

# Denver Neighborhood Connection

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THE NEWSLETTER OF INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION

*Neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another.*

## FROM THE CHAIR

*by Elizabeth Hamilton*

I would like to thank all of the members of INC for allowing me to serve as your Chairperson for the past two years. It has been a rewarding and personally enriching experience.

I have lived in Denver for thirty years in four different neighborhoods: Sloan Lake, Wellshire, Pine Valley, and now Pine Ridge/Hampden South.

Each neighborhood has its own unique character and unique set of issues. Many people have asked me if I became active in INC for political reasons. No, I don't plan to run for any political office. I am very happy in my role as an architect for the City and County of Denver. I became active in INC because—as a City architect—I noticed that my neighborhood did not have the City buildings and services that are enjoyed by other neighborhoods; e.g., a recreation center, a community center, a daycare center, a health clinic, or a senior center, and I wanted to change that inequality. After five years of working with INC, Hampden South still does not have any of these City owned community buildings ... but at least I have told everyone who will listen that we need them. I hope that – in my lifetime – I will see a recreation center built in far southeast Denver.

During my term as INC chair, I am most proud of two accomplishments. Firstly, I am very proud of helping INC communicate electronically. I worked with Craig Eley to convert the INC newsletter from totally paper-based distribution to electronic distribution. INC used to spend \$500/month on postage and printing; now we only spend about \$50.00. Our electronic

newspaper format has been copied by many neighborhoods and City Council members. Most importantly, we have doubled or tripled our distribution. Secondly, I am most proud of creating the INC Neighborhood Stars Good Neighbor awards. It is amazing what a small group of concerned citizens can do to improve their neighborhood; such as, Bob Lorenz from Inspiration Point. When he and his neighbors saw the open space of Camp Rollendet threatened to be sold for development, he helped spearhead an effort that led to the City buying the land for a City park. I am pleased that INC noticed his contribution and acknowledged the contributions of all the other award members and recognized their accomplishments.

I am also very proud of the recent INC Annual Presidents' and Delegates' dinner. This was more difficult and nerve-racking to plan than was my wedding last year. There were over three hundred attendees from neighborhoods all over the city. Thanks to the generosity of the Denver Metro Visitor's Bureau, we were able to see the interior of the beautifully renovated Ellie Caulkins Opera House and enjoy a fabulous dinner catered by Centerplate.

When the event was over, I walked out to my car with our featured guest speaker, Tom Noel. Tom said to me, "You know, I gave this same talk about the History of Denver Neighborhoods twenty years ago at an INC Presidents' Dinner. At that time, it was a pot-luck supper with about twenty attendees in a church basement. Looking at the crowd tonight, I thought, 'INC has come a long way in twenty years!' "



Guest speaker, "Dr. Colorado" Tom Noel, and outgoing INC Chair Elizabeth Hamilton at the INC annual Presidents' Dinner.

Yes. I agree with him that INC has come a long way ... and I have been honored to be a part of it.

**INC Meeting March 11th — Featuring: Stephanie O'Malley: Director of Excise & Licensing, discussing Liquor & Cabaret Licensing. See last page.**

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# DOLLAR DICTIONARY – 11TH ANNUAL DICTIONARY DRIVE BEGINS!!



by Cathee  
Fisher

Wow!! It has been 10 years since the Denver Dictionary Drive was only an idea. This DPS senior class students of 2006 were the *first* third grade students to receive the combined dictionary and thesaurus of their own. Those excited 8 year olds in 1996 will be joining that strange race of "adult" humans, and many will be going to college in the autumn. Congratulations to all who have helped them reach this important milestone.

Just like the story of "Stone Soup", it takes the donations of many to get the job completed successfully.

These are the facts for our 2006 campaign to provide a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own for every third grade student in Denver Public Schools in August, 2006.

- Elementary Schools: 98 (includes K-8 & Charter Schools)
- Deluxe Dictionaries Distributed: 8,500
- Thesauruses: 8,500 "dinosaur" books
- Cost of Program: \$25,000
- Program Cost per student: \$2.94
- Volunteer hours: 500 hours or more
- Book order (17,000) is prepaid by 7/1/06
- Gift labels placed in 17,000 books in 8/06
- Book distribution to each school during 9/06.

***Our fund raising goal is only four months away.***

Our first gold star donor this year is the League of Women Voters of Denver Education Fund. This is the third year the League has donated \$1,000 to the dictionary drive.

Our first neighborhood association donation is from Harkness Heights (NW Denver) for \$100. Thank you to my old

## In Memoriam – Nell Swiers

Former Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation board member Nell Swiers died on February 18 at her daughter's home in Cleveland, Ohio, after a long illness. She served as an INC delegate from Baker Historic Neighborhood Association for many years and developed the INC archives at the Western History Division of the Denver Public Library. She was an activist in the Baker neighborhood, working as a steering committee member to develop the Baker Neighborhood Plan, a staunch opponent of the new Justice Center, and the primary organizer of the "Baker Blooms" project, which planned, financed, planted, and irrigated a landscaped median at West 6th Avenue and Bannock Street. INC awarded her the annual Walt Kembel award at the INC annual dinner on January 25, 2006.

A Denver native, Nell graduated from East High School and the University of Colorado. Before her retirement, she operated a Denver survey and petition-circulation firm with her daughter. She was a docent at Denver Public Library and an ardent bird-watcher and member of the Denver Audubon Society.

A memorial service will be held at the University of Denver Evans Memorial Chapel, 2199 S.Vine Street, on Tuesday, March 14th at 2pm.

(and young) friends from the 'hood (my former stomping grounds in 1996).

We started 2006 with money in the bank, and I thank you all; with a **special thanks to our 2005 gold star donors: Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Eugene Tepper's \$6,000 "challenge grant", Kiwanis Club of Denver, League of Women Voters, and Xcel Energy.**



A GOLD Medal "Thank You" to my Co-Chair Steve Nissen!!

Our students are part of our neighborhoods and your support is greatly appreciated.

Please submit donations to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive  
P.O. Box 18347  
Denver, CO 80218

## DENVER PARTNERS AGAINST GRAFFITI

### Make It Your Comfort Zone!

Does graffiti make you feel uncomfortable? Take a look around. Do you see graffiti in your alley, on the stop sign, or maybe even on your garage? Denver Partners Against Graffiti (DPAG) has options available to help you keep your neighborhood a comfortable place to live.

For graffiti on your property, the City offers graffiti-removal assistance, usually **at no cost** to you. For City assistance, follow the next two steps.

1. Sign an authorization form to allow Graffiti Abatement crews access to your property. You can download a form from [www.denvergov.org/DenverPartnersAgainstGraffiti/454onlineforms.asp](http://www.denvergov.org/DenverPartnersAgainstGraffiti/454onlineforms.asp), or by calling the Graffiti Hotline at 720-865-STOP (7867) to request that a form be mailed to you.
2. Notify us when you have graffiti on your property. Either call the Graffiti Hotline or report graffiti vandalism online at [www.denvergov.org/denverpartnersagainstgraffiti](http://www.denvergov.org/denverpartnersagainstgraffiti).

You can make a big difference in your neighborhood by reporting graffiti on other property, such as traffic signs, traffic



control boxes, U.S. postal boxes, poles, businesses, etc. For your convenience, you can report the graffiti online or by telephone.

DPAG also offers free paint (in six standard colors) to cover graffiti on your home, business, and city-owned dumpsters. Call the graffiti hotline for more information and **Make Your Neighborhood Your Comfort Zone!**

Denver Partners Against Graffiti is a program of Denver Solid Waste Management.

## MINUTES OF THE INC DELEGATES' MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2006

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*by Diana Helper, INC Secretary*

INC Delegates met on February 11, 2006, at Mt. Loretto Apartments Community Room. INC Chairman Elizabeth Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:10am. **"Around the City"** reports focused on increased graffiti, traffic, zoning concerns (including "Main Street" zoning and new scrape-off areas), crime (including car theft and damage), re-organization at Neighborhood Inspection Services (NIS), proposed formation of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), parks issues, recycling, child care, homelessness, and schools.

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb spoke about plans for the Colfax Marathon, to be held on May 21, and will benefit Denver Public Schools (DPS) fitness projects for students. Volunteers are needed. **SPECIAL NOTE: Colfax Avenue will be closed during the race.**

INC Committee Reports: The 11th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive is underway. Cathee Fisher said funds are needed. She distributed "Dinosaur" books to help promote the effort. Diane Wolta presented the INC Treasurer's Report and "File for Life" information. INC Zoning and Planning Committee topics for Feb. 25th include NIS staff re-assignments and a presentation on Stabilizing Stable Neighborhoods.

Delegates received copies of the Sidewalk Position Statement, developed by University Park Community Council's (UPCC's) Sidewalk Committee, to promote safe multi-modal transportation. The Delegates voted unanimously, with one abstention, to support this document. UPCC Sidewalk Chmn. Mary Myers reported that a study of U.S. cities shows that the Front Range **Denver-Boulder-Greeley area has been found to have the greatest decrease in pedestrian safety in the past five years.**

Councilwoman Robb spoke of her concerns regarding a **Child Care amendment** Councilwoman Carol Boigon is putting forth.

Susan Baird, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, presented a program on **proposed Parks policy for Corporate Sponsorship allowing corp naming of Parks.** A question period followed with Susan and Tiffany Moehring of Parks & Rec. It is agreed that the Dept. needs funds, but **some believe means other than corporate sponsorship are much more appropriate.** Delegates were urged to know their Parks Advisory Board members and keep in touch. There will be an important **Public Meeting on these proposed policies at 6pm Thursday, March 9, at the District 3 Police Building, 1625 South University Blvd.** The topic also will be addressed by City Council Amenities Committee on March 21. **Comments may be sent to Kim Bailey, Manager of Parks and Recreation, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Denver 80202, or email kim.bailey@ci.denver.co.us and Mayor Hickenlooper.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

## AROUND THE CITY

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### *From February 11, 2006 INC Meeting*

**Baker**—Traffic patterns have changed because of Broadway to I-25 on-ramp closure detours. Travel during rush hour along Alameda can take longer. An adult lounge along Broadway has some neighbor concerns.

**Ball Park**—Working on design review guidelines for the historic district. Hope to break ground on triangle park, perhaps in April.

**Cherry Creek North**—The city is proposing that a median be placed on Detroit between 1st and 2nd Avenues. This will funnel traffic into the neighborhood, which is already feeling the effects of increased traffic. The discussion continues on what to do with Fillmore Plaza--revitalize it, but open it up to a street.

**Hampden South**—A new apartment complex is under construction at I-25 and Hampden, one of the first transit-related development projects next to light rail. Concrete replacement on E. Hampden is in progress, but causing delays during rush

hour. S Quebec residents granted permit to park motor-home in open space (no complaints filed); vacant house in same block is still unkempt. Broken air vent still not fixed at Quebec/Mansfield.

**Historic Five Points**—Working with Colorado University students for community planning. Reviewing zoning concerns and planned development, highest and best use.

**Mayfair**—Increasing newsletters to four per year. Concerned with increasing number of neighborhood scrape-offs. Looking forward to the Colfax Marathon. Planning a general meeting in April.

**Platt Park**—Cherokee redevelopment received \$85 million in TIF to develop (west of Broadway). 3PA is involved with the development plan; also working with Lionstone on Gates east and with McStain regarding new homes in neighborhood. Parking on S. Pearl St. is inadequate for businesses there. Other parking concerns elsewhere. Details from: dfarquhar@du.edu.

**University Park**—City Council approved zoning change from PUD to Residential Mixed-Use (RMU-30) for former Albertsons site (E. Evans/S. Colorado Blvd.). Methodist HQ (S. University/E. Warren) fenced for demo to build large condo structure. Sidewalk committee, city, and UP School submitted grant application for much-needed walks near school.

**Denver Parks and Recreation**—Has 50% off coupons at all recreation centers. When you purchase one annual membership (still a good deal!) you get the second one for 50% off.

## MINUTES OF THE INC BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2006

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*by Diana Helper, INC Secretary*

The INC Board met at 6:00pm on February 13, 2006. Present were Elizabeth Hamilton, David Webster, Diane Wolta, Diana Helper, Ken Beaudrie, Anthony Thomas, Monique Lovato, Cathee Fisher, Steve Nissen, and Michael Henry.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with amendments. Venues and programs for future INC Delegate meetings were discussed. The Neighborhood Handbook is still to be approved by Peter Park as his department has added more information. Once approved, Elizabeth will have them printed, INC will include a cover letter, and Julius Zsako of Community Planning and Development will mail them to all RNOs. The Handbook also will be available online and at Denver libraries.

An evaluation of the Annual Presidents' Dinner found it very successful. Suggestions for next year include better press coverage and advance notice if the program will precede the meal.

"Welcome to Denver" signs are needed for the both ends of the Colfax Marathon. Cathee will ask Tamara Banks to convey this message to Mayor Hickenlooper. The idea of other banners for neighborhoods can be worked on for 2007.

Committee Reports: Dollar Dictionary has begun fundraising. Membership must be paid for 2006 before RNO delegates can vote in the INC election of officers March 11. Zoning and Planning meets Feb. 25. INC Archival material is being added to the Western History Dept. at the main branch of the Denver Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

## **INC MEMBERSHIP INFO**

*by Ken Beaudrie*

Membership in INC is for, among others, organizations that are registered with the City and County of Denver as a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO), in accordance with Section 12, Article III, of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC). Denver defines a "neighborhood organization" as a voluntary group of individual residents and owners of real property, including businesses, within a certain prescribed area of the city, and/or a coalition of such groups formed for the purpose of collectively addressing issues and interests common to, and widely perceived, throughout the area. According to the DRMC, to be eligible to register with

the City, neighborhood organizations shall meet the following standards:

1. They shall be formed by residents and owners of real property within a certain prescribed area. Coalitions of neighborhood organizations are limited to those organizations with registered boundaries contained within the City and County of Denver.
2. They shall hold meetings at which all members may vote, not less than once in each calendar year. A list of those attending the annual meeting shall be kept, and at least twelve (12) members must be in attendance at said annual meeting.
3. All meetings, including the annual meeting required hereunder, shall be open to the public.
4. Notice of all meetings shall be posted in advance of such meeting, in public places and/or in readily obtained publications such as newsletters, within their boundaries, as permitted and prescribed by law, and a record of said notice shall be maintained by the neighborhood organization.
5. Membership shall be open to any owner of real property or resident whose property or residence is located partially or wholly within their boundaries.
6. Neighborhood organizations shall have established boundaries, which may include one or more neighborhoods within the city; provided that the boundaries of a neighborhood organization may not encompass the entire city, and provided further, that the boundaries of a coalition of neighborhood organizations may not encompass the boundaries of another neighborhood organization without prior notice to such organization.

**There are two categories of INC membership: "Regular" and "Patron".** Each is allowed to appoint two delegates to represent their organization and vote upon matters brought before the meeting of the delegates. "Patron" RNOs are named in bold-face type in the list of members within this INC newsletter.

**The City of Denver accepts application for RNO status in the months of December, January, and July.** Because of this restriction, INC will accept membership for those RNOs not yet on the City's listing of RNOs, but application with the City must be made at the next opportunity to continue membership within INC.

Also, because RNOs must be composed of a group of homeowners or a group of business owners, INC has established an "Associate" category for those individual homeowners or business owners who would like to support INC's purpose. Associates may bring issues before INC but do not have a vote. As with RNOs, there are two categories of Association: "Regular" and "Patron". Patron Associates are listed in bold-face type in the INC newsletter.

**To join INC**, fill out the application form in this newsletter and mail it to the address listed on the form. To register with the City as an RNO, visit the city's web site at [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org). Click on "Information Center", and then select the "Neighborhoods" section. On the following screen, choose "Neighborhood Organizations" and then select "E-form: Registration 2006-2006". Fill out the form online or print the form and mail it in. If you do not have Internet access, call 720-865-2969 for help.

## **STREET AND ALLEY LIGHTING IN DENVER**

*by Monique Lovato*

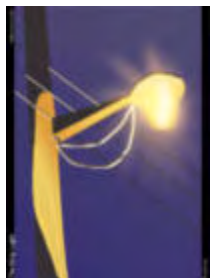
Xcel Energy owns and maintains all public street and public alley lights in Denver and responds to outages, as well as installs new lamps and poles authorized by the City.

**NOTE: Only INC member RNOs/ individuals can vote at the INC Officer elections in March. Mail your membership dues today, or bring them to the March meeting.**



## What causes streetlight outages?

Streetlight outages occur for many reasons, including lightning, traffic accidents, and vandalism. Xcel Energy crews find outages; but not all of them. They need your help to identify and report lights that need attention, particularly because maintenance crews work mostly during daylight hours when outages are not apparent.



## Who decides where and when to install new lighting along public streets and alleys?

The City of Denver directs Xcel Energy where and when to install new street and alley lighting. City standards call for a minimum of one streetlight at every public street intersection and for mid-block streetlights in new subdivisions. The City also may authorize mid-block street and alley lights in established areas where these lights do not exist.

## How can I get a mid-block or alley streetlight added to my neighborhood?

In an established neighborhood without mid-block lights, the residents of a typical length city block can submit a petition for installation of a new streetlight to be located at or near the center of the block. A standard petition is available from the City. The City's budget for street lighting generally restricts each typical length block to one new mid-block street light, but extra long and double length blocks are often eligible for additional street lights.

## How might my property be affected by the installation of a mid-block/alley streetlight?

Mid-block and alley streetlights usually require installation of a new pole and an overhead wire to supply power to the light. The City and Xcel Energy work to ensure that the placement of the pole and power line is acceptable to adjacent property owners. On another note, Denver Police report that an alley light can serve as a deterrent in crime-heavy alleys.

## Will the City of Denver pay to install an alley light along my block?

The City of Denver generally will agree to pay for the installation of an alley light if it's placed at the center of a public alleyway. The City's goal is not to install a light in every public alley in Denver, but rather to provide a public service to residents who agree that the additional lighting would be beneficial.

## What are the disadvantages of adding alley lighting?

Due to the close proximity to the back of residences, alley lights can create a significant amount of glare, although alley lights are available that cast light mostly downwards. As a result, the City requires a petition indicating strong consensus among block residents in favor of the additional light.

## HOW TO REQUEST STREET/ALLEY LIGHTING:

Visit [www.denvergov.org/Transportation](http://www.denvergov.org/Transportation) or call 720-865-3150 to obtain a mid-block street and alley lighting petition from Traffic Engineering Services. The completed petition must include:

- Signatures of at least 75 percent of the property owners on the block indicating that they favor the additional light.
- Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all petitioners.

If the City approves the light, Xcel Energy will contact the affected property owners to obtain any necessary easements for installation.

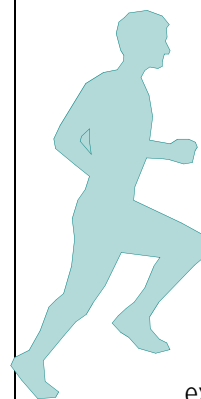
## HOW TO REPORT STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Visit [www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting](http://www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting) or call 1-800-895-4999. Please provide as much information as possible to locate the pole, such as:

- Nearest street address
- Nearest cross street
- Directional position of the pole (e.g., northeast corner, or south side of the alley)
- Facility tag number (9 or 13 digits) listed on the streetlight pole

## COLFAX MARATHON – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RNOS

*from Monica Martinez, Mayor's Office*



Plans for the Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon are "up and running"! Those who attended the INC meeting in February heard a presentation by Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and MGA, the public relations representative of the event. Hopefully, the presentation got you excited for this 1st annual

**event on America's longest commercial corridor.** You are also encouraged to be a part of this new Colorado tradition by volunteering for the inaugural running of the Colfax Marathon.

Dubbed "America's Main Street Marathon," the event will start at 6am on Sunday, May 21, 2006. The course begins on historic Colfax Avenue in Aurora, passes the state Capitol in Denver, and finishes at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in Lakewood.

More than 1,600 volunteers will help make the marathon unforgettable and showcase the neighborhoods and businesses along Colfax.

**One way your neighborhood can get involved is by adopting a 2.5K stretch of the course.**

All you need to do is select a liaison with the marathon to enlist 35 to 40 volunteers to fill all the volunteer positions on "your" stretch of the course. Those jobs include staffing water tables, providing timing support, serving as course marshals, and assisting at first-aid stations. All volunteers receive volunteer marathon T-shirts and other rewards.

If your volunteer group is a little smaller, you can still staff individual stations, help at the Fitness Expo the Friday and Saturday before the race, or fill countless other roles.

In addition to volunteering together, neighbors are forming 5-person relay teams and joining the race. Still others are planning cheering sections along their stretch of the racecourse and designing their own neighborhood T-shirts and placards to display on race day. Share your ideas with your neighbors and make "your" stretch of the course memorable for runners.

For more information about volunteering or to register your 5-person relay team, visit [www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.com](http://www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.com).

Also, the Mayor's Office will be arranging a follow-up INC presentation to directly address questions regarding logistics and traffic. Denver Police Division Chief Mary Beth Klee and Kevin Wagner of Public Works will be on hand to discuss the Marathon and how Colfax will be transformed for this special event.

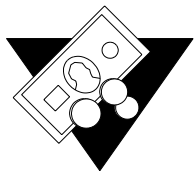
Have a great month and we hope to see you at a Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions community meeting during the months of March and April. More information on the community meetings can be obtained at [www.denvergov.org/partnershipdenver](http://www.denvergov.org/partnershipdenver).

## TAX HELP FOR LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS

### *Metro-area sites offer free tax preparation assistance to low-income taxpayers.*

Some metro-area tax-payers can get free tax preparation assistance now through April 17. Low-income taxpayers, including those with disabilities, senior citizens, and non-English speaking individuals, may qualify for a special tax credit, as well as get help with completing their tax forms at numerous locations around the city.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites and other facilities, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites, and AARP Tax-Aide sites, offer free tax preparation for individuals with low-to-moderate income (generally \$40,000 or less).



Volunteers at these sites assist with preparing basic income tax returns, along with associated schedules and related paperwork.

One goal of the free tax preparation sites is to ensure that eligible taxpayers are able to take full advantage of available tax credits; e.g., the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC is a refundable credit offered through the Internal Revenue Service to working families who earned less than \$37,263 in 2005.

Even workers who aren't raising a child can get the EITC if they earned less than \$11,750 in 2005 and were between the ages of 25 and 64.

All VITA, TCE, and AARP sites offer assistance to individuals who qualify for the EITC. Single or married people who worked full- or part-time in 2005 and who have a valid Social Security Number, can qualify for the EITC depending on their income.

Taxpayers can find a list of centers online at [www.denvergov.org/external.asp?link=http://www.denverabc.org](http://www.denvergov.org/external.asp?link=http://www.denverabc.org), or can call 211 to locate the nearest free tax-assistance site. Most sites offer IRS electronic filing and bilingual assistance free of charge.

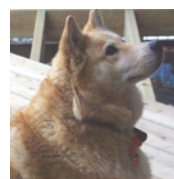
When seeking assistance at a free tax preparation location, individuals should bring the following:

- This year's tax package received in the mail (if available);
- Their spouse (if filing jointly);
- Social Security number cards or ITIN cards for all family members;
- All W-2, 1099, and/or other income forms;
- Information for all deductions and credits (if available);
- A copy of your last year's tax return (if available); and,
- A bank account routing number for payment or refund processing.

## PET LICENSING NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

### *Licensing your pet is easier than ever via convenient online payment.*

With the same convenience of electronic bill paying or shopping on the Internet, pet owners can now use a Visa or MasterCard credit card to renew or purchase new licenses for their dogs or cats via an online service launched recently by Denver's Animal Care & Control Division.



In Denver, one- or three-year licenses are required for dogs and cats over the age of 6 months. Licenses are also required for the

dogs of non-Denver pet owners who use any dog off-leash park in Denver.

The license is a lost animal's ticket home: when a pet has a license attached to its collar, its assigned license number is all that is necessary for Animal Care staff to identify and contact the pet's owner to return a lost pet.

The new pet licensing service, available at [www.denvergov.org/petlicense](http://www.denvergov.org/petlicense), also accepts and processes tax-deductible donations to Animal Care & Control, which directly augments the costs of animal protection services and animal welfare promotion in Denver.

Residents can still purchase pet licenses from the Denver Animal Care & Control office by bringing or mailing a current rabies certificate the office located at 678 South Jason Street; Denver, Colorado 80223. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 8am–5pm, and Saturdays from 9am–5pm. Pet licenses are available for \$10 for one year, or \$30 for three years.

Animal Care & Control, a division of the City's Department of Environmental Health, is responsible for pet vaccinations, pet licensing, animal protection and sheltering, rescued animal adoption, animal leash law enforcement, rabies quarantine and testing, and investigation of animal abuse and neglect.

## INC MEMBER NEIGHBORHOODS AND SUPPORTERS

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### *Patron Members in Bold*

Note: The names below reflect those associations/individuals from whom 2006 INC dues have been received as of press time. Organizations whose dues were received after that time will be listed in future issues. **Remember: If your organization's dues are not paid by the March INC Delegates' Meeting, your organization can not vote for new INC Officers.**

### **Registered Neighborhood Organizations**

- Alamo Placita Neighbors Association
- Bellevue-Hale Association
- Berkeley Neighborhood Association
- **CCHN**
- Cherry Creek East Association
- Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assoc
- Cherry Point Homeowner's Association
- City Park West Neighborhood Association
- Civic Association of Clayton
- Cook Park Neighborhood Association
- **Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association**
- Crestmoor Park HOA Filing 1
- Denargo Market Neighbors Coalition
- **Downtown Denver Residents Org**
- Globeville United Neighbors
- Godsman Community Neighborhood Org
- **Golden Triangle Arts District**
- **Greater Park Hill Community Inc.**
- Hampden Heights Civic Association
- Harkness Heights Neighborhood Assoc
- Hilltop Heritage Association LLC
- Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assoc
- Ivy Street Neighbors Association
- Lowry Neighbors
- Lynwood 7 & 8 Neighborhood Association
- **Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.**

- Montbello United Neighbors, Inc.
- Overland Neighborhood Association
- Platt Park People's Association
- Sloan Neighborhood Association (S.L.O.A.N.s)
- South Hilltop Neighborhood Association
- South Jackson Street Neighborhood Org
- The Unsinkables
- University Park Neighbors
- **Upper Downtown Development Org**
- **Virginia Vale Community Association**
- Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assoc
- **Washington Park East Neighborhood Association**
- West University Community Association
- **West Washington Park Neighborhood Association**

### **Associate Organizations/ Individuals**

- Bonna Gayhart
- Bow Mar Heights Improvement Assoc
- **Councilman Rick Garcia, Dist 1**
- **Carol Boigon, City Council At Large**
- **Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, D 10**
- **Denver Health**
- **Denver Water**
- Dr. Carter M. Ballinger, M.D.
- FRESC (Front Range Economic Strategy Center)
- Gertrude Grant
- **Golden Triangle Association**
- Hilltop
- Historic Denver Inc
- LoDo District, Inc.
- Morrison Road Business Assoc of Denver

## **PARKS & RECREATION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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Parks and Recreation and Councilman Charlie Brown will share results of the Veteran's Park master planning process, and attendees will have an opportunity to discuss the future design and construction

of the park. For more information, contact Britta Herwig at 720-913-0614 or email [britta.herwig@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:britta.herwig@ci.denver.co.us).

- Veteran's Park Final Master Plan  
Thursday, March 16, 2006  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
District #3 Police Station  
1625 South University

Join Denver Parks and Recreation staff for a special information gathering meeting to discuss center programming, volunteer opportunities, neighborhood grants, and special events. For more information, contact Dennis Weber at 303-331-4006 or email [dennis.weber@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:dennis.weber@ci.denver.co.us).

- Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center  
Tuesday, March 22, 2006  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center  
3334 Holly Street

## **TREE PLANTING & CARE WORKSHOPS**

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The Park People have scheduled two Tree Care Workshops in anticipation of its April 22nd "Denver Digs Trees" street tree distribution and tree sale. The workshops will provide valuable information on:

- Properly planting young trees
- Caring for young trees through the first critical years of establishment
- Ensuring the long-term health of trees

The Tree Care Workshops are free, but space is limited. Please call The Park People at 303-722-6262 or email [info@theparkpeople.org](mailto:info@theparkpeople.org) to reserve a space:

- Saturday, March 11th  
10am – noon  
Rude Park Recreation Center  
2855 West Holden Place
- Saturday, March 25th  
10am – noon  
Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center  
3334 Holly Street



# Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

## 2006 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.



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

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](http://Denvergov.org) for details. Patron names are listed in **bold** in our newsletter.

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Borders: North \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_  
South \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_

President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ President is a voting delegate: ☐

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send newsletter via: E-mail ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Don't want newsletter ☐

Voting Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)

Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bring this form to an INC meeting with payment or mail to:

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation  
PO Box 181009  
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INC Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:45am.

The INC Board regularly scheduled meeting date/time will be determined by the newly elected Board. Please contact a Board member for more information.

## REMINDER: PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS SOON

Remember to attend the **public input initiative** called "Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions". The series of six community forums in **March and April** can provide an opportunity to **find solutions to neighborhood concerns** by building partnerships with the City, neighborhoods, non-profits, and businesses. For more information, review the February INC Newsletter or visit [www.denvergov.org/PartnershipDenver](http://www.denvergov.org/PartnershipDenver).

Forum Dates and Locations are as follows:

### **Southwest:**

Thursday, March 9, 2006, 6–9pm  
Southwest Improvement Council  
1000 S. Lowell Boulevard

### **Northwest:**

Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 6–9pm  
Academia Ana Marie Sandoval  
3655 Wyandot Street

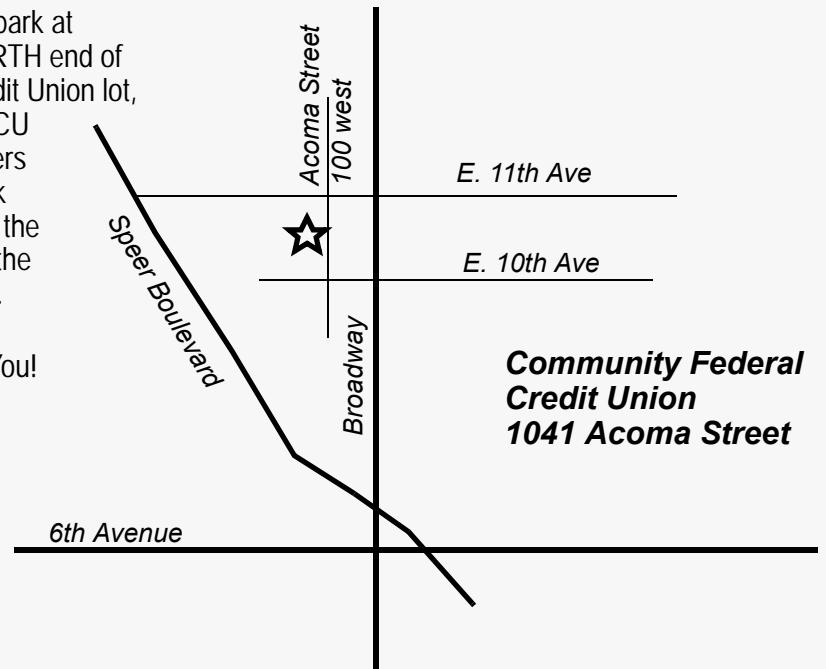
### **Southeast:**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006, 6–9pm  
Temple Sinai  
3509 S. Glencoe Street

## Map to March 11 INC Meeting

Please park at the NORTH end of the Credit Union lot, so that CU customers can park close to the front of the building.

Thank You!



### **Green Valley Ranch:**

Saturday, March 25, 2006, 9am – noon  
Recreation Center  
4890 Argonne Way

### **Central East:**

Wednesday, March 29, 2006, 6–9pm  
Johnson & Wales University  
7150 Montview Boulevard

### **Central West:**

Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 6–9pm  
Centro San Juan Diego  
2830 Lawrence Street

## SAVE WATER AND SAVE MONEY WITH NEW RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM

Denver Water is offering five rebates for residential customers who purchase high water-use appliances or adding efficiency to automatic irrigation systems. The rebates will be available all year, for purchases made between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2006.

- High-Efficiency Clothes Washers — \$200 Rebate
- High-Efficiency Toilets — \$125
- Low-Flow Toilets — \$25

- ET Controllers — \$150
- Rain Sensors — \$25

The rebate program has strict eligibility requirements and only applies to certain models. Rebates are available to Denver Water's treated water customers only.

For more information, visit [www.denverwater.org](http://www.denverwater.org) and click "New Rebates for Residential Customers" or call the Denver Water's Conservation Hotline at 303-628-63436330

## XERISCAPE TURNS 25

### *And Getting More Beautiful Each Year*

To commemorate "A Generation of Water-Wise Landscaping", Denver Water is offering an array of classes and other resources aimed at encouraging homeowners to give Xeriscape a try.

The "X-25" anniversary will be observed this spring at landscape clinics and Xeriscape seminars, the Colorado Garden & Home Show, the Denver Botanic Gardens' plant sale, and at Xeriscape summertime garden tours.

All clinics will be held at Denver Water, 1600 W. 12th Avenue. For more information, visit [www.denverwater.org](http://www.denverwater.org) or call 303-628-6330.

**NEXT MEETING:  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 11, 2006**

**Community Federal  
Credit Union  
1041 Acoma Street  
(see map on page 9)**

The Credit Union is allocating parking spaces on the north side of their parking lot to INC. Please do not park near the customer entrance.

**Agenda**

8:45am Coffee and Chat  
9:00am Welcome and Introductions  
9:15am Around the City  
10:00am Liquor & Cabaret  
Licensing – Stephanie O'Malley  
Director, Excise & Licensing  
11:15am Elect INC Officers & Board  
Noon Adjourn

PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS MONTH'S MEETING TO VOTE FOR YOUR INC REPRESENTATIVES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING, PLEASE CONTACT ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER.

**UPCOMING MEETING:**

**April 8th INC Delegates' Meeting**  
**Featured Topic:** How Neighborhoods can be Involved in Planning for FasTracks and Transit-Oriented Development.

**Please contact any Executive Committed Member if you have a suggestion for a topic that is relevant city-wide for INC to feature.**

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