Uptown (16th and Pearl)** at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting will be on December 9, the Monday before the general membership meeting. Please mark your calendars.

From the Chair

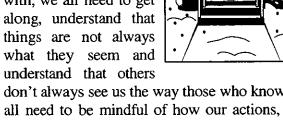
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of what was said, we will tend to hear what we want to hear and what we hear is all bad even if it wasn't said that way. Kind of like asking in what context something was said.

Anyway, this was on my mind for both personal reasons and because of an e-mail I received from someone relating how they were called a liar and a response from the person who the comment came from stating that's not how they remember it going. Since I was not involved in the incident in which the person was called a liar, based on the response from the person who was supposed to have called this person a liar, it sounded like a misunderstanding to me. You might argue that the responder was "down playing" the incident, but again, I wasn't there. For those who know these people, it is easier to say what happened, without being there, as there is some personal knowledge about the involved peoples' behavior and mannerisms. I

appreciate the fact that this matter seems to be resolved for the moment, as I've not seen any other e-mail regarding this.

Whether it's where we work, in our neighborhoods, groups we volunteer our time to, or others we interact with, we all need to get



don't always see us the way those who know us do. We all need to be mindful of how our actions, verbal and otherwise, may be interpreted by others. Well that's it, I hope it makes some sense.

I know notice is short, but try to attend the special meeting on Tuesday, December 10 if you are interested in INC's role in the 2003 municipal election. See the story on page 1 for details.

INC Member Neighborhoods

(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA Athmar Park NA Baker Historical NA Ballpark NA Beacon Club Bear Creek HOA Bellvue Hale NA

Berkeley NA Capitol Hill United Neighbors

Cherry Creek North BID Cherry Creek North NA Cherry Point HOA Citizens for a Residential Quebec City Park West NA Clayton NA College View NA Congress Park Neighbors Cook Park NA Cory-Merrill NA

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East Cheesman Park NA East Montclair NA Far Northeast Neighbors Golden Triangle NA

Greater Park Hill Community George Washington HOA Hampden South NA Harkness Heights NA

Harman NA Highland Economic and Community Health Org.

Highland United Neighbors Hilltop Heritage

Historic Montelair Comm.

Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA

Indian Creek NA Inspiration Point NA

Ivy Street NA Lowry Neighbors

Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. Mayfair Park NA

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Ruby Hill NA South Gaylord NA

South Hilltop NA South Jackson NO

Southmoor Park E. HOA

Southwest Improvement Council

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Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.

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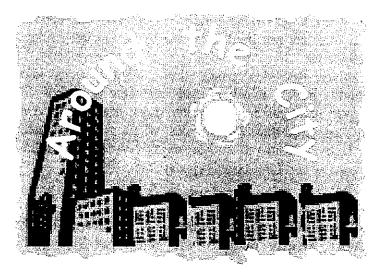
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City Park West – The association is finalizing a map of OD-9 overlay. It hopes to have application in by the end of November to Planning and then on to City Council.

University Park Community Council – Up working on its official small area plan. Focusing on detailed land use and transportation issues.

Denver Election Commission – Staffed over 140 precincts with Spanish speaking judges or interpreters for the first time. It also has about 5000 provisional ballots to process. These are new challenges for the commission.

Capitol Hill United Neighbors – Will be distributing \$43,000 in grants to non-profit organizations that serve Capitol Hill. The grant funds are generated every year by the Capitol Hill People's Fair.

Denver Patrons Against Graffiti – Has a new authorization form for graffiti removal. New form is available by calling (720) 865-7867.

Greater Park Hill Community – Held its annual meeting on Oct 24th. Delegates and new officers were elected. A Board retreat was held Nov 23rd.

Lowry – Its Town Center is now open, bringing much needed services to

the new neighborhood. The library is second only to downtown in numbers of transactions so they are up and reading.

Alamo Placita - General meeting with election of

steering committee was Nov 13th. The speaker was from the Denver Forester's Office regarding the care

of trees, shrubbery, etc. during a drought.

George Washington – Is working on traffic, drainage and pedestrian issues related to the improvement of the intersection at Alameda and Quebec per the bond issue. The city is in the process of condemning land from Fairmount Cemetery.

Lynwood 7&8 – Its new president continues to try to increase participation in Neighborhood Watch. The association will be having a neighborhood newsletter regularly in the future. The lease on Place Middle School soccer fields is up and the fields are not being used due to trash (built on old dump) and un-level playing surface. The city is deciding what to do with this area.

Hampden South Neighborhood – The city has started a pedestrian master plan to deal with issues on sidewalks and pedestrian crossing.

Minutes of Nov. 11 INC Board Meeting

By Eddie Britt INC Secretary

The Board meeting of November 11, 2002 convened at 7 p.m. at the Temple Events Center with discussions on exploring a relationship with Charles Brooke & Associates, a group that helps non-profits with grant writing.

The Board also expressed concern for the short notification period given regarding the Pedestrian Master Plan. The representative from CHUN is likely to ask for another meeting regarding the Pedestrian Plan because of the lack of notice.

The Board is also looking into a company that states that it wishes to donate older model computers to our non-profit. Members of the board also discussed at length how we are going to be engaged in the elections of May and in what capacity. It was decided that the process of developing a neighborhood platform needs to be started now with a committee formed to address the early stages of functionality. The first in a series of discussions regarding city elections will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 7 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street.