

# Testimonial for Cathee Fisher

By Steve Nissen

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation recently lost one of its most committed and effective supporters. Cathee Fisher passed away unexpectedly at home on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cathee was a dedicated neighborhood activist; she was very active in INC for twenty or more years. She had been active in Northwest Denver and in the East Montclair Neighborhood where she had lived for the last several years.

In 1995, Cathee, along with INC Chair Stan McIntyre, organized a school grounds beautification project known as 'Make a Difference Day.' That effort was very successful and resulted in INC receiving a \$2,000 award from the Newman Foundation. In 1996, a newspaper article about 'The Dictionary Project', which promoted dictionaries for all third-graders nationwide, caught Cathee's attention and, as she would say, "a little light came on in my head and told me this could be done in Denver." She had a great love for reading and felt it important for all to be able to read well. Some of the award money was proposed as 'seed money' to start a dictionary program. The idea was accepted by the INC Executive Committee and the Dollar Dictionary Drive was created.

The first year proved to be a logistical nightmare; where would we get 5,000 books? Using her considerable skills and resourcefulness, she checked around and found an affordable book at Kmart. She and another very dedicated supporter, the late Nancy Jackson, went to all Kmart Stores in the metropolitan area and purchased all the books they could find. About this same time, Nancy was planning a trip to visit family in New York. While there, she purchased dozens of books at a local Kmart and packed them in her luggage for the return trip to Denver. She shipped her clothing home via separate courier. Eventually, enough books were acquired and after many more logistical challenges, the books were delivered to the DPS third-graders as a gift from INC and local neighborhood organizations.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive continued to provide books to all DPS third-graders the following year as well. In 1996, a dictionary plus a thesaurus became the gift for the third-graders. We have been able to provide a two-book gift, a dictionary and a thesaurus, to the third-graders nearly every year since. In 1997, INC was honored to be the recipient of the national 'Neighborhoods of the USA' award in recognition of our dictionary project. Cathee flew to Albany, New York to accept the award on behalf of INC. She came home with a plaque of



Cathee Fisher 1951-2011

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Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
 See this issue for location.

The INC Executive Committee meets monthly at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th floor meeting room.  
 RNOs are welcome to reprint the articles in their own newsletters.

distinction as well as a monetary award for the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

Cathee was a winner of the prestigious 'Minoru Yasui' award. The award honors men and women who make unique contributions to the community. The recipient receives a significant cash award to designate to a non-profit agency of their choice. Cathee proudly brought a cash award of \$2,500 to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

Hundreds and hundreds of thank-you letters have been received from the third-graders over the life of this project. Cathee took particular delight in reading the letters and bursting out in laughter when seeing the 'misspelled words.' The letters were often personalized with accompanying drawings relating to the books. The handwriting was unique, the content of the letters touching and heartwarming. Cathee loved this shared innocence from the many third-graders.

Cathee was an avid reader herself and had a passion to share the importance of reading with all young people. When not working, she spent most of her waking hours reading. When stopping by to visit her, I would often find her, on a chilly day, all bundled up with her bunny slippers on, reading under a shade tree in the yard. On rainy days, she would be reading on the front porch. She loved the feel and atmosphere of the outdoors while being engrossed in a good book. Her sister reports that her home was laden with not just hundred of books but thousands.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive is now in its sixteenth year and has provided more than 230,000 books to over 107,000 DPS third-graders. All of this because a 'little light came on in her head.' She did not hide her light under a bushel. I am proud to have been Co-Chair with Cathee on this project for the last twelve years. Partnering with her on the numerous challenges of this project over the years has enabled me to witness the great act of love and caring she shared with third-graders and many others. She truly loved going to the classrooms and handing out the books to the students. Her love and sharing, as exemplified through the Dollar Dictionary Drive, will be sadly missed by INC and all who knew her. Her memory will live on in the thousands of students who have been touched by her initiative and those of us who vow to continue her work of learning and literacy even as we move into new ways of imparting information and knowledge.

Cathee's family has requested that any donations in her memory be made to the Dollar Dictionary Drive; donations can be sent to Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218.

## Delegation Recap

By Randle Loeb

The meeting of the Delegation was called to order by Steve Nissen on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sloan's Lake Community Church in the Sloan's Lake Neighborhood. Larry Ambrose introduced Councilwoman-elect Susan Shepherd who addressed the delegates.

*Around the City* notations were posted to a bulletin board at the meeting.

Ray Ehrenstein presented the planning of the South Platte River Project. It was acknowledged that the Parks and Recreation Department and the City had not conferred with the neighborhood groups with respect to these plans prior to their publication.

June's minutes were approved by Randle Loeb and Katie Fisher seconded.

Cindy Johnstone was appointed to the Executive Committee of INC by a motion moved by Ray Ehrenstein and seconded by Don Tressler.

A Library Committee was proposed to the delegates; the proposal was unanimously approved. Shirley Amore was asked whether or not the Library Committee of INC could depend on the Library Commission to listen to our concerns?



Shirley Amore fields questions from the Delegation.  
Photo by Ray Ehrenstein

The next meeting of the INC is August 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Emerson Streets. On August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the thesauruses and dictionaries will be assembled at the same site. All are welcome to join in the process of assembling the packages for the third-graders throughout the school district of Denver. They will meet all day.

The Zoning and Planning Committee presented the plans for the new designation of medical marijuana dispensaries and the new regulations that went into effect in the State on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The new designation uses the



name "medical centers." The request to inform the neighborhood assemblies about these centers was denied based upon the use of the name dispensaries in the letter sent to the City of Denver. All of the centers will need to file for new licenses. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, officials will be answering questions with respect to these changes.

A transportation meeting has been scheduled in order to discuss the I-70 pact for the elevated portion.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, The Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting at the Heritage Club at 2020 South Monroe Street at 6 p.m. There is a barbecue for park maintenance workers in Sloan's Lake scheduled on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The weir that divides Cooper Lake from Sloan's Lake is going to be monitored to ensure that the drawdown of the water does not cut off Cooper Lake from fresh water inflow. If there are capital improvements, the community needs to be involved early in the implementation and design of the changes.

Josh Davies, Cathy Donohue, and Anthony Thomas are on the transition team for the new appointments for government in the City and County of Denver. A final report on the work of the transition team is available on policy recommendations at [www.denverforward.org](http://www.denverforward.org). The names of those who are being interviewed are not posted and all of these are recommendations for Mayor Hancock's final approval.

The Denver County Fair is taking place from July 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>; the entry fee is \$8. There are passes for needed volunteers to staff shifts throughout Thursday evening through Sunday. Contact Albert Gallo if you wish to participate; everyone is encouraged to come and join the effort. Windsocks are being sold to support the Dollar Dictionary Drive. A map of all of the neighborhood groups of the City has been developed with a banner with the new logo of INC. One can access information at the website [www.denverinc.org](http://www.denverinc.org) or [www.interneighborhoodcooperation.org](http://www.interneighborhoodcooperation.org).

The Ball Park neighborhood is having a public outreach follow-up from their first meeting (June 9<sup>th</sup>) on July 27<sup>th</sup>; the place is to be determined. Several groups have entered into an memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the understanding that they will redo Triangle Park and its vicinity. The MOU is with the Denver Rescue Mission; many other groups of public officials and community members are involved.

Shirley Amore of the Denver Public Library and Kevin O'Connor of the Library Commission spoke about library districts and the budget for libraries. It was explained how revenue that was created by a bond improvement district, that would most likely go before the voters in November, 2012, would enhance the revenue stream for providing services and keep all libraries open. Since the sales tax base has flipped from 60 to 40 percent, there have been short falls across the City Government. The Library is being asked to cut \$2.5 million in 2012. The Library Commis-

sion has proposed a standard of service that will be maintained if there is a way to generate revenue. One way to do this is by creating a library district. It was suggested that this vests power and control over financing away from the public. The presenters said that many public meetings are planned. It was asked what would happen to the assets of the district? Who would control their sale? The representatives of the Library said that the new Mayor has to decide what this would mean and that the choice of members of the boards of the districts would be determined by the City Council. At the moment, appointments to the Library Commission are made by the Mayor. For thirty years, there have been overtures to generate public input; it is time that this becomes standard practice. For information about what they are doing go to [www.denverlibrary.org](http://www.denverlibrary.org).

The Website/Communications Committee presented the new website and information that it was launched with the new logo on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Both [www.denverinc.org](http://www.denverinc.org) and [www.interneighborhoodcooperation.org](http://www.interneighborhoodcooperation.org) will drive you to explore links, all information, and ways to sign up for membership. RNOs will have links to the website and opportunities to upload information.

## **Executive Committee Recap**

### **By Randle Loeb**

The INC Executive Committee met July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at 1201 Williams Street. Larry Ambrose, Ken Beaudrie, Cathy Donohue, Katie Fisher, Michael Henry, Cindy Johnstone, Randle Loeb, Steve Nissen, Andrew Schurger, Anthony Thomas, Jennifer Tomeny, and Brad Zieg attended.

Decisions:

- The June Minutes were approved and seconded by Larry Ambrose and Jennifer Tomeny.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved and seconded by Andrew Schurger and Cindy Johnstone
- Dollar Dictionary Drive moved and seconded the purchase of the dictionaries and thesauruses.

The county fair is being regarded as a test this year to see how it works. It was agreed that the windsocks could be sold on consignment.

It was suggested that a buffet be served at the Presidents Dinner and that a date for the event be chosen.

Dollar Dictionary will be able to purchase the thesauruses and dictionaries. Steve has also asked that a script be posted in the books recognizing the work of Cathee Fisher. The meeting for organizing these books will be August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

The next meeting of the delegation will take place on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

A Library Committee is being formed.

Membership has reached close to 100 RNOs, a goal for the upcoming period. Membership for the rest of the year

is twenty dollars and all are invited to join. There are 95 RNOs, 18 of which are patrons and 21 associates, six of which are patrons. It was suggested that all council people be encouraged to join. The City is taking up the idea of what the definition is of and how RNOs will be described.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is having a meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Transportation Committee is concerned with the I-70 pact. An August meeting concerning the course of the development is being planned. There is a conversation as to whether they develop the north or south side of the highway. There are advantages to both plans.

Everything is ready for the county fair July 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> at the Western Stock Show grounds.

The Zoning and Planning Committee is having a meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. when they will consider the new ordinance and requirements for medical marijuana centers.

The delegate meeting was discussed and how the “Around the City” is run. It was decided to see how the bulletin board plan works over the next two months.

## Financial Statement By Jennifer Tomeny

### Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation First Quarter 2011 Financial Statement All Balances are as of June 30, 2011

Certificates of Deposit	\$11,193.61
Savings	1,611.63
Dollar Dictionary Drive	22,127.64
Checking Account	1,543.89
All Accounts	\$36,476.77

## Zoning Committee By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was announced that the new Neighborhood Liaison from the Mayor’s office is Mike Sapp. Also, the City has proposed a new Office of Community Partnerships and Neighborhoods to bring together several existing small, related offices.

Abbie Harris of Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) reported there are 100 community gardens with more being added. Twenty-eight are at Denver Schools, some are in Denver parks, and others are on vacant property where available. Gardens are established upon request. DUG’s goal is “Building Community at the Neighborhood Level.” Research shows that gardens can improve the quality of life for residents. For information, visit [www.dug.org](http://www.dug.org) or call 303-292-9900.

Assistant City Attorney Kerry Bucky spoke on the

complicated topic of the legal aspects of “Plant Husbandry”—medical marijuana dispensaries, infused substance, and growing operations. Aspects include the differences between federal, state, and local laws; changes due to Denver’s new Zoning Code; the time it takes to process applications; which dispensaries need to register or re-register and by what date; the need to handle many cases individually; the difference between use-permits and licenses; the need for notification to Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) whose members know the location of schools, pre-schools, and other sites that may be near proposed dispensaries (Note that the proper name under the latest statute and ordinance is “centers”); and the economic income to the City from marijuana-related sales tax - some \$4 million. There are presently 204 medical marijuana centers located in Denver.

Paul Riedesel, of the Department of Environmental Health, is the City’s only full-time noise ordinance enforcer. He explained which cases are handled by him, by the police, or by animal control. His main calls are complaints of noise from waste-haulers, music, bars, and construction. He deals with amplified music, voices, and loud parties and can write warning citations that may be followed by fines of up to \$999 and one year in jail. Most ticketing is done after 9 or 10 p.m. – see the Municipal Code, Section 36, for details. He pointed out that complaints must be made *before* he or the police can issue citations. All noise from trains is under Federal Transit Law and is handled by that organization. If you call 311 to report noise, the operator will assign you a tracking number. Usually the message will get to his office—triggering a “case closed” status at 311 should you try to “track.” It does not mean the complaint has been dealt with by the appropriate department. His number is 720-865-5410.

Around the room, ZAP members expressed concerns and questions about zoning issues, Good Neighbor Agreements, the proposed Historic Survey, liquor licensing, rude bicyclists, new mixed-use with available retail space at West Evans Avenue and South Cherokee Street, the Memorandum of Understanding between Denver Rescue Mission and Denver Parks and Recreation, a cell-phone tower at Ruby Hill park, new ramps but no sidewalks on South Colorado Boulevard, the lack of the center-stretch of South Cherry Creek Drive to be paved and approved, variances, an important highway plan for the stock show area, the Cory-Merrill picnic, and a new restaurant at 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fairfax Street.

Items for Special Attention: Look at the neighborhood registration and notification ordinance and send suggestions for any re-wording and identify other major topics of INC interest that need to be brought to the attention of Mayor Hancock, Steve Nissen, or Michael Henry. The next ZAP meeting will be August 27<sup>th</sup>. The new Director of Excise and Licenses will attend to listen to neighbor-

hood concerns about liquor, cabaret, and medical marijuana licensing.



**Athmar Park** – Everyone is welcome to our neighborhood-wide picnic on August 21<sup>st</sup> at Huston Lake Park, Ohio Avenue and Vallejo Street. There will be lots of fun for kids of all ages.

**Ballpark Neighborhood** – The memorandum of understanding has been signed by DPR and the Denver Rescue Mission. A public meeting is scheduled on July 27<sup>th</sup> – details to follow.

**Berkley Regis United Neighbors** – The Tennyson Streetscape is moving along; the businesses are working through the disruption. The original trolley rails were uncovered in the middle of the street; it created quite a buzz in the neighborhood. [Info@berkleyregisneighbors.com](mailto:Info@berkleyregisneighbors.com)

**College View Recreation Center** – Free Breakfast by the Inner City Parish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to Noon

**Corey Merrill** – The Annual Summer Social is on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. at Kirk of Bonnie Brae, Steele Street and Arizona Avenue.

**Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board** – GVR Summer Fest and Car Show, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at 4890 Argonne Way in Green Valley Ranch. GVR Summer Concert Series, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 8<sup>th</sup> in the amphitheatre at the location above. More details can be found at [www.mygvr.org](http://www.mygvr.org) or contact Vice-chairman Thad Jacobs at [tjacobs99@gmail.com](mailto:tjacobs99@gmail.com) or 303-588-4040

**Neighbors and Friends of Cheesman Park** – We are waiting patiently for the Park to be finished!

**North City Park** – The NCPAA Buddy System is moving forward with a cookbook for fundraiser – estimated publish date is mid 2012. Voices on Canvas will have a Lego Town Hall event (children designing neighborhoods with Legos) at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on July 30<sup>th</sup>. A big debate is underway over a church trying to rename the northeast community park to honor one of their pastors.

**Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association** – Thank you to Denver Parks and Recreation for the many newly planted

trees on the west side of Sloan's lake. They are a great addition adding a nice buffer from Sheridan traffic.

**University Park** – An 11-story apartment with retail is going up at East Evans Avenue and South University Boulevard. Park reconstruction and intersection improvement is underway at Buchtel Boulevard and South Columbine Street. One hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary event is occurring on September 25<sup>th</sup>; University Park was founded in 1886.

## Dollar Dictionary Drive By Steve Nissen

Fundraising for the 2011 DDD project has reached a level where we are able to provide a dictionary and a thesaurus to each of the 6,540 third-graders in Denver Public Schools. Grants, individual donations, and donations from supporting RNOs have made up that fund.

We are grateful to our supporting RNOs to date this year, who are: Alamo Placita Neighbors; Baker Historic Neighborhood Association; Ballpark Neighborhood Association; Bear Valley Improvement Association; Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association; Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods; Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association; Civic Association of Clayton; Congress Park Neighbors; Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association; Crestmoor Park Homeowners Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> Filing; Cultural Arts Residential Organization; Downtown Denver Residents Organization; Far Northeast Neighbors; Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association; Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board; Historic Montclair Community Association; Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Homeowners Association; Inspiration Point Neighborhood Association; Lighthouse at the Breakers Homeowners Association; Mayfair Neighbors; Overland Neighborhood Association; Park Forest Homeowners Association; Rosedale-Harvard Gulch Neighborhood Association; University Park Community Council; Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association; Wellshire East Home Owners Association; and West University Community Association.

It is never too late to make a contribution. We would appreciate the support of all member RNOs. There are additional expenses expected as we label the books in preparation for distribution to the schools. Any funds remaining are applied to the next year's project. Our fundraising is a year-round effort.

Volunteers are needed on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to place the labels in the books. The labeling will be done at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at the southwest corner of East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Emerson Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Any time you can commit will be greatly appreciated.



## Parks and Recreation Cmte By Diana Helper

*It was a dark and stormy night....* At INC Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> were Larry Ambrose, Katie and Steve Fisher, Cindy Johnstone, and Diana Helper.

Cindy reported on concerns regarding the Washington Park Master Plan that was agreed upon after numerous open meetings of residents and Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) but which contained major changes that had not been agreed upon when DPR presented the final plan.

Larry reported on the annual lunch his RNO, Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association, had for the Northwest District/Sloan's Lake maintenance crew, and that included ten officers from local police District 1. It was an excellent time of sharing thanks and talking over park matters. The crew and the police agreed that a garden entry, in memory of former Park Assistant Supervisor, Lenny Manazaneres, would be a good choice for the park. They were also shown a depth-measuring device that the RNO wants installed in the water in order to know how far down the lake is being drawn for irrigation purposes. They have been asking DPR for years to set a specific depth as a matter of public policy.

Diana reported on Prairie Park signage, a simple addition to the large Historic Buchtel Boulevard Trail sign rather than a separate sign. Park maintenance staff and others at DPR agreed that this is preferable and it was the choice of Buchtel committee persons as well. This is a good instance of communication and understanding between DPR and a neighborhood.

The "Platform for Denver Parks" presentation will be offered to all interested RNOs for their monthly meetings. RNOs, beginning with those whose boundaries contain parks, will be contacted soon.

The committee discussed a proposed meeting of committee members with Mayor Hancock and the new DPR Manager after he or she has been named. In the framework of a 45-minute meeting, the Platform should be shared and then important points brought out. Please be thinking of good ways to put all this together clearly. We suggest that all INC committees arrange meetings with the new Managers of their appropriate City departments.

The Committee talked about priorities and subject matter for eventual discussion meetings with Mayor Hancock, City Council, and DPR officials.

These priorities, and others we may add, can be sorted out into categories of Goals, Process, Budget, et cetera. The Platform presentation takes 15 minutes, leaving a half hour for the rest – maybe more but let us not count on it. Of course, all our points can be written as well.

Send your comments to [LDA@earthnet.net](mailto:LDA@earthnet.net). This is a working draft. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Recycler's Corner By Tom Strickland

**Attend the Denver Recycles Action Network Training on October 22<sup>nd</sup> !**

*Are you a committed recycler that wishes you had support to get your neighbors and community more involved in recycling and other waste reduction efforts in Denver?* The Denver Recycles Action Network is a volunteer program designed to be flexible and take advantage of each individual volunteer's skills and connections within the community. All we ask is that you commit to dedicating 15 minutes a month to educating those around you about Denver Recycles and about how they can reduce their waste. How you achieve that goal is up to you. This is your chance to help increase Denver's recycling rate and commitment to reducing waste by using your enthusiasm and creativity to inspire and educate those around you about the Denver Recycles programs and how they can participate.

Denver Recycles will assist in your volunteer efforts by providing you with the training, informational resources, and staff support you need. We will communicate with you regularly about what special recycling events we have on the horizon and what results we are achieving together as an Action Network.

**To become a member of the Denver Recycles Action Network, attend our group training on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Denver Recycles.** You will gain the knowledge you need to be an effective advocate for Denver Recycles and you will meet other committed recyclers in Denver with whom you can share your ideas and experiences. Space in the October training is limited so please r.s.v.p. by October 10<sup>th</sup> in order to secure your spot. You can r.s.v.p. by calling 720-865-6810 or signing up online at [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles). (Please note: Participants in the Denver Recycles Action Network must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by a parent or guardian). *Together we can help Denver recycle more!*

### 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](mailto:kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net).

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## Sign Up For a FREE Learn to Compost Class

*Free Learn to Compost Classes are still being offered through October.* These classes are a great way to enhance your knowledge of how to turn your food scraps and yard waste in to nutrient-rich compost. Compost made in your backyard and applied to your yard or garden is a fantastic way to save money by reducing your need for store-bought fertilizer. Compost is also great at increasing your soil's ability to retain moisture. Each two-hour class is hands-on and teaches the basics of backyard composting. Classes are held at the Denver Backyard Composting Demonstration Site located in the Gove Community Garden at East 13th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. Pre-registration is required to attend a class.

### **How to register for a class:**

**ONLINE:** Visit [www.dug.org/compost](http://www.dug.org/compost), review the class schedule, and then complete the online registration form.

**BY PHONE:** Call the Denver Recycles hotline at 720-865-6810, listen to the class schedule, and then leave a message with your contact information and the class you would like to attend. Please note: Class registration is first come-first served and residents may sign up for classes no more

than one month in advance.

### **Remaining Class Calendar for 2011:**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m.

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. (worm class)

August 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m.

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 (build-a-pile class)

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. (worm class)

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. (build-a-pile class)

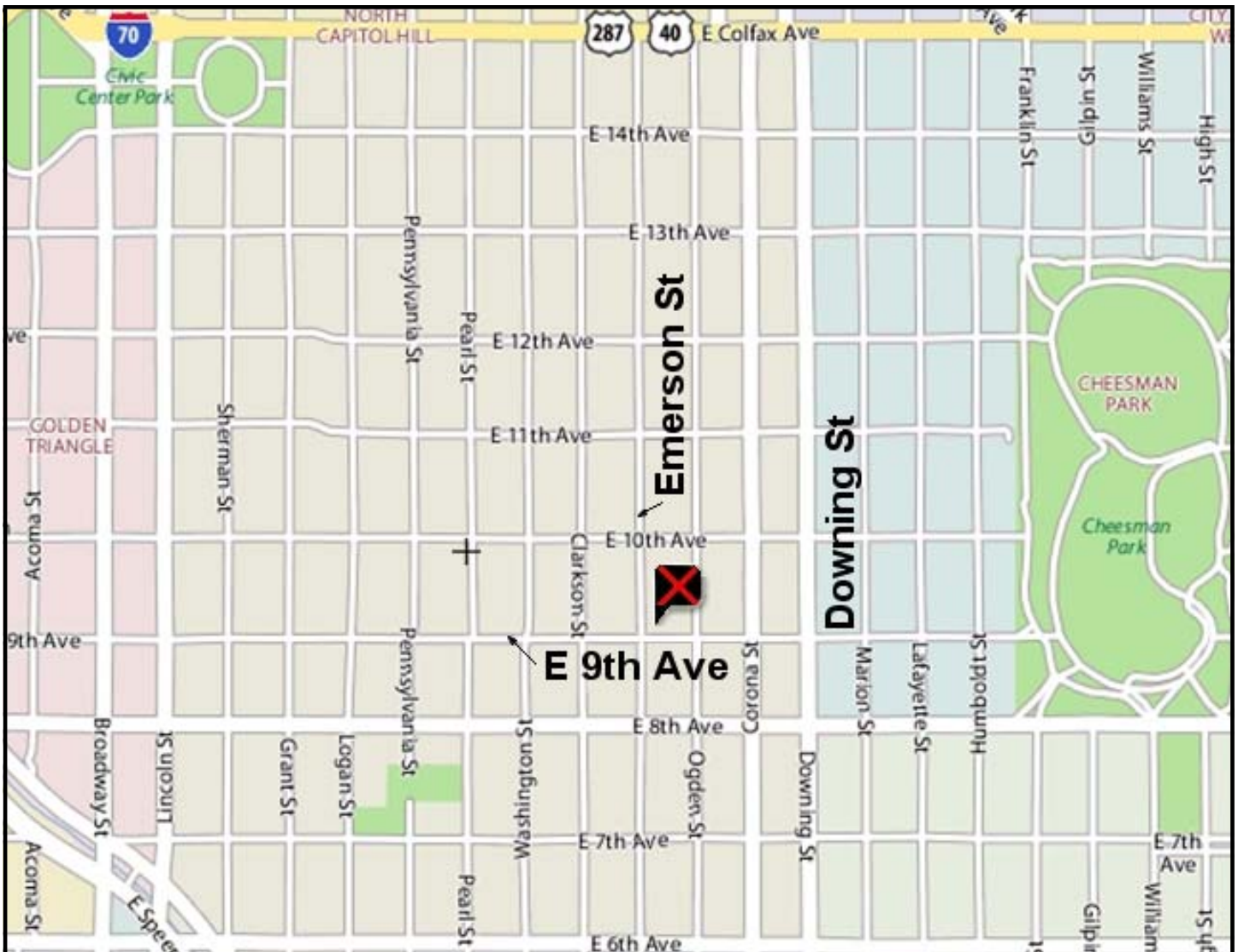
October 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. (worm class)

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

This program is sponsored by Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management), in partnership with Denver Urban Gardens and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District

For more information about this program or other Denver Recycles programs call 311 or visit us online at [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles).







# Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## Membership Application



INC is a consortium of Denver's registered neighborhoods 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 [denver.gov.org](http://denver.gov.org) for details. The names of Patron members and associates are listed in bold in our newsletter.**

We wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Dollar Dictionary Drive.

**Join as a voting neighborhood organization: Regular Member (\$35) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐**

See below to apply as an INC Associate

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borders: North \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_  
South \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_

President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send newsletter via: E-mail [ ] U.S. Mail [ ] Don't want newsletter [ ]**  
**President is a voting delegate: [ ] Do not publish my information to other RNOs: [ ]**

Note: Each RNO is allocated two voting delegates. If the president is one, appoint one below; otherwise, appoint two.

Voting Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)  
Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Join as a non-voting supporting Associate : Regular (\$20) ☐ Patron (\$75) ☐**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Send newsletter via: E-mail [ ] U.S. Mail [ ] Don't want newsletter [ ]**

Bring this form to an INC meeting or mail to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, PO Box 181009, Denver, CO 80218-1009

# Meeting Saturday August 13th

The public  
Is welcome to attend.

**Our Savior's Lutheran**  
**915 E. 9th Avenue**  
See map on page 8

**8:30 a.m.**

Coffee and Chat

**9:00 a.m.**

Welcome by  
Capitol Hill

United Neighborhoods  
and Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

**9:15 a.m.**

INC Business  
Committee Reports

**10:00 a.m.**

Break

**10:15 a.m.**

Brendan Hanlon  
Denver Budget Office  
Q & A

**10:50 a.m.**

Breakout Session by  
Committee

**Noon**

Adjournment

You can always view upcoming  
INC meeting locations and get  
information about presentations  
on our website. Click on the  
"meetings & more" link.  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/INC/home)  
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