

Alcohol in the Parks

The following letter dated April 16 was received by INC from Cindy Johnstone, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member from District 6. The letter has been edited slightly without a change in meaning:

I want to thank you for your letters and comments during the public hearing and comment period regarding the proposed revision of the Alcohol Policy for race/walks. The period for public comment ended on April 9th. Your letters and comments helped me know what your position was concerning the proposed revision.

At the April 12th Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, Fred Weiss, with the Parks and Recreation Department, presented a new revision of the Race/Walk alcohol policy from the Parks and Recreation Department. Fred reported that most of the comments received by email and at the public hearing were opposed to the alcohol policy revision that was presented at the March 8th public hearing. In response to public comment, Mr. Weiss presented a new revision that the Parks Department felt was a compromise. The new revision would allow the sale of beer (removing wine and champagne) to the public at race/walk events and would limit the number of events at each site to two per season. This new revision will not go to a public hearing.

Kim Bailey, Manager of Parks and Recreation, confirmed it is possible for the Parks and Recreation Department, through policy, to put limits on a special events liquor license and allow only the serving of 3.2-beer to race/walk participants. These were the limits for alcohol included in the original race/walk policy adopted in 2006.

After some questions and a brief discussion by the Board, I moved that the resolution I had sent to all the Advisory Board members on April 11th be considered. The resolution resolved that the policy comply with the State Liquor Laws by requiring a special events liquor license and keep the limits placed on alcohol as they are written in the Alcohol Policy for race/walks adopted in 2006. The resolution is printed below.

The Advisory Board had a six-to-six tie vote on this resolution; therefore it did not pass. The Board did not vote on the new revision of the alcohol policy proposed by Parks and Recreation Department. Although there will not be a public hearing on this new revision, you can respond to this new revision to your City Council person, the Manager of Parks and Recreation, and the Mayor.

Again, thank you INC for taking the time to send your letter and comments to the Advisory Board. I encourage you to continue to keep the board members informed on issues and concerns that you have that affect the Denver parks and recreation system. This communication will help the Advisory Board perform their responsibility as advisors to the manager of the Parks and Recreation Department on budget and policy.

DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ALCOHOL POLICY REVISION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Charter for the City of Denver requires the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to advise the Manager of Parks and Recreation on budget and policy matters;

WHEREAS, the proposed revision of the race/walk event with alcohol would allow for the sale and service of alcohol to the general public;

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 Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Assn

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 Globeville Civic Assn #1
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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. All members are welcome.
 Call the Chair for time and location.

Executive Committee Minutes

The executive committee of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation met on April 9. Chair Dave Webster convened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. with Ken Beaudrie, Karen Cuthbertson, Katie Fisher, Al Habercorn, Michael Henry, Charles Howard, Steve Nissen, and Brad Zieg in attendance.

Treasurer Al Habercorn presented the financial report showing a savings account balance of \$4,532.66 and a checking account balance of \$7,393.11.

Steve Nissen gave the financial report for the Dollar Dictionary Drive (DDD) showing a balance as of March 31 of \$7,417.08. The committee members discussed the possibility of providing free dictionaries and thesauruses, not only to every third-grader in Denver Public Schools but also, to third-graders in private and charter schools in Denver. The consensus was that this was a good idea but should not be planned for this year. All groups that have not yet contributed to DDD need to consider doing so.

Membership chair Ken Beaudrie sent membership invoices to all of the more than 200 registered neighborhood organizations in Denver and has received a few new memberships. All members of INC should encourage other groups to join and pay dues. The strength of the organization depends on the revenue and the political strength that a large membership will bring.

Dave Webster postponed the 2007 Presidents Dinner date to November to allow for adequate planning time. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the planning committee should contact Dave at 720-941-8026.

Michael Henry and Dave Webster reported that INC, the League of Women Voters of Denver, and Channel 8 are co-sponsoring a series of televised city election forums for the May 1 election. If there are any City Council district run-off elections in early June, there will be one forum to focus on those races. (The date for that forum has been set for May 15 at the Channel 8 studio at 2390 Ulster Street.)

Dave Webster and Michael Henry reported that there would be a citywide Neighborhood Conference held on Saturday June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at West High School. The title of the conference will be *Strengthening Our Communities, Block by Block* and will be co-sponsored (to date) by Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, the City of Denver, the Neighborhood Resource Center, Civic Results, the Civic Canopy, the Colorado Foundation for Families and Children, and the Community Resource Center. This will substitute for the June regular INC delegates' meeting. **All neighborhood groups are very strongly urged to participate.**

Membership chair Ken Beaudrie was appointed to be the sole manager of the INC database to be used for various communications. He will merge the lists that he and

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Minutes of the Delegates Meeting

Do you think there is something wrong here?
You would be correct but it is not what you think!

INC is missing a Secretary!

Without a Secretary, this column will remain empty! We are lucky to have EC minutes.

Contact Dave Webster now to volunteer.

720-941-8026 or dj-jl-webster@att.net

Denver Neighborhood Conference

Strengthening Our Communities, Block by Block

Join fellow neighbors, community organizations, and City officials in a day of communitywide networking and neighborhood leadership. The day-long conference will help promote a shared vision for how Denver's various neighborhood and community groups can work together to build stronger neighborhoods and how that vision can lead to action on a block-by-block basis. This conference is for anyone interested in:

- Learning about the exciting things neighborhood associations and other organizations are doing to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.
- Hearing how the City and County of Denver is engaging residents in projects and plans for building community.
- Seeing practical tools and examples for how to address a wide range of pressing issues.
- Networking with other neighbors, groups and City officials.

The day will include presentations by local and national leaders on community building, workshops targeted to address specific issues facing neighborhoods, large group decision-making to define what strong neighborhoods look like and effective strategies to promote them, and opportunities for networking.

Partnering organizations to date include Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, the City and County of Denver, the Neighborhood Resource Center, Civic Results, the Civic Canopy, the Colorado Foundation for Families and Children, and the Community Resource Center.

WHEN: Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: West High School, 951 Elati Street

In order to accommodate participants appropriately, please register by June 1. To register or for more information, please contact Amber Callender at 720-865-9051 or via email at Amber.Callender@ci.denver.co.us.

Dollar Dictionary Drive

A very special thank you goes to the Denver League of Woman Voters' Education Fund. The League has presented INC with a \$1,000 check for the Dictionary Drive for the fifth year. This makes them our first and only Gold Star donor to date in 2007. Many of us are working to increase our fundraising. Every individual and group donation helps with our efforts.

All donations are placed in an interest-bearing savings account and are restricted to the INC Dollar Dictionary Drive. All donations are tax deductible. Our first goal is to pay for this year's program. Our second goal is to be well on the way to paying for next year's program.

In addition to individual and group donations, the best way to help with this fundraising effort is to spread the word through your newsletters and distributing our brochure to your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Call or email either Steve Nissen or Cathee Fisher for more brochures.

Usually I only visit the students during the fall. This last January, the second-graders at one of our new DPS elementary schools discovered extra books in the school library. The two second-grade classes were sharing the teacher's very large and well-used dictionary and the dictionary owned by one of the students. I do always have a few score of extra books for emergencies after our initial distribution to the 100 DPS schools. Just like all their earlier and current third-grade compatriots thirsting for knowledge, they were ecstatic at receiving their own dictionaries and the information the books contained. Seeing each student receive his or her books next fall is our vision. I hope each of you can participate at one school to see their engaging smiles.

This year we will distribute 17,000 books totaling over 6 million pages of knowledge for 8,500 students and their families and friends this year. Our program cost per student is \$3.00 for the books. Volunteer time is not included. Can we count on you to help reach our goals?

Thank you all for your contributions and support. By providing these life-long learning tools of a dictionary and a thesaurus of their own for our DPS third-grade students, they can help themselves to literacy and learning.

2007 Donors (106 Individual Donations)

League of Woman Voters Education Fund: \$1,000

Bear Valley Improvement Association

Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association

Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association

Country Club Historic Neighborhood

Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Association

Crestmoor Park (Filing 2) Homeowners Association

Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association

Harvey Park Improvement Association

Historic Montclair Community Association

Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point Home Owners Association

Park Forest Home Owners Association
University Park Community Council
West University Community Association
West Washington Park Neighborhood Association

Donations can be sent to:

Dollar Dictionary Drive

PO Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218-0347



Bonnie Brae N.A. We have begun the Bonnie Brae Wine Club that meets monthly at one of our neighbors homes to taste new wines, eat exceptional food, and mingle with neighbors, old and new. It was designed to be fun as well as educational because we are treated to four wines each time (two reds, two whites) that hail from a particular region, country, etcetera. Handouts are given so that everyone knows what they tasted at each event. It has been a smashing success, attracting many more people than originally anticipated. We are lucky to have a liquor store owner that is helping with the monthly selections of wines, and many wine connoisseurs that live in Bonnie Brae. What a great way to share information with neighbors in our slice of the city.

Hampden South HOA The meeting with the Mayor and the other Officers of our city was very successful. We believe that the property at 4011 South Quebec Street is vacant again and could be open for vandals and gangs. The Whole Food company would like to extend the liquor section's doorway to get better exposure for the public. The HOE has no objection if the Fire Department approves. The Texaco Station (Hampden at Locust) is out of business; demolition and construction is in progress for a new Starbucks Coffee. HOE requested that our representative approach the City to paint two bridges on Tamarack south from Hampden Avenue. Both steel structures are very poorly maintained; the paint is down to the primer. This is the tenth-year anniversary of the City ignoring our request to build a pedestrian bridge at the south end of Rosemand Park north from the tennis court. The park has two bridges at the north end over the Creek but no crossing for walkers at the south end. The grade is 7 to 8 percent, a slope that is very dangerous when icy or snowy.

Education Report

The INC Education Committee has been presenting a series of articles to keep our members up-to-date on the important activities taking place to improve Denver Public Schools academically and keep them financially viable. This one is by INC member Bill Johnston who is working hard on education issues in northwest Denver.

DPS Northwest Denver School Portfolio Project *An INC Education Committee Report*

Many schools in Northwest Denver are low-performing and losing enrollment. Enrollment dropped by 1,084 students in five years. In 2005, out of 575 students at North High School, 32% dropped out, 27% graduated, 27% transferred, and only 14% still attended the school. Enrollment at some elementary schools is less than 70% of capacity. Of 8,238 students living in Northwest Denver, 42% do not attend their neighborhood school.

Manual High School's closure was a wakeup call for Northwest Denver. Rumors were spreading that North High School might be the next school to close. The community could no longer tolerate failing education in Northwest Denver. At a community meeting in August of 2006, parents, Padres Unidos, Northwest Parents for Excellent Schools, and community leaders with support from three City Council members and School Board Member Lucia Guzman demanded immediate, dramatic redesign of North High School.

Vision and Expectations

DPS Superintendent Michael Bennett responded to community demand announcing that the school would not be closed and that there would be a fresh start at North High School. The District initiated a comprehensive School Portfolio Project to increase student achievement dramatically at North High School and its three middle and eleven elementary feeder schools.

Open public meetings were held in every school in the area to develop a vision for Northwest Denver schools. The resulting vision was presented at a community meeting in November of 2006. The community expects high quality teaching and learning, intentional school culture, and effective academic support and services.

The District found a wide gap between the Northwest Community objectives and what DPS is providing and the District proceeded to draft a reform plan with these objectives:

- Engage in an extensive and meaningful community

process in school reform.

- Respond to identified gaps in what the community is demanding and what DPS is providing.
- Meet the expectations for North High School and the elementary and middle schools that feed the high school.
- Create a comprehensive and cohesive strategy to serve at-risk, special needs, and highly gifted students.

Reform Plan for Northwest Denver

The plan was presented at a community meeting in January where a standing-room-only gathering of stakeholders discussed the recommendations and questioned the District on many of the plan elements and their implementation. Major elements of the plan include:

- Creating a Valdez Elementary/North High School campus to strengthen the Early Childhood Education, Kindergarten - Grade (EK-12) continuum,
- adding capacity in Dual Language EK-12 by establishing Montessori (EK) and Dual Language Immersion (EK-5) programs at Valdez Elementary School and exploring implementing middle and high school dual language immersion programs,
- establishing new programs that offer rigorous and compelling academic choices,
- redesigning schools where the climate and academic program requires immediate reform to meet the needs of current and future students,
- phasing out attendance boundaries for Bryant-Webster and Valdez Elementary Schools to create a "Choice-In" model for success of Dual Language schools,
- and engaging the community in discussions around rapidly declining schools.

Implementing the Plan

With feedback from the community and board support, the District has begun implementation of the reform plan.

North High School

The program redesign of North High School was presented at a community meeting in late January with the school's new principal, JoAnn Trujillo Hays. A college preparatory program for grades 9-12 will begin in years 07-08 with support from an EXCEerator grant - one of four awarded to Denver public high schools. The grant will implement the College Board EXCEerator Schools project - a system of College Board programs, tools, and support services designed to prepare more American high school students for post secondary success. The project is an effort launched

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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

Organizations and persons not affiliated with INC should also communicate their desire to obtain this newsletter or submit address changes to the editor at 303-798-9306 or kbeaudrie@totalspeed.net

Recyclers' Corner

Denver's Department of Public Works/Solid Waste Management annually honors individuals, groups, and businesses that stepped forward to help promote and maintain a cleaner, safer, and livable community. This year's honorees are true champions in recycling and litter prevention.

WASTEWISE Awards honor individual or group efforts that promote and enable the solid waste collection services of Denver Solid Waste Management. The 2006 recipients are:

- **The Lowry Litter League** has gotten together every Friday for the past six years to collect litter along side the streets of Lowry helping to keep the neighborhood clean.
- **Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association** arranged several lake clean-ups in 2006 removing more than 4 tons of trash from Sloan's Lake Park.
- **Anthony Thomas** is a long-time member of the Civic Association of Clayton and supporter of Keep Denver Beautiful. Mr. Thomas coordinates the annual neighborhood clean-up for Clayton and other surrounding neighborhoods.

YOUTHWISE Awards honor the outstanding efforts of young people under the age of 18-years for their commitment in the areas of graffiti abatement, recycling, reducing illegal dumping, and trash or litter abatement. The 2006 recipient is:

John Fleming's Special Education Classroom (Centennial K-8 School) collects recyclables throughout the school everyday thus recycling hundreds of pounds of material each week. The class is made up of six dedicated students with various disabilities.

THREE R Awards honor the volunteers, groups, and organizations that have made valuable contributions to the Denver Recycles program. The 2006 recipients are:

- **Forest City Stapleton** is honored for efforts supporting recycling in Denver. Forest City Stapleton promoted recycling throughout the year in their monthly newsletter, website, and visitors' center as well as added special support with the new cart deliveries to Stapleton in October of 2006.
- **Sally Kurtzman** is honored for her efforts as an avid recycling volunteer. "Second Life for Stuff" is a free booklet listing where to recycle many household goods that Mrs. Kurtzman prints and circulates to Denver residents. Mrs. Kurtzman also is continually providing recycling information via newspapers, radio, television, and in presentations to school groups.
- **KHOW** radio is honored as a corporate supporter of

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Transit Development

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is more than simply development near transit. Successful TOD creates beautiful, vital, and walkable neighborhoods. TOD expands our choices for housing, employment, shopping, and transportation. TOD provides access to the region's jobs, government centers, healthcare facilities, educational resources, cultural attractions, and recreational destinations.

FasTracks is the largest rail service expansion in the nation. The Regional Transportation District (RTD) will build six new transit lines in the next decade. While RTD constructs the new transit lines, Denver is hard at work engaging the community in planning for future station-area development.

The Department of Community Planning and Development, in conjunction with our partners including Public Works, the Office of Economic Development, RTD, and others, has begun planning to facilitate appropriate TOD near current and future station locations. The planning process will identify a vision and strategies to direct appropriate change at these station areas and utilize the transit investment as a catalyst to enrich and enhance Denver's neighborhoods. You and your neighbors are invited to participate.

City staff will be working on all of the transit corridors and the 36 station areas within Denver. However, using the criteria of the TOD Strategic Plan, the following stations require immediate City action:

- * Colorado and Southmoor (Southeast, T-REX)
- * Decatur, Auraria West, and Sheridan (West Line)
- * 40th & 40th (East Corridor)
- * 10th & Osage and Alameda (Central Corridor)

Please join the nearly 1,000 people who have registered to receive future updates. E-mail us at tod.planning@ci.denver.co.us or visit our web site at www.denvergov.org/tod.

Julius Zsako, Communications Director, Denver Community Planning and Development

Customer Service Survey: www.denvergov.org/cpdsurvey

Grass Stains

On Saturday, May 19, at 8 a.m., Denver Parks and Recreation plans to refurbish City Park, one of Denver's oldest, largest, and most important parks. Starbucks Coffee is donating funds and volunteer-time towards planting trees and flowers, constructing new gravel walkways, and implementing a new park-based recycling program.

With your additional volunteer-help, this can be an even bigger success. So please join Parks and Recreation and Starbucks Coffee to give thanks to a park that never stops giving. If you are interested in volunteering, please email tina.romero@ci.denver.co.us or call 303-964-1043.

From the Mayor's Office

Greenprint Denver

Greenprint Denver is the City's sustainability initiative, officially launched by Mayor Hickenlooper during his State of the City address last July. The Greenprint Denver action agenda sets goals for the City in areas including Energy and Emissions, Natural Resource Stewardship, Materials and Waste Management, Land Use and Transportation, and Community and Economic Development.

In celebration of Earth Day and the arrival of spring, we hope you and your neighbors will participate in a number of exciting "green" spring activities:

- From Earth Day to Arbor Day, the City and other metro partners will be planting "7,000 Trees in 7 Days" as a kickoff to the "Tree by Tree: The Mile High Million" initiative. This will be a true community effort – call 311 if you would like to volunteer or visit www.greenprintdenver.org/trees for more information.
- The Denver Public Library is hosting a month of "green" programs for kids and adults as part of the "Fresh City Life" series. For more information on speakers, films, and a full list of events, visit www.denverlibrary.org or www.greenprintdenver.org. Be sure to check out the free Fresh City Life magazine featuring Mayor Hickenlooper in a "leaf jacket" on the cover.
- On May 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Hickenlooper will join in conversation with Laurie David, producer of the Academy Award-winning film *An Inconvenient Truth*. This exciting free event will be held at the Colorado Convention Center's Korbel Ballroom. Tickets are required and are available for free at all Denver Public Library branches or through the Greenprint Denver website.

Infrastructure Priorities

As many of you know, the Infrastructure Priorities Task Force (IPTF), made up over 100 citizens, was established to thoroughly examine and prioritize the short- and long-term capital facilities and infrastructure needs of the City. Hundreds of citizens participated in community meetings late last fall where they heard about the important work of these subcommittees. Dozens of community groups have also invited Task Force leadership to attend and present at member gatherings. Your feedback has been invaluable.

The Executive Committee of the Task Force began to meet regularly starting Friday, April 20, to discuss the recommendations of the Finance Subcommittee, Subject Matter Subcommittees, and City staff. They will also soon hear from the Public Strategies Group and the City staff that are currently having discussions around public

priorities intended to provide an additional perspective to the process. The Executive Committee expects to meet regularly until they reach a final recommendation in early summer.

The challenge for the Executive Committee will be to refine the list of projects, knowing that there are more requests than available funds. The primary area of emphasis will be on-going maintenance issues as was the original intent of the process. One critical tool the Task Force will use as they begin to make decisions is feedback from the public via focus groups, upcoming community meetings, and a variety of other avenues.

For more information, please visit the project web site at www.denverinfrastructure.org. The site has had more than 9,000 user sessions so far. It is a great way to stay informed of upcoming community meetings and to send your feedback.

Thank you for your interest and involvement. We are grateful to all of the citizens who are donating their time, energy, and expertise to this important process.

Community Development

The City has been working on a number of fronts to expand and diversify the resources and tools available for community vitalization and economic development, so we are excited to announce a major "win" for all of Denver. Mayor Hickenlooper, along with City Council President Michael Hancock, Councilmen Rick Garcia and Doug Linkhart, and City economic development officials recently announced the launch of a new, private, non-profit community development financial institution (CDFI). Seedco Financial Services of New York City will operate the CDFI that will work closely with the City on community economic development including neighborhood commercial revitalization, affordable housing, and small-business expansion. It will leverage and invest at least \$17 million in 2007 alone in local projects to create jobs and stabilize distressed neighborhoods.

CDFIs are mission-based financial entities that provide equity and debt financing to projects that benefit low- and moderate-income people and fund projects that cannot secure sizable amounts of financing from conventional sources. They often serve as a conduit for private entities—including foundations, pension funds, and individual social investors—that do not typically utilize government as a vehicle for investing in community projects. The new Denver CDFI will leverage capital from sources that are not currently investing in the Denver region. It also will draw support from local and statewide institutions such as the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority.

Zoning Issues

Thank you to the more than 300 Denver residents who joined the Zoning Code Task Force for the recent Community Forum to answer questions related to residential

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WHEREAS, the proposed revision of the race/walk event with alcohol would allow for the expansion of alcohol to beer, wine and champagne;

WHEREAS, the proposed revision of the race/walk event with alcohol would require a festival permit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the alcohol policy comes into compliance with the State Liquor Laws by requiring a special liquor license for a race/walk event with alcohol; and be it further RESOLVED, that alcohol in the alcohol policy at race/walk events is limited to 3.2 beer; and be it further RESOLVED, that alcohol is served only to race/walk participants as written in the original alcohol policy adopted in 2006 for race/walk events; and be it further RESOLVED, that a race/walk permit is required in the alcohol policy for the race/walk event with alcohol.

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development and zoning. A panel of representatives from the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Denver Community Planning and Development Department, Denver Board of Realtors, and Homebuilders Association of Metropolitan Denver discussed policies, procedures, and effectiveness of various regulatory approaches. View the presentation on your computer and learn more about the Zoning Code Update on www.DenverGov.Org/ZoningCodeUpdate.

Don't Forget to Invite Us

As you are building your meeting agendas for the remainder of the year, think about the kind of information we can bring to your group. Maybe you're interested in Greenprint Denver, Denver's infrastructure, or Denver's Road Home. Whatever it is, we hope you will invite us so we can share the City's good work with you. While we are out, we want to listen to what is happening in your neck of the woods. To get us on your agenda, please contact Amber Callender at 720-865-9051 or via email Amber.Callender@ci.denver.co.us.

Save the Date: Neighborhood Conference

In conjunction with many neighborhood and community groups across the City, we are currently planning a Neighborhood Conference to be held Saturday, June 9th, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at West High School.

Colfax is Back!

The second-annual Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon will be held on Sunday, May 20th. The Colfax Avenue course begins at the Aurora Sports Park, travels through Denver past the Capitol Building—with detours into the Anschutz Medical Campus, City Park, and around Sloans Lake—and finishes at Colorado Mills in Lakewood. There will be some local traffic impacts on race day and therefore the Marathon is working closely with police and traffic managers in Aurora, Denver, and Lakewood to minimize inconveniences and keep vehicle traffic flow as steady as possible.

Some things to keep in mind on race day:

- Travel restrictions along the race route will begin at 6 a.m. While traffic along Colfax Avenue will be limited, the race will move quickly through the cities of Aurora, Denver, and Lakewood.
- East- and west-bound traffic will be closed in Lakewood while only the westbound lanes will close through Aurora and Denver.
- North- and south-bound intersections that cross Colfax will be closely managed. Race security will allow traffic through as much as distance gaps between runners will allow. Drivers seeking to cross Colfax during the event are encouraged to seek alternate routes to avoid delays (or better yet, park nearby and cheer the runners on).
- Approximately 15 to 20 minutes after the last runner has passed, police will reopen the road to traffic. We expect Colfax Avenue to reopen completely by noon. We recommend using alternative routes to best avoid delays

A full course map and pace chart for the Colorado Colfax Marathon is available on the Marathon web site. Please visit www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org for more information, to register to run, or to volunteer.

2008 Democratic National Convention

In 2008, Denver will be hosting the delegates, visitors, and media that will be attending the Democratic National Convention on August 24-29. The DNC brings exciting economic prospects to Denver as well as a unique opportunity to participate in and learn about our democratic process. For more information about the convention or for volunteer sign-up, please visit the Denver Host Committee's website: www.denverconvention2008.com. If you would like someone to present to your community or association meeting the status of the 2008 Democratic National Convention, please contact Chantal Unfug at Chantal.Unfug@ci.denver.co.us or 720.865.9032.

Neighborhood Resources

- Neighborhood Resource Center of Colorado has a variety of materials, workshops, and technical assistance to help your neighborhood group. Visit: www.nrc-neighbor.org.
- The Piton Foundation and the Community Planning and Development Agency provide detailed information about Denver's neighborhoods.
- Crime Statistics for your neighborhood can be located through www.denvergov/sopa.

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former Secretary Karen Cuthbertson have separately managed. For various communications, the database can be divided for sending information to INC members only and/or all registered neighborhood organizations and/or others, including government contacts and the press and former INC contacts. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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in 2006 through a \$16 million investment from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Characteristics of EXCEerator schools include:

- Implementation of rigorous academic programs for all students.
- Extensive ongoing professional development for principals, teachers, and counselors.
- Extensive use of data to inform and drive teaching, learning, and assessment programs.
- College planning and preparation including school-based counseling and college preparatory programs.

Creation of the EK-12 North/Valdez Campus will begin with expansion of Valdez Elementary School to Grades 6 and 7 in years 08-09 and Grade 8 in years 09-10.

Elementary and Middle Schools

- The Dual Language Montessori program in EK and Grade 1 at Valdez Elementary School will begin in years 08-09.
- Attendance boundaries for Valdez and Bryant-Webster Elementary Schools will be phased out in years 08-09.
- Brown Elementary School has received a Beacon grant to continue development of the school's *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme*.
- Smedley Elementary School will be expanded to EK-6 in years 07-08. The possibility of expanding the school to EK-8 will be explored.
- The application for the *International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme* at Lake Middle School has been approved. The school will seek a District School Innovation grant to implement the program.
- Discussions with rapidly declining Horace Man Middle School will be continued.

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recycling by promoting the Denver Recycles program on the radio.

- **9News** is honored as a corporate supporter of recycling by promoting the Denver Recycles program on television.

MATERIAL OF THE MONTH: GLASS

Recycling glass bottles is "clearly" a better choice than tossing them away! Glass bottles and jars are 100% recyclable and can be recycled into new containers repeatedly. Glass does not lose its quality or purity and can go from your recycling container back to the store shelf as a new bottle in as little 30 days (*Glass Packaging Institute*).

Did you know a glass bottle made today would take more than one million years or longer to decompose in a landfill (*U.S. EPA*)? By recycling glass, you can also help to protect our environment. The energy alone saved from recycling one glass container can run a 100-watt light bulb for up to 4 hours (*U.S. EPA*).

Glass can be separated by color or mixed when recycled depending on available markets. The glass collected from Denver residents goes to Rocky Mountain Bottle Company in Westminster for recycling. Rocky Mountain Bottle Company processes more than 300-tons of glass a day that would be equivalent to enough glass to go up 40 rows high in Invesco Field in a year's time.

So be sure to make the clear choice and recycle as many glass bottles and jars as you can in your purple recycling cart. Please be sure not to contaminate the recyclable glass with non-recyclable glass. Materials such as windows, ceramics, drinking glasses, mirrors, and light bulbs are not accepted for recycling.

ZAP Committee Priorities

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Zoning and Planning Committee has adopted the following priorities for 2007. All neighborhood activists concerned with zoning and planning issues are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. (The next meeting will be on May 19 at 9:30 a.m. at 1201 Williams Street in the 19th-floor party room.) Call the committee chair for information – Michael Henry at 303-377-6609.

1. Participate in, monitor, and share information with neighborhoods about Zoning Code Update.
2. Work with the Community Planning and Development Department and City Council to implement the recommendations from the 2005 INC residential zoning and construction subcommittee.
3. Participate in, monitor, and share information with neighborhoods about the Denver Strategic Transportation Plan.
4. Monitor upcoming vacancies on Denver boards, commissions, and task forces affecting zoning and planning issues and recommend neighborhood-friendly members or prospective members.
5. Monitor and share information with neighborhoods about any proposals for bond issues or other methods to improve the city's infrastructure.
6. Advocate for a comprehensive citywide policy for the maintenance and installation of safe city sidewalks.
7. Advocate for ordinance that will reduce noise impacts of construction in residential and mixed-use neighborhoods.
8. Assist in standardizing and publicizing opportunities for review of development projects by registered neighborhood organizations.
9. Develop a process to require construction contractors to plan and arrange for transportation and/or parking for their workers (not in neighborhood streets or alleys).
10. Advocate for implementation of INC recommendations dated February 10, 2007 for improving public participation in Denver city government.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2007 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

Organization name: _____
 Address: _____
 Borders: North _____ East _____
 South _____ West _____

President's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ President is a voting delegate: ☐
 E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Voting Delegate Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

Voting Delegate (if President is not a voting delegate)
 Delegate Name _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
Send newsletter via: E-mail [] U.S. Mail [] Don't want newsletter []

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
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Call For Artists and Crafters

Annual Spring Artisan Sale

Harvard Gulch Recreation Center

Saturday, May 19, 2007

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Artists and Crafters from the community as well as teachers and students citywide are invited to join in as vendors at the Annual Spring Artisan Sale. This event is sponsored by Harvard Gulch and Platt Park. There will be food, pottery demonstrations and activities for the kids. Advertising includes posters, e-mail flyers and cards to attract buying public. **Reserve your table now for only \$10!**

Vendors please register or call for more information at:

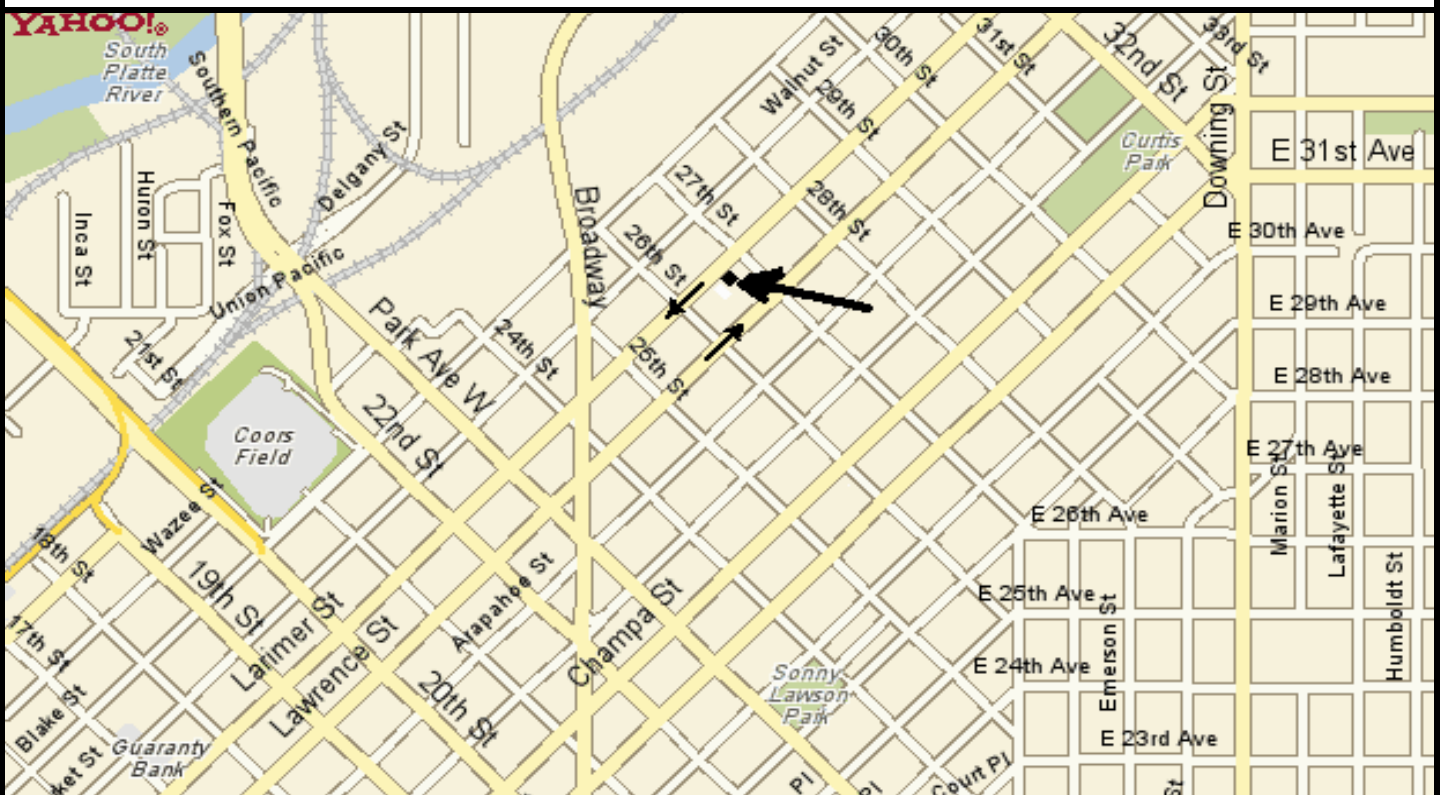
**Harvard Gulch
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550 East Iliff Avenue
303 698-4999

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Center**
1500 S. Grant Street
303-698-4965



To find out about other Denver
Parks + Recreation Classes, visit:

www.denvergov.org/recreation



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Meeting Saturday
May 12th**
The public
is welcome to attend.

**Bob Magness Bldg.
Volunteers of America
2660 Larimer Street**

See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.
Coffee and Chat

9 a.m.
Welcome

9:10 a.m.
Anthony Aragon
Boards and Commissions

9:20 a.m.
Tree Planting in the Fall

9:30 a.m.
Around the City

10:10 a.m.
Break

10:20 a.m.
Tim Dunn
Senior Fraud Initiative of
the Security and Exchange
Commission

10:30 a.m.
A+ Denver

11:30 a.m.
Committee Reports

Noon
Adjournment

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