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Early Voting Locations

Denver residents who want the convenience of voting in person before the August 12th Primary Election will have more than double the number of early voting locations compared to 2006. At these locations, people will cast paper ballots and there will be electronic voting machines available for use by voters with disabilities if they choose to use them. The early voting sites will be distributed around the city and most offer ample parking.

Early voting will take place Monday, August 4th to Friday, August 8th. The Denver Elections Division will offer extended early voting hours at its headquarters from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on those dates. Twelve other early voting locations will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The early voting sites are:

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- Christ Church United Methodist Church, 690 Colorado Boulevard.
- Denver Elections Division, 3888 East Mexico Avenue. (open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Harvard Gulch Recreation Center, 550 East Iliff Avenue.
- Harvey Park Recreation Center, 2120 South Tennyson Way.
- Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center, 3334 Holly Street.
- ☐ Manual High School, 1700 East 28th Avenue.
- ☐ Montbello Recreation Center, 15555 East 53rd Avenue.
- Montclair Recreation Center, 729 Ulster Way.
- Rude Park Recreation Center, 2855 West Holden Place.
- Scheitler Recreation Center, 5031 West 46th Avenue.
- Tamarac Square Shopping Center, 7777 East Hampden Avenue.
- □ Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue.

"Voters have demonstrated that they appreciate having the convenience of casting their ballot before Election Day," said Denver Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley. "In response, we are more than doubling the number of locations that were available during the 2006 election cycle for voters who choose that option."

Voters who choose to use a mail-in ballot will also be able to drop off their ballots at the early voting sites if they choose. Voters who decide to drop off their mail-in ballots at an early voting site are reminded not to drop off ballots outside of the listed hours or at any unsecured location. There is no weekend early voting for the Primary Election.

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Editor's Note

All articles will flow continuously from pageto-page in this issue. Only the following article will jump pages. So start at the beginning and read continuously from one page to the next.

Labeling Time

It is that time of year again when we place labels in 15,000 dictionaries and thesauruses for our DPS third-graders. We have a new location this year as we were displaced by an increase in pre-school attendees at the location we have enjoyed the past ten years or so. See the dates, time, and location at the end of this article.

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INC Member and Associate Organizations (Patrons in Bold)

Member Organizations

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Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Assn
Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assn
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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:45 a.m. See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets monthly at different locations. The public is always welcome. Check the INC website for location and agenda.

Cherry Creek Townhouse Corporation
Cherry Point Homeowners Assn
Civic Association of Clayton
Colfax on the Hill, Inc
College View Neighborhood Assn
Congress Park Neighbors
Cook Park Neighborhood Assn
Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Assn
Country Club Historic Neighborhood
(CCHN)

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Golden Triangle Museum District
Greater Mar-Lee Community Org

Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.

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Platt Park Peoples Assn
Plaza III Townhomes Association

Rangeview Neighborhood Assn Ruby Hill Neighborhood Assn - RHINO

SWIC Southwest Improvement Council/Westwood

Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corp Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Assn South City Park Neighborhood Assn South Hilltop Neighborhood Assn South Jackson Street Denver Neighborhood South Park Hill Neighborhood Org

Southmoor Park East Homeowners

Southmoor Park Homeowners Assn The Unsinkables

University Park Community Council Upper Downtown Development Org Virginia Vale Community Assn

Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn Warrens University Community Council Washington Park East Neighborhood Assn

West Highland Neighborhood Assn West University Community Assn (WUCA)

West Washington Park Neighborhood Assn

Whittier Neighborhood Assn Windsor Gardens Association Wyman Historic District Neighborhood Assn

Associates

Bonna Gayhart
Councilman Doug Linkhart

Councilman Rick Garcia Councilwoman Carol Boigon Councilwoman Marcia Johnson

Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann

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Denver Mayor's Office

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Historic Denver Inc.

League of Women Voters of Denver

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Stephen Griffin

Transportation Solutions

This is the thirteenth year this national award winning project has provided these helpful tools to our third-graders. This has only been possible because people believe and trust in our young people as they study, develop maturity, and become the leaders of tomorrow. Your contributions of time, money, and encouragement have made this project successful year after year.

Our fund raising effort in 2008 is behind schedule and so any support from individuals, your friends, and RNO's will be very helpful and greatly appreciated. If your RNO has not made a donation this year, please encourage them to consider doing so. All contributions are tax deductible. We have become a little 'greener' this year as you can now save paper and postage by donating online with ease at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc. Click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee" then scroll down and click on "CLICKING ON THIS LINK".

We are very much in need of volunteers who can pack boxes of books and move them aside from the labeling area. We encourage everyone to invite young people to come and help for a day or half-day. We have a challenge with the new venue this year and want to be assured that our labeling process will be a success. Many folk are already looking forward to this event as they find it personally rewarding year after year and that is a great compliment to all of you who have made this project a continuing success. Please come and give us a hand for a few hours.

This year's labeling will be done at: Morey Middle School Cafeteria, 840 East 14th Avenue in Capitol Hill on Thursday and Friday, August 7th and 8th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enter the school on the east side (Emerson Street). Generous parking is available on the 13th Avenue side (enter through the gate). If you have any questions, please call Steve J. Nissen at 303-733-8524.

Zoning and Planning

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee met July 26th. Julius Szako of the Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) announced that the City has hired a parking consultant to develop a citywide parking plan. There will be a public meeting on parking management on August 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. Julius said he would e-mail more information in a few days including location of the meeting. He also spoke about the "Living Street Initiative" that is a year-long program starting July 30th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Colfax Events Center, 1477 Columbine Street, Denver. For details, go to the denvergov.org website or call CPD's Katherine Cornwell at 720-865-2939.

CPD Manager Peter Park distributed charts showing the organization of CPD, pointing out the changes that have been made toward cohesiveness, consolidation, and removal of redundancy among Management, Planning Services, and Permit and Inspection Services. He stated that 16 to 17 small area plans are now underway. Michael Sizemore, in charge of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS), advised that citizens may contact their NIS inspectors directly by phone, *preferably on line*, or through 311. To find out the name of your area's inspector, look on line or call 720-865-2510. Cases are filed by address so you can get an update on a case by asking the inspector. NIS is considering rotating Saturday coverage and is considering more quality control so inspectors are all on the same page regarding their assessment of problems. There will be more "teeth" for inspectors - more authority and more training.

Michael Roach, in charge of the Building Department, said that Permit Counter staffing is now much improved. The applicant is responsible for meeting the code. Cross training of Plan Examiners and Field Inspectors helps communication.

The 311 system is expanding to include more agencies and to work more closely with NIS. It was suggested that a representative of 311 address ZAP at a future meeting.

In September, the Zoning Code Task Force (ZCTF) is to receive a draft of the proposed revised zoning code. City staff is meeting now with consultants to review their reports. Public Meetings will be held in early 2009. John Lucero of the Denver Board of Realtors (DBR) distributed copies of a letter from CPD's Tina Axelrad to the DBR concerning the proposed zoning code revisions for residential properties. Peter Park said that, for clarity, the revised code would have more graphics and fewer words. Maps will pertain to certain areas. Subjects included in the written language will not necessarily be included on every map. The language and maps will be presented together to City Council.

Lee Ann Anderson and Susan Schmidt of the Greater Park Hill Community spoke briefly about the process and results of that RNO's "Park Hill Smart Growth" priority questionnaire sent to some 1,200 households, eliciting over 500 replies. A position statement has been drafted and quick action is sought.

Rosemary Stoffel reported on University Park's Small Area Plan (SAP) which passed the Planning Board with flying colors and is in route to City Council's Blueprint Denver Committee and then, presumably, to Council for vote in September. A song was sung by all on U.P.'s SAP.

John Lucero introduced Dr. Shannon Rich who is looking for sites to hold low-cost Dog Vaccination Clinics. He has been providing shots for dogs in underserved areas for some time and believes the need is great. Contact shannon_rich@hotmail.com, 720-984-4510, or johnlucero@comcast.net.

Janice Finch of Public Works (PW) Policy and Planning spoke about the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program aimed at limiting private car trips and single-occupancy trips, improving bike and pedestrian routes,

increasing bus and light rail use, and so forth. Incentives, programs, activities, and facilities are included in TDM that is working with the Planning Board and the City Council Public Works committee. Requirements, rules, and regulations must be established.

Jason Longsdorf, under contract with PW on the TDM project, distributed a draft outline for Proposed Denver TDM Rules and Regulations for discussion with INC. It deals with Applicability, Strategies, Monitoring, and Enforcement. ZAP discussion included parking concerns, issues with adjacency to Transit Oriented Development, special situations in areas near a campus or another major hub, and the difference between business and residential needs. Comments may be addressed to Jason at 303-728-3057 or longsdorf@pbworld.com, or to Janice at 720-865-3163 or janice.finch@denvergov.org. A public hearing will be held in August.

ZAP members also reported on the following subjects: protection-by-Historic District, problems posed by restaurant/bar patios in residential areas, the "open space" concern at the Alameda Station TOD, the need of joint discussion among City agencies regarding right-of-way (ROW), in general PW's lack of attention to the Mayor's Green-print Initiative and appropriate materials in public ROW, and with the need for a citywide discussion of these matters.

Next Meeting will be Saturday, August 23rd.

From the Chair Karen Cuthbertson

INC does not provide bulk membership data, including names, house or email addresses, telephone numbers, etcetera to anyone outside the Executive Committee (EC) and Committee Chairs. Members of the EC and Committee Chairs may not use the membership data for personal use nor may they distribute bulk membership data to anyone outside of the EC or Committee Chairs. INC sends all bulk email communications using the Blind Courtesy Copy (BCC) mechanism.

Messages that do not clearly fall within specified boundaries will be circulated to the INC EC and Committee Chairs to determine if there are any objections to the communication. If no member objects to the message within 24 hours, it will be emailed / published (as requested by the sender). If a message intended for such communication is rejected, the EC Chair will provide an explanation to the sender.

Subject to approval by the EC board and consistent with achieving the goals of this policy, authority to send messages may be delegated to other EC members, as necessary. Refer to the table below for message specifications.

Email substance	Source	Email or Pub- lish in Newslt- ter?	Exception	Notes
Information about activities that directly affect Denver's neighborhoods	Any	Both		Attempt to distribute "pro" and "con" information in same communication. At minimum, provide notice with communication that opposing viewpoints will be communicated, if submitted.
Actions proposed by City elected or appointed officials and those City employees who have the authority to implement City policy and procedures	denvergov.org or ci.denver.co.us or dpsk12.org	Both	Reliable source outside of ad- ministration; e.g., member of board or com- mission, pub- lished / aired news article, etc.	Ditto "pro" and "con" communication.
Free-to-Attend Event	RNO	Publish		Neighborhood events; e.g., picnics, neighborhood-wide garage sales, etc., are more appropriate for "Around the City" portion of the newsletter.
Free-to-Attend Event	City / Other than RNO	Both, as applicable		An event that is of a citywide nature or has citywide implications can be both published and emailed; the latter especially if it's time sensitive. Things that are site-specific; e.g., a park dedication or alley clean-up are more appropriately handled in communications from Council persons.
Fee-Based Events	Any	Publish		Fund-raising events; e.g., house tours, wine tastings, etc., are more appropriate for "Around the City" portion of the newsletter.

Delegates Meeting Recap by Larry Ambrose

INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 12th at the Heritage Club, 2020 South Monroe Street. Pat Cashen, President of the University Park Community Council, welcomed the delegates and guests.

City Councilman-at-Large Doug Linkhart briefly spoke about how, on his watch, Denver's crime rate has come down over the past two years. He has been working on the Democratic National Convention Safety Committee and he is now heading up the Economic Prosperity Task Force with an eye towards improving job prospects in the City.

Stephanie O'Malley, City Clerk and Recorder, presented the latest changes in the voting procedures for Denver citizens. August 12th is the date of the Primary Election. Citizens will vote with paper ballots in the Primary and General Elections. The General Election will be held November 11th. Ballots will be counted using optical scanning machines. The City has obtained six additional scanners. There will be 13 early voting locations and 192 polling places. Mail-in ballots can be requested by calling 720 -913-VOTE. For the primary, the last day to apply for mail-in ballots by mail will be Tuesday, August 5th. The last day to apply in person for mail-in ballots at the Election Commission Offices at 3888 East Mexico will be Friday, August 8th. Postage will be \$0.59 for a mail-in ballot.

- For the General Election, the last day to apply for mailin ballots will be Tuesday, October 28th.
- For the Election Commission Offices, the last day to apply for mail-in ballots will be Friday, October 31st.

There is a limit of five ballots that can be hand carried by any individual to voting locations.

Early voting begins one week before the primary (August 5th). Early voting begins two weeks before the General Election (October 28th). There will be 20 voting booths and two electronic voting machines at each polling place. Ms. O'Malley hypothesized that this particular voting system can only be expected to be used in the near future due to changing federal and state election system guidelines. More information is available at www.denvervotes.com.

Ms. O'Malley said 2,000 poll workers would be hired for the general election. Poll workers are paid \$100 for attending a two-hour training class and working 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Temporary workers will be hired to

work at the Election Commission at a wage of \$10.87 per hour.

Councilwoman-at-Large Carol Boigon reported on her sponsored ordinance for smoke-free urban hospitals that will move forward on July 21st. Ms. Boigon maintains that second-hand smoke is an immediate threat to sick, at risk patients. According to Boigon, urban hospitals abut (no pun intended) up to sidewalks and neighborhoods. People walking next to, or through, smoking areas are exposed to a dose of potentially cancer-causing smoke. The solution is to ban smoking except in the middle of streets or on sidewalks across from any urban hospital campus. Ms. Boigon admits that some doctors have expressed concern that "rural people" may not be accustomed to these restrictions. Kaiser or other clinics and long-term or acute-care facilities will not be included in the ban. Tracy Richers Maruyama, Health Program Administrator at Denver Health, spoke in support of the smoke-free proposal emphasizing that hospitals across the country will be trying hard to get their own employees off of cigarettes through education and abstinence programs and are trending toward becoming smoke-

Sarah Kendall Hughes, Chief of Staff to Superintendent Michael Bennett, presented detailed information about the "Denver Plan." This ambitious program is intended to bring high-quality teachers to every DPS classroom through professional development, changing the culture and climate of DPS education, and by creating the right learning environment. Hughes was quick to admit that education at DPS is not high quality now but "we are quickly on that path and making fast progress." she said. She said the current administration at DPS looked at successes around the City and that "we know that we can succeed if we implement the Denver Plan."

The Denver Plan was a result of working with a Committee called "A+ Denver". Because DPS' student population dropped more than 25,000 in recent years, the taxpayers were paying for empty seats. The solution, per DPS, was an analysis of ways to get more dollars into the classroom. Another part of the Plan is early childhood education. Ms. Kendall said, "The District is leveraging the Early Childhood Education Program..." (to provide full-time, full-day programming). DPS contracted with the Urban Land Institute (URI) to recommend to the Board of Education just what to do (based on highest and best use and, presumably, neighborhood input) with the extra property. URI will make their recommendations at noon on August 7th at the Board meeting. Starting around January

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.

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or February 2009, URI will look at what to do with the other eight schools that were recently closed.

Don Tressler, Co-chair of the Parks Committee along with Larry Ambrose, reported the Committee was working on a set of questions regarding Admission-Based Events to be submitted for approval to the General Membership meeting in August. After review by the INC membership, the questions will be sent to Denver Parks and Recreation management with the hope that answers will help the Committee to formulate a position regarding the controversial admission-based events policy being developed by a task force formed by former Parks and Recreation manager, Kim Bailey.

Dave Webster, Chair of the INC Transportation Committee, reported the Committee would meet at the Blair-Caldwell Library on July 25th. Members are urged to attend a presentation on July 30th at the Colfax Events Center about "Living Streets" where the Mayor of Bogota, Colombia will kick off Community Planning and Development's promotion regarding making city streets "pedestrian friendly."

Steve Nissen reported that labeling dictionaries and thesauruses will be organized at Morey Middle School at 840 East 14th Avenue on August 7th and 8th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and completed by the INC Delegates at our regularly scheduled meeting on August 9th. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Recap by Larry Ambrose

The Executive Committee (EC) meeting was called to order on July 14th at 7:00 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. All nine EC members were present: Larry Ambrose, Paul Bennington, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, and Brad Zeig. Also present was Newsletter and Membership Chair Ken Beaudrie.

The minutes of the June 9th Executive Committee meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Steve Nissen and INC Chair Karen Cuthbertson will figure out why bank statements are arriving so late in the month. The sum of INC accounts should total \$26,857.78. There was a motion to accept a summary statement in lieu of a detailed statement, that passed by acclamation.

Steve received a letter from the IRS extending time to file the Form 990 until August 15th. INC paid an accountant in 2006 to file this form. Karen reported that INC is now subject to the Colorado Charitable Solicitation Act now that it receives more than \$25,000 in revenues. Larry Ambrose suggested that INC pay for an accountant if it expedites Steve's job in filing the 2007 returns. There was a motion to spend up to \$500 for this purpose which passed by acclamation.

Despite recent filings, there was a letter questioning INC's proper charity status. Karen will check and report.

Karen reported that Billie Bramhall is getting a schedule of DPS public input meetings.

Ken reported there are 81 member organizations, 19 of which are patrons. There are 24 associates, 10 as patrons.

Karen will send out a list of RNOs who have not been INC members or have not renewed. Committee members will call with talking points to solicit them to join INC.

Karen reported that Penelope Zeller is updating the handbook *Landlord Manual* that is a best practice guide for residential landlords. She reported that the Athmar Park Neighborhood Association sent CDs of the handbook along with a letter from the appropriate City Council member and the Mayor to more than 300 landlords in her neighborhood and it was well received. A discussion followed in which Larry suggested that the handbook might be made available via a pay-per-download basis on the INC web site. Paul suggested that the role of INC is to facilitate an RNO's ability to get additional members and that this type of information could help. Karen wants to make the handbook opportunity a "win-win" for INC and the RNOs.

Don Tressler reported that the final language for the Zoning Code Update would be coming out between August and October. He reminded the group that the ZAP Committee and the membership sent a letter to the Zoning Code Task Force in March asking them to incorporate solar access into the new code. As a result, the recommendations have been incorporated and sustainability expert, Doug Farr, has been contracted to review the code. There will be a ZAP meeting on July 26th where many new Zoning and CPD officials will be introduced.

Steve reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive has almost \$11,000. Larry suggested that INC send out a news release prior to the distribution. He believes not enough publicity has been given to this remarkable program and a feature in one or both of the major dailies might stimulate more contributions. Steve and Karen will prepare the text for a release and send photos to Larry who will put it in a news-release format and get it to the appropriate reporters at the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*.

The Parks and Recreation Committee will discuss whether it wants to ask the general membership to be a standing rather than temporary committee. Larry reported that Dave Robinson had sent the Committee an e-mail saying that he had sent the questions the Committee was preparing to Parks and Recreation management.

A discussion ensued regarding the format of the Newsletter. It was decided that because most people receive the Newsletter digitally, it would be better to have some way for them to skip back and forth between pages if the articles are not to be contiguous. Karen will send Ken an example newsletter.

Karen went over the draft of the Broadcast Policy first suggested by Larry and developed by Karen, Larry, and Ken. The Committee approved the policy for publication in the Newsletter and submission to the General Membership for approval in August.

Karen announced that the meeting to develop "best practices" of roles and responsibilities in the planning process between RNOs, the City, and real estate developers was being moved from August 16th to sometime in September. There is an RNO 101 workshop on the RNO ordinance being planned for October.

Larry asked about Steve Hildman's application for membership on the Library Commission and whether the Executive Committee would endorse his candidacy. Karen stated that it would be inappropriate for the INC Board to make official endorsements but that members are free to write recommendations as individuals.

There is a need to replace the INC yard signs used to direct people to monthly meetings. Karen has found a source that will make six double-sided signs for \$228. It was moved and seconded to spend \$228 for yard signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report by Larry Ambrose and Don Tressler

The INC Parks Committee was specifically established as a temporary committee intended to examine the work of the "Admission Based Special Events Policy" (ABSEP) Task Force set up by former Parks and Recreation Manager Kim Bailey. The Task Force, made up of a few neighborhood representatives, non-profit organizations, park users, and City employees, was charged with developing policies for closing off certain parks, allowing the service of alcohol by commercial entities, and charging admission.

Four ABSEP subcommittees had been meeting to examine legal matters, fees, park locations, and site plans. Larry Ambrose represents INC on the ABSEP and Dave Webster has attended meetings and subcommittee meetings as well.

Dave Robinson, a member of the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as this INC Parks Committee, collected ten questions regarding admission-based events from the INC Parks Committee that attendees thought needed clarification. Dave submitted these questions to the Department of Parks and Recreation management through the Parks Advisory Board as a "Request for Clarification and Items of Concern regarding Park Revisions." He submitted the request on July 7th and informed the INC Committee on July 14th. The INC Committee is now awaiting a detailed response to the questions from Denver Parks and Recreation.

At our last meeting, the INC Parks Committee voted on three matters:

- 1. Should we include Recreation in our subject area and be the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- 2. Are there other pressing needs in Parks and should we ask to widen our scope to include all subject matters relating to Parks and Recreation.
- 3. Should we ask to be established as a permanent committee?

The vote was unanimous for all questions.

We have had 12 to 14 Committee members attend our meeting. Our next meeting will be at 5:15 p.m. on August 19th at the Denver Police District 3 Community room. This is located just north and west of the I-25/University Boulevard exit.



Athmar Park - We're VERY excited that the Alameda Square Shopping Center is under contract for redevelopment! Hopefully, it will be finished by 2010. Also, our annual neighborhood-wide picnic is August 17th, noon to 4 p.m. at Huston Lake Park (Kentucky & Vallejo). Come have a hamburger!

Downtown Denver Residents Org. - DDRO, along with the Downtown N.A. and Lower Downtown District, Inc., are working closely with the City and the Police Department to address security concerns arising from the DNC. Several public meetings have occurred and more are scheduled in coming weeks to address residents' concerns about safety and property access during the Convention.

Golden Triangle – The Justice Center construction is progressing. The neighborhood is continually involved in design and construction issues and will be involved in monitoring, especially the jail, when the Center opens.

North City Park Civic Assn. – There is concern about "campers" staying in City Park overnight during the DNC. We look to Councilwoman Madison and District 2 Police to enforce the 11 p.m. Park and Golf Course closure.

South City Park N.A. - Our much-loved neighbor to our north, City Park, is in need of more love. Ferril Lake has an algae growth whose complex cause is under investigation. There are a gazillion minnows that love the algae and an enormous bullfrog that is most certainly entertaining the zoo animals. The water City Park grass receives from this Lake may be contaminated; this is also under investigation.

Add to these health-related issues the many examples of misuses of City Park: pets off leashes; fowl feces everywhere; lights out; speeding cyclists; vehicles on closed roadways; etc. Now enter Tent State University, a weeklong gathering of some 20,000 with no place to sleep or park. Visit the www.scpna.org discussion board as either a guest or a registered contributor. We welcome you.

University Park - The University Park Small Area Plan is scheduled to go to the Planning Board July 16th for a public hearing. The neighborhood has been working on the document with CPD for nearly eight years.

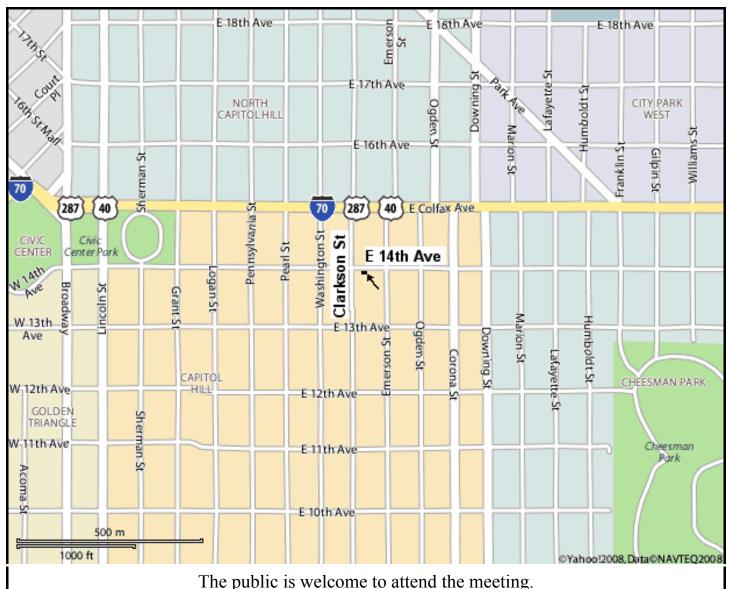
savecitypark.org – Savecitypark.org is continuing to oppose exclusive commercial events in public parks by writing letters to city officials, participating in Parks and Recreation ABSEP policy development, and monitoring adverse impact on parks.

Virginia Village / Ellis - Tuesday, August 5thth, 6:30 p.m., join us with the Denver Jazz Band Ensemble / Talent Show / picnic at Cook park (S. Cherry Creek Drive at Monaco).

Whittier Neighborhood Association - Whittier is celebrating its Victorian roots with "The 2008 Historic Whittier House Tour," Sunday, September 7th, from 1 to 6 p.m. Attendees will get to see a fine selection of 19th Century homes, both inside and out. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at Front Range King Soopers stores as well as online at WhittierNeighborhood.org. Send e-mail to whittiertour@aol.com for more information.

Denver's 150

Denver's 150, an effort to recognize exceptional residents making a difference for the future of the Mile-High City, will close its nomination period on August 15th. This is a unique opportunity to nominate grass-roots leaders in your community for recognition of their outstanding efforts to improve Denver's qualify of life. All RNOs to should consider nominating one of their own for this recognition. Visit www.denver.org/150/150People.html for more information and an entry form.



Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2008 Membership Application

INC is a consortium of Denver neighborhood representatives 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 Denvergov.org for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.



Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) Patron (\$75) See below to apply as an INC Associate								
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Meeting Saturday August 9th

The public is welcome to attend.

Morey Middle School Cafeteria 840 E 14th Avenue

See map on page 8

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and Andy Baldyga of Colfax on the Hill

9:10 a.m.

Amy Mueller, Deputy Chief of Staff Implementation of Bonds

10:00 a.m.

Terrance Ware, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development Overview of New Tenure

10:35 a.m.

Break

10:50 a.m.

Committee Reports

11:00 a.m.

Around the City

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Adjournment

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