

## DeGette to Speak At Sept. 13 INC Meeting

and answer questions, and there will also be a discussion about Quick Wins Two. Additionally, a representative of the Mayor's Office will make a presentation.

Directions for those coming up I-25: take I-70 west to the Pecos exit (the very first exit), turn left (south) and turn left again (east) at the first stop light past the interstate, which will be 46th Ave. Remington Elementary school will be passed on your right.

## Quick Wins Two in Jeopardy, Needs Citizens' Help

By Rosemary Stoffel

established neighborhoods. Despite a mandated review scheduled in March, 2004, opponents have put the issue on the November ballot.

If voters repeal Quick Wins Two, the previous "pop top" ordinance would go back into effect and "long houses" could continue to be built for as long as 10 years. Supporters have mounted a grassroots campaign, "SAVE Quick Wins – Vote NO!," to convince voters to keep the ordinance. "Neighborhoods would be powerless to do anything to protect themselves against overbuilt houses if this is repealed," said campaign chairman Bob Hickman. "As the desirability of living in Denver grows, all our city's neighborhoods will be impacted."



Quick Wins Two increases the amount of required open space, as well as limiting height in the rear yard to one story. This preserves back yard privacy, sunshine to neighboring houses, and a sense of openness. At the same time, it allows large new homes and additions; a 4200 square foot home may be built on a 50 foot wide lot. "You can still live in established neighborhoods and build a big house or addition," said Hickman. "However, Quick Wins Two preserves the rights of neighbors and neighborhoods, too."

Architectural diversity is increased because more house may now be built in the front portion of a lot. This includes the classic Denver Square, prohibited under the previous ordinance. Quick Wins Two reduces required open space for smaller lots and provides incentives for detached garages and front porches.

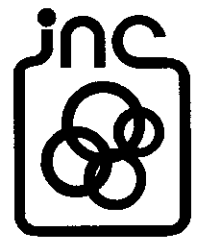
Support has been received from the Denver Community Planning and Development Department, the Planning Board, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Historic Denver, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Colorado

The September 13 INC Delegates' Meeting will be held at the new District One police station at 1311 West 46th Ave. (see map on page 7).

Congresswoman Diana DeGette will be present to speak

Neighborhoods across Denver are being threatened by possible repeal of the Quick Wins Two zoning ordinance adopted by City Council last December. It was designed to preserve back yard open space and neighborhood character while allowing new residential construction in Denver's

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# From the Chair

**By Wayne Jochem  
INC Chair**

categories.

## Quick Wins Two

As mentioned last month, a committee has been put together to educate people about Quick Wins Two, and at our last Board Meeting the INC Board approved \$300 be given to this worthwhile effort. I would encourage

neighborhoods, individuals, companies and anyone else to please contribute to this effort.

While I understand that not everyone is happy with Quick Wins Two, even though it allows more than what it replaced, the issue goes much further than whether you agree with it or not. Part of this issue is whether we want our municipal legislative process to be circumvented by those with deep pockets. Even with Quick Wins Two in place there is still a process for variances. In my mind, part of what Quick Wins Two accomplished was to slow down and place more control in the growth of undeveloped areas in Denver as well as slow down the rapid change within establish neighborhoods that are next to or near new development.

There are many different facets to Quick Wins Two, and because it appears that this vote will be through a mail-in ballot, contributions are needed sooner rather than later so that the Quick Wins Two committee can obtain money for printing, handouts, mailings, etc. Because we believe in Quick Wins Two and the process, members of the Quick Wins Two committee are giving their time, energy and efforts to make themselves available to meet with you or your group to give a brief presentation and answer your questions.

## Elected Officials

It's now been over one month since our newly elected officials took office and I've been slowly working on meeting with every one of them along with some of the new mayoral appointees. It's a long process, as schedules don't always seem to agree, but I'm working on it and I'm very happy to report that those I've met with so far have been just as wonderful as they were during their campaigns.

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I hope that this month's newsletter finds everyone doing well and I hope that your yard, like mine, is looking much better since our watersheds reached a sufficient level that allowed three day-a-week watering!

## INC Award Nominations

It's hard to believe that it's already September. Just last month I was thinking that it was hard to believe that it was already August, again. Anyway, September is when we once again ask for award nominations. This is your chance to send us a name, or names, of people you think have made a difference and

would qualify for one of our three awards: The Virginia Oredson Award, The Bill Gross Award, or The Walt Kembel



Award. As many of you already know, these awards are a way to recognize the efforts of neighborhood individuals who have committed their time, efforts and energy in making positive changes within their neighborhoods, communities and the city. Unfortunately, many of these efforts are taking place on a daily basis without many people knowing about them. So, if you know someone who has made, or is making, a difference in these areas, please complete the nomination form on page 5 and mail it or drop it off when you are at the September or October INC meetings. Awards are presented in November, and if this year is like the past years, it will again be a difficult task to select a single individual in each of these

# From the Chair

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True to their campaigns and their responses to the INC questionnaire, they have a sincere desire to work with neighborhoods.

Sometimes what I see, whether it's where you work, government, etc. is that some people change along with their priorities. What start off as well-intentioned, very focused people who were new enough to remember where they came from and what side of the issue they were on, sometimes change into being well-intentioned for the "greater good," who now have a wider focus. They now see new angles on old issues due to their new positions of authority and influence. They also may learn that issues they once saw as black and white now have many shades of gray. I hope that along the way they remain as consistent with their priorities as they are today.

Incumbents who were re-elected will have their hands full as they have the experience and insight to help the new council members put everything into perspective as well as providing a shoulder to cry on and a person who will listen when there doesn't seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel. If there's anything INC can help with, please don't hesitate to ask.

## Meetings and Agendas

As mentioned last month Rick Hendricks will be taking on the responsibility of arranging INC meetings. If you would like to host a meeting or make a presentation, please do not hesitate to contact Rick or myself and I will respond and forward the request. However, be advised that since we try to have meetings scheduled several months out, if you volunteer to host a meeting, please don't back out, as it is very difficult and often times expensive to find a place on short notice when someone backs out.

Agenda items and presentations are another thing we try to plan months in advance. Generally it's not much of a problem if we have to cancel a presentation, even though we don't like to do it, as there are lots of things going on that we can talk about or other presentations we can move forward. So please understand that while we will try to accommodate everyone as quickly and as best we can, there are times when we won't be able

to get you in for a couple of months. Lastly, while it hasn't happened that I can think of, there may come a time when INC will need to cancel a presentation and replace it with another due to a pressing issue. Does this sound like a case of "the management reserves the right to do as they please?" I hope not, but lately we've run into a few glitches so I wanted to try to get everyone on the same page.

## Dictionary Drive and Special Guests

I'd like to also take this time to thank Cathee Fisher and Steve Nissen for handling the August Meeting when I was out of town on vacation. I would also like to thank our volunteers who showed up to label the dictionaries and thesauruses. Due to budgetary issues at the Sheriff's Department and Rites of Passage, we were not able to get volunteers from these agencies as we have in the past. This resulted in many more books needing to be labeled and every one of you got it done. I would also like to recognize and thank the following councilmembers who showed up to talk with the neighborhood representative present and help label books; Carol Boigon, Doug Linkhart, Judy Montero and Marcia Johnson. I'd also like to thank Pat Defa, who is Councilman Rick Garcia's aide, for helping. Also thank you to Nancy Jackson from Mayfair Neighbors for showing up every day for labeling!

## INC Newsletter

A few months ago INC tried to transition into e-mailing the newsletter to those people for whom we had e-mail addresses. Things don't always work the way they are supposed to, so we have had some trouble with people not receiving their newsletters. So for the last couple of months we have been sending out hard copies and we will again try to begin e-mailing the newsletter.

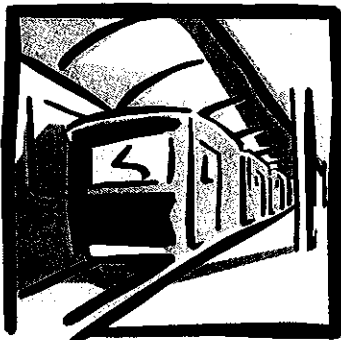


One of the advantages to receiving *Denver Neighborhood Connection* by e-mail is that you receive it sooner than the mailed version. When we again begin e-mailing the newsletter, you shouldn't receive a hard copy, just the e-mail version. If you have an e-mail address but you prefer a mailed hard copy, please let us know and we'll take you off the e-mail list. If you have any problems receiving the newsletter, please let us know and we'll try to get it straightened out.

# RTD Proposes Phased FasTracks Expansion

By Lauren Martens  
Executive Director  
Transit Alliance

In response to the continuing sluggish economy and drop in revenues, RTD staff has drafted a phased FasTracks plan that seeks to define how much of the planned rail and bus network could be built within 10 years.



Because of a decline in sales tax revenue, the proposed 4/10th of a cent increase is no longer sufficient to build the entire FasTracks Vision Plan in 10 years, as previously projected.

RTD's forecasts now show that, without new revenue, no rapid transit projects after T-REX could be built by 2025.

RTD's draft Phase I 10-year plan would:

- build new rail and bus rapid transit projects and upgrade the existing and T-REX lines,
- purchase right-of-way for the Phase II extensions,
- enhance the bus network, including 1.5% annual increase in service and expanded suburb-to-suburb service,
- develop Union Station to accommodate light rail, commuter rail and buses,
- expand Park-n-Rides to accommodate use levels forecast for 2025, and
- provide real-time information at rail and bus stops.

The cost of Phase I, in inflated year of expenditure dollars, is \$4.25 billion. The financial plan assumes federal funding of \$780 million, less than 20% of the cost of the system. It also assumes that cities and counties will contribute 2.5% of the cost of each corridor, which could include in-kind donations or fee

waivers.

Phase II of FasTracks could be built with an extension of the 4/10 cent RTD sales tax and additional bonding. No additional increase would be required. After construction of the full system is completed, a portion of the 4/10th of a cent would be used to fund the on-going operation and maintenance of the expanded rail and bus system.

A map of the proposed phasing plan will soon be available on the Transit Alliance web site, [www.transitalliance.org](http://www.transitalliance.org).

At the RTD Board study session where the plan was presented, the topic that generated the most Board discussion was whether there is enough parking in Phase I, particularly at the end of line stations.

RTD anticipates Board action to submit a plan to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) in October. DRCOG review and approval is needed before a measure is placed before the voters. Once this occurs and RTD finalizes ballot language, a citizen petition drive would be needed to place the measure on the ballot.

## Quick Wins Two

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Environmental Coalition and the majority of former city council members.

Michael Henry, an attorney who is the chair of the INC Zoning and Planning committee, says that nonprofit tax-exempt neighborhood organizations may legally support and contribute to an issue-related campaign of this type, so long as the work and funds are not a substantial part of the resources of the organization.

To help, vote NO! in November and contact neighborhood coordinator Diane Wolta at 303-759-4089 or [dwol99@msn.com](mailto:dwol99@msn.com) to volunteer or schedule speakers. For information on "SAVE Quick Wins – Vote NO!", contact campaign chairman Bob Hickman at 303-863-9484 or [bnlhick@aol.com](mailto:bnlhick@aol.com), or check the "SAVE Quick Wins – Vote NO!" website at: [www.savequickwins.org](http://www.savequickwins.org). To provide funding, make checks out to "SAVE Quick Wins – Vote NO!" and send to:

Nell Swiers, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 40875  
Denver, CO 80204

# INC Awards Nomination Form

Each year, INC sponsors three awards which are given during the annual Presidents' Dinner in the fall. Review the criteria for each award and, if you know someone who qualifies, use this form to nominate that person for one of the awards. **Nominations are due by October 15, 2003**, and should be mailed to INC at P.O. Box 181009, Denver, 80218 or e-mailed to Wayne Jochem at wjochem@aol.com.

## The Virginia Oredson Award

- Criteria:
1. The nominee should have encouraged Denver neighborhoods to work together in a common effort to solve community problems and in particular has supported INC.
  2. The nominee should have established a record of selfless community service in a number of different causes.
  3. The nominee should have encouraged and motivated others to volunteer their services to engage in community improvement efforts.

## The Bill Gross Award

- Criteria:
1. The nominee should work in the public safety sector in the City and County of Denver.
  2. The nominee should have a strong record of working with neighborhoods to better public safety in the community.
  3. The nominee should have made Denver a safer place in which to live.

## The Walt Kembel Award

- Criteria:
1. The winner must be an INC delegate or member.
  2. The award winner should have contributed to INC during the past year over and above normal expectations to develop and promote the organization or
  3. The winner should have moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways.

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**Award nominated for (circle one)**

**Virginia Oredson Award**

**Bill Gross Award**

**Walt Kembel Award**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a statement indicating why your nominee should win the award**

## DPS Third Graders Receive Dictionaries

*By Cathee Fisher  
INC Dollar Dictionary Drive  
Co-Chair*

Picture eight-year-old third graders receiving not just one book, but two books of their own. These books are special because they will be life-long learning tools and they come from the generosity of their neighbors. Each dictionary and thesaurus for each third grade DPS student was delivered to the 95 DPS elementary schools within the first week of classes this August. Like kids at Christmas, the principals and teachers can't wait to give them to their students. But wait - - we, the neighbors, want to do a special presentation! To join the fun, contact your neighborhood school principal to set a day and time for September when you and your neighbors can hand out the dictionaries to the students. This can be done in an assembly or classroom by classroom. It is the best part of the program and lots of fun! For information contact Cathee Fisher 303-333-3141.



Green Valley Ranch Master Association  
Harvey Park Improvement Association  
Highland United Neighbors  
Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Neighborhood Association  
Independent House Fillmore  
Kiwanis Club of Denver\*  
League of Woman Voters Education Fund  
Mayfair Neighbors  
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association  
Optimist Club of Monaco South  
Rocky Mountain SER  
Safeway Public Relations  
University Park Community Council  
Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

\* New donations since the last newsletter.

We have almost reached our goal for 2003. Any additional funds donated will be used for the 2004 Dictionary program. Thank you to all who have donated time and money!

Please send tax deductible donations to:

INC Dollar Dictionary Drive  
P.O. Box 181009 Denver, CO 80218

## Program Offers Paint Discounts

**By John Maslanik  
President, Downtown Denver  
Residents' Organization**

The Sherwin-Williams Homescapes program allows homeowner associations to create professional looking books filled with exterior color schemes approved by the association. These books can be loaned to homeowners as needed. A copy of the book will also be located at the closest Sherwin-Williams retail location for the convenience of the homeowners.

Regardless of participation in the color program, Sherwin-Williams will open an account for any association that entitles every member to a discount of 20% off the list price and 5% off the sale price on almost everything in the store.

For further information, contact Mike Doise, Sherwin-Williams Sales Rep., at 720-404-3365.

### 2003 Dollar Dictionary Drive donations:

Alamo Placita Neighborhood Association  
Baker Historic Neighborhood  
Baker Historic Neighborhood Individuals  
Bear Valley Improvement Association  
Capitol Hill United Neighbors  
Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association  
Cherry Point Homeowners Association  
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Community Individuals  
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Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann  
Councilwoman Jeanne Robb  
DPS Student Board of Education  
East Montclair Neighborhood Association  
Godsman Community Neighborhood Association  
Greater Park Hill Community

# 18th Annual One Sky One World Event Set For October 12

The Denver edition of the 18th Annual ONE SKY ONE WORLD International Kite Fly & Pet Parade for Peace and a Harvest Festival will take place at Sloan's Lake Park on Sunday, October 12, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. adjacent to the boat house on the north side of the lake. Mayor John Hickenlooper, District 1 City Councilman Rick Garcia, RE/MAX City Horizons and Sabor Latino Restaurant are sponsoring the Denver event.

People are encouraged to make their own kites, bring kites or purchase them at the event. A large children's area, entertainment, food, arts and crafts, vendor and community organization booths, a tipi village, a health corridor with free testing of blood and blood pressure and massage services are all part of the fall Harvest Festival. The



Colorado Humane Society will sponsor the Pet Parade at noon, which people and pets may enter for \$5. Low cost vaccinations and micro-chipping services will be offered. Proceeds go to the Colorado Humane Society.

DenFIDO's, an organization dedicated to establishing areas within Denver Parks where dogs can run free will have a temporary off-leash play area at the event. The cost for running dogs is \$5.

For more specific information on worldwide locations and for live on-line updates refer to <http://subvision.net/sky/osow/index.htm>. For local information contact: One Sky One World, (303) 571-1744, e-mail [jpa@earthnet.net](mailto:jpa@earthnet.net).

## INC Member Neighborhoods

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(Patrons in Bold)

Alamo Placita NA

Athmar Park NA

Baker Historical NA

Ballpark NA

Beacon Club

Bellevue-Hale NA

Berkeley NA

**Capitol Hill United  
Neighborhoods**

Cherry Creek North NA

Cherry Point HOA

City Park West NA

Colfax BID

Colfax on the Hill

College View NA

Congress Park Neighbors

Cook Park NA

Cory-Merrill NA

**Crestmoor Park HOA  
Filing 2**

Denargo Market NC

East Montclair NA

George Washington HOA

Golden Triangle NA

**Greater Park Hill  
Community**

Green Valley Ranch HOA

Hampden Heights CA

Hampden South NA

Harkness Heights NA

Harman NA

Highland United Neighbors

Hilltop Heritage

Hutchinson Hills/Willow  
Point NA

Inspiration Point NA

Ivy Street NA

Jefferson Park United  
Neighbors

LoDo District

Lowry Neighbors

Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA

**Mayfair Neighbors**

North City Park CA

Park Forest HOA.

Pine Valley NA

Platt Park People's Assoc.

Ruby Hill NA

Sloan's Lake Citizen's  
Group

South Gaylord NA

South Hilltop NA

South Jackson NO

Stokes Place/ Green Bower  
NA

**Southmoor Park E. HOA**

Sunny Lawson Park NA

Sunnyside United  
Neighbors, Inc.

The Unsinkables

**University Park CC**

**Upper Downtown  
Development Org**

Virginia Vale CA

Virginia Village/Ellis  
Community Association

Washington Park East NA

**West Highland NA**

West University NA

West Washington Park NA

Westwood NA

Whittier NA

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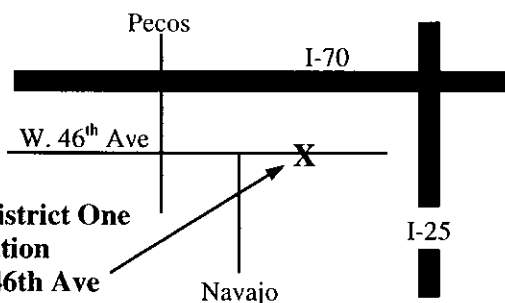
Neighborhood Resource Center  
of Colorado

One Sky, One World

**Dept. of Public Safety**

Sue Edwards - DPS

**Map to District One  
Police Station**  
1311 W. 46th Ave



**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday**  
**September 13**  
**2003**

**District One**  
**Police Station**

1311 W. 46th Ave.  
(see map on page 7)

**AGENDA**

**8:45**

Coffee and Chat

**9:00**

Around the City

**10:30**

Quick Wins Two

**10:45**

Beth Conover,  
Mayor's Office

**11:00**

Budget Presentation

**11:30**

Diana DeGette

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**Article Deadline**

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