



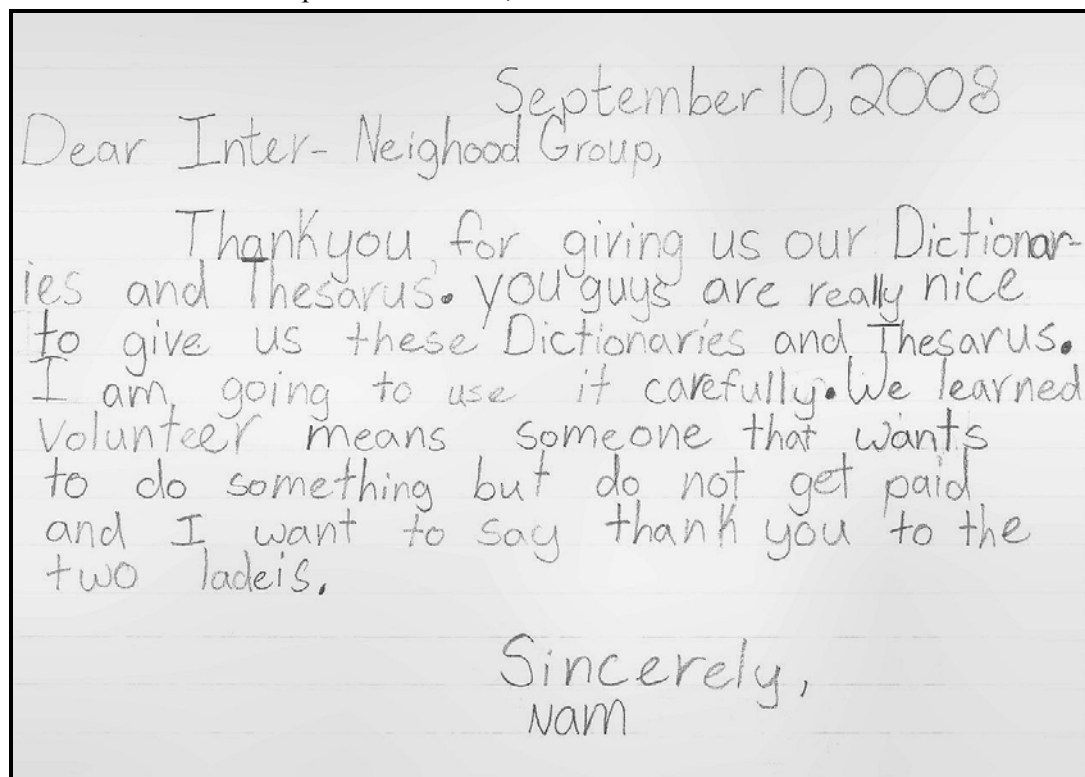
INC Our Thirtieth Year of Service



Dollar Dictionary Needs RNO Help

We are reaching out to all registered neighborhood organizations in Denver to help with a financial shortfall in the 2008 Dollar Dictionary project. Contributions are down considerably this year and we are currently \$3,000.00 dollars short of meeting our expenses.

There are well over 200 RNOs in the city and we ask each and every one to consider helping with this great project. For thirteen years we have provided free dictionaries and thesauruses to every third-grader in Denver Public Schools. We have given the books as a gift from the neighborhoods surrounding our schools. We have placed your RNO name, as a contributor of these helpful student tools, on a label in the front of each book.



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We would like to add your name to the following list of thirty-three RNOs who have made generous contributions this year. Those RNO contributors of which we are most grateful are: Alamo Placita, Athmar Park, Baker, Bear Valley, Bellevue Hale, Bow-Mar Heights, CHUN, Cherry Creek North, Civic Association of Clayton, Crestmoor Park (2nd filing), Down Town Denver Residents Organization, East Montclair, Golden Triangle, Greater Park Hill, Harkness Heights, Harvey Park, Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point, Inspiration Point, INC, Mayfair Neighbors, Mayfair Park, North City Park, Park Forest HOA, Stapleton Master Community Assn, University Park, Virginia Village/Ellis, West University

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 Athmar Park Neighborhood Assn
 Baker Historic Neighborhood Assn
Ball Park Neighborhood Assn
 Belcaro Park Homeowners Assn
 Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley Neighborhood Assn
 Berkeley-Regis United Neighbors
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Country Club Historic Neighborhood
(CCHN)
 Cranmer Park Hilltop Civic Assn
Crestmoor Park Homeowners Assn
2nd filing
 Crestmoor Park Homeowners Inc Filing
 One
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Downtown Denver Residents Org
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Golden Triangle Museum District
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 Inspiration Point Neighborhood Assn
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 (LoDoNA)

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 Lowry United Neighborhoods
Mayfair Neighbors, Inc
 Mayfair Park Neighborhood Assn
 North City Park Civic Assn
 Old San Rafael Neighborhood Assn
 Overland Park Neighborhood Assn
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 South Jackson Street Denver
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Assn
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 the second Saturday of each month
 at 8:45 a.m. See this issue for loca-

September 10, 2008

Dear Inter-Neighborhood Group,

Thank-you for giving us our Dictionaries and Thesarus. I'm so happy that we get to take them home at the end of the school year. I'm happy that Mrs. Stanek is going to teach us how to use it. and you people are really nice to. thank-you for coming on Monday. and teaching us what volunteer means. I remember that volunteer mean you just do something no-body asked you to do it for them. then you gave us a little fun paper to do and I liked doing. I wish you can com next year to but I wont see you next year because I will be in forth grade next year.

Sensely,
Danaya

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Community Association, Windsor Gardens, Wyman, Old San Rafael, South City Park, Cook Park, and Cory Merrill.

Is the name of your RNO missing from the above?

We have received generous grants from The League of Women Voters and The Denver Kiwanis Foundation. Businesses making donations this year are: Casey's Construction, Denver Community Service Fund, Joy Wine and Spirits, Harmes C. Fishback Foundation Trust, and Mountain Shadows Condominiums. Two hundred concerned individuals have made donations as well. Among them are the following community leaders: all INC Executive Committee members, Carol Boigon, Sarah Bradley, Cathy Donohue, Marcia Johnson, Peggy Lehman, Cathy Reynolds, Jeanne Robb, and a host of dedicated RNO officers from across the city.

Donations are welcome from everyone (and needed) and can be made to: Dollar Dictionary Drive, P.O. Box 81347, Denver, CO 80218. Donations can also be made online at

www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc. Click on the icon 'Dictionary Committee.'



There were no "Around the City" inputs.

Wildlife in the City

Today in the city and county of Denver, we are at a new age in how we view wildlife. We have come to understand that different animals have a role to play in keeping our ecosystems balanced. As people develop more understanding and respect for our natural world, we find that our associations with wildlife increase. Urban wildlife, or animals that are able to live and thrive in close association with people, have become a part of our lives here in Denver. Watching a red tail hawk perching over the freeway, hearing a prairie dog call out a warning, chasing a flicker away from the side of your home, and spotting a red fox weaving through tall grasses and ducking into a drain are indicators that our urban wildlife populations are here and thriving. But as our encounters increase, we now need to learn the new rules of coexistence. Learning how to coexist is a process that will benefit wild and human residents of Denver.

Coyotes are a common sight in many areas around our city. As most North American predators have decreased in population size and range in the past hundred years, coyotes have adapted to fill these empty niches. In our urban environments, they have discovered an abundance of food, water, and shelter that has created an oasis for expanding coyote populations. Coyotes are now found in every major city in the United States and Denver is no exception. As one of the most intelligent and adaptable species in North America, they require special care in order to create and maintain a healthy and safe coyote and human co-habitat.

While naturally coyotes have an innate wariness of humans, our actions can lessen that fear and lead to increasingly dangerous encounters. So here are the “rules” to creating a safe environment while coexisting with coyotes in the city.

1. Never feed a coyote, purposefully or accidentally. While coyotes rarely attack people, (approximately ten bites a year throughout the country), a majority of attacks are directly related to human fed coyotes. They associate us with food and lose their fear of people. Keep all food waste inaccessible. It is illegal in Colorado to feed a coyote.
 - Keep trash tightly covered or safely inside until pick up.
 - Cover compost.
 - Pick up garden fruits and vegetables off the ground.
 - Keep cats inside.
 - Keep small dogs inside or closely attended.
2. Respond every time you see a coyote. Coyotes feel increasingly comfortable when they see humans without incidence. Blow a whistle, yell, and wave your

arms. When you ignore their presence, they will get braver. It is not cruel; it is saving their lives and keeping your neighborhood safe.

3. Install motion activated light sensors around home. Maintain a fence so they can not slip underneath. Keep areas around fences relatively clear so coyotes will not have vegetation they can hide in.
4. Never let your pet play with coyotes. They are intelligent and playful and may initiate contact with large dogs. This greatly reduces their natural fear. During mating season, they will defend their territories. Large dogs become competition and small dogs may not be objects of play but of prey.

If you have any questions about coyotes please contact Ashley DeLaup at 303-455-0785 or ashley.delaup@denvergov.org.

Denver's Waterways

Do your part and help keep Denver's waterways clean! A free supply of dog poop bags and mini bag dispenser is available to Denver residents for a limited time.

In an effort to promote clean water practices, Denver Public Works in cooperation with Denver Environmental Health and Denver Parks and Recreation are offering a free supply of dog poop-bags and an on-the-go mini-bag dispenser complete with a handy carabineer clip to Denver residents.

The bags and dispenser are part of Denver's “Keep It Clean from Drain to Stream” campaign and are available for a limited time only. Denver residents can register to receive poop bags and dispensers online at www.keepitcleandenver.org or by calling 311.

Denver's “Keep it Clean” program is designed to educate residents about the importance of reducing storm water pollution in urban waterways. Pet waste left on the ground contains harmful bacteria and excess nutrients that wash into storm drains and then into waterways potentially increasing health risks to humans. The call to “Pick up Litter after Your Critter” aims to encourage Denver residents to pick up after their pets so our rivers stay clean.

The “Keep it Clean” campaign provides ways for Denver residents to actively participate in protecting natural water resources by promoting healthier practices every day from homes, schools, businesses, and recreation areas. Three simple ways that we can all keep Denver's waterways clean are:

- Pick up litter and pet droppings.
Dispose of litter and pet waste properly.
- Be aware of spills that often kill.
Use commercial car washes and designated drop-off or recycling locations for disposal of auto fluids.
- Be wise when you fertilize.
Use fertilizers and pesticides with care.

For more information on what you can do to keep Denver's waterways clean, please visit www.keepitcleandenver.org.

The offer of a free supply of poop-bags and a bag dispenser is available only to Denver residents over the age of 18 and has a limit of one per household. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Contact Christine Downs at Denver Public Works - 720.865.2578.

ZAP Motions

On September 27th, the INC Zoning and Planning Committee passed three motions for consideration by the INC delegation on November 8th. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on these motions:

1. The Denver Design District (bounded by Alameda to the north, Broadway to the east, I-25 to the south, and the rail system to the west) is currently developing a General Development Plan and Design Guidelines for consideration by the Denver Planning Board in conjunction with future TMU-30 rezoning.

The April 18th submission by the applicant to the Denver Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) asks for 1) a 15-year property vesting schedule and 2) a large percentage of the required Open Space on public sidewalks and traffic intersections. INC should communicate to CPD and the Denver Planning Board that it opposes both of these elements because they would set a dangerous precedent and urges that they not be approved.

- A. INC urges CPD and the Planning Board to require Open Space be defined in keeping with its original intent, as calm gathering places meant for relaxation and neighborly conversations. Open Space should not include space for vehicular traffic, traffic intersections, or public sidewalks. Additionally, Open Space should not be counted on property where the owner does not own the property.
- B. INC opposes extending property vesting rights beyond the 3-year period allowed by the Denver zoning code and state law.
NOTE that this motion was considered by the delegation on June 14th and postponed for further study by the ZAP committee which had a full discussion on September 27th.

2. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should accept the following recommendations relating to restaurant patios and should work with the appropriate city agencies to adopt them. This is the product of work by several neighborhood representatives under the leadership of Dick Kisseberth.

OUTDOOR PATIOS RECOMMENDATIONS

Restaurant and bar outdoor patios are usually an amenity in a neighborhood. They provide an informal and frequently festive atmosphere and also provide eyes on the street which adds to public safety. With the Colorado climate, outdoor patios can be used many days of the year and add to the vitality and economic health of the many restaurants and bars in the City. It appears that most residents see the benefits of the outdoor patios even if they do not use them as they provide a positive urban atmosphere. However, outdoor patios can present problems. The chief complaint is that they can be the source of excessive noise. Other problems are litter, excessive smoke, and public disturbance by patrons.

Outdoor patios can interfere with pedestrian traffic and many, located on public property, are larger than needed. There are no disincentives to ensure that patios are not oversized.

The permitting of outdoor patios is sometimes done too readily with no input from the neighborhood. In other cases the process is extremely involved (if liquor licenses and / or landmark processes are required) and becomes an impediment to the applicants to get a timely approval. In no case are the neighbors given adequate or timely notification or input. Businesses in many Zone Districts have no time-and-use requirements on their patios beyond the noise ordinance and the liquor code.

The implementation of the Colorado Indoor Clean Air Act (non-smoking provisions) has caused many restaurants and bars to apply for outdoor patios to allow their smoking patrons to smoke on the patio. This has added to the number of applications for patio permits and for modification-of-premises applications by liquor-

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.

licensed restaurant and bars. There are misunderstandings on the applications of the no-smoking provisions concerning where smoking is allowed and how much enclosure of the patio is allowed.

Enforcement of the laws and regulations regarding outdoor patios are split among many City agencies; neighbors and businesses have difficulty determining how to file complaints to obtain compliance.

Below are the recommendations:

Recommendation: 1) Limitations on All Outdoor Patios Hours and Uses.

All outdoor eating-areas should have reasonable limitations on hours and uses. The limitations can vary based on closeness to residential areas or if the outdoor eating area is in certain Business Zone Districts. Restaurant/Bar owners should have an opportunity to request a zoning variance if the limitations on uses and hours are not appropriate for their business.

Recommendation: 2) Outdoor Patios in the Public-Right-Away.

Outdoor eating-areas in the public-right-away should:

1. Have more restrictions on time and uses:
 - a. No amplified sound.
 - b. Limited hours based on closeness to residential zones.
2. Require fair compensation to the City for the use of public property.
3. Require strict adherence to the “Pedestrian Master Plan.”
4. Encourage using only “What is Needed” for a successful patio rather than the amount allowed.
5. Provide at least five feet of unobstructed through area and consider meters, planters, bike racks, detached sidewalks, snow removal, and etcetera.
6. Not make any permanent changes to the public-right-away and provide for the disassembly of a patio within 24-hours for public events, cleaning, snow removal, and etcetera.
7. Adhere to strict snow-removal requirements.
8. Post appropriate signs regarding the non-smoking provisions.

Recommendation: 3) Coordination of Permitting Processes.

Permitting and liquor-license “modification of premises” processes should be coordinated to help applicants go through multi-step processes. (Processes could include Landmark Review in some cases.) Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) should be notified of the application for an outdoor eating area permit by Zoning Administration when there would be

a “modification of premises” application with the Director of Excise and Licenses. A “Case Management” type of process would be appropriate to help the applicant and neighbors through these complex processes. The Director of Excise and Licenses should provide more time for RNOs to respond to notifications of applications for Modification of Premises.

Recommendation: 4) Coordination of Enforcement Activities.

Compliance of the various ordinances should be better coordinated among City agencies. Noise, panhandling, and smoking-ban violations should be given higher priority as they are important “quality-of-life” issues. The “Broken Windows” public policy theory should be applied to outdoor eating-areas. The Denver Police Department has the authority to enforce the noise, smoking, and public disturbance laws and should develop a program for enforcement.

Recommendation: 5) Monitor Noise Pollution.

Require liquor licensed establishments with outdoor eating-areas to monitor and record noise levels. Establishments with outside amplification that close their patios after 10 p.m. should have noise monitoring processes.

Enable neighbors to monitor noise from liquor-licensed establishments. Violations of the noise ordinances could be reported to the liquor establishment for voluntary corrective action, to RNOs, or the Denver Police Department.

Recommendation: 6) Education on Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act.

Educate City agency employees, bar and restaurant managers, and patrons on the provisions of the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act that pertain to outdoor patios (15-foot rule, amount of enclosure allowed and compliance).

Recommendation: 7) Clarify the Rules for Measuring Distances in the Zoning Code and Noise Ordinances.

There are disputes as to how the 50-foot and 50- to 100-foot distances in the Zoning Code are to be measured. There is also a 50-foot rule in the Noise Ordinance that should be consistent.

3. Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation believes that the quality of life for Denver neighbors, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists is diminished by allowing unattractive and/or unsafe conditions in public rights-of-way, particularly including in the areas between street-curbs and private property-lines. Although these areas, including sidewalks and

tree lawns, are regulated to a minor extent by the Denver Community Planning and Development Department and the Parks and Recreation Department, they are primarily regulated by the Public Works Department. Regulation by the Public Works Department does not appear to consider such issues as A) the unattractiveness and safety hazards of allowing large or sharp rocks in tree lawns, B) the replacement of vegetation with concrete or gravel in tree lawns, or C) the unattractiveness of large graffiti-attracting utility boxes permitted in tree lawns in residential neighborhoods. INC strongly encourages the Public Works Department, the Community Planning and Development Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department to collaborate with themselves and with RNOs to improve their regulations and enforcement mechanisms, coordination between departments, and clarity for the public about who enforces what. The purpose of such efforts will be to improve the attractiveness, safety, pedestrian-friendliness, and bicycle-friendliness of the public rights-of-way; these goals are supported by Denver's Comprehensive Plan 2000, Blueprint Denver, the Pedestrian Master Plan, Greenprint Denver, and the Strategic Transportation Plan.

Old House Workshop

Denver's Old House Society, a new nonprofit dedicated to educating owners of old houses (50+ years) and helping them protect their neighborhoods, presents three topics at a Saturday Morning Workshop™ scheduled for November 15th from 8 a.m. to noon at the Whittier Community Center, 2900 Downing Unit 1B, across from the light-rail center. The cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Seating is limited. Also, exhibitors will be available to answer questions about products and services for old homes. The Society's public policy committee will be on hand to answer questions about Blueprint Denver, a new zoning code that was scheduled to be implemented in 2003 and has started in some areas. Parking is available on the street and a parking lot north of the complex.

The workshop schedule includes:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
9:00 a.m.	Heating Your Old House	Dennis Brachfeld
10:00 a.m.	Choosing the Appropriate Exterior Colors	Megan Schlegel
11:00 a.m.	Research Your Old House	Bruce Hanson

Denver's Old House Society meets the needs of thousands of homeowners in Denver's beloved old neighborhoods: Denver Old House Fairs™ – two scheduled in 2009; Saturday Morning Workshops™ in neighborhood locations; Guided walking tours and socials; Educational dinners in old houses for old-house lovers; [www. Denveroldhousesociety.org](http://www.Denveroldhousesociety.org), a robust web site launching this autumn with referral information on crafts people, contrac-

tors and professionals, zoning, historic preservation and Blueprint Denver information, Old houses for sale section, and tons of educational information; and sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities for businesses and organizations.

For further information call 303-916-4359 or go to www.denveroldhousesociety.org.

City FY-2009 Budget

On September 23rd, Mayor John Hickenlooper delivered the FY-2009 budget proposal to Denver City Council.

For FY-2009, the administration has proposed a \$914 million budget representing 5.0 percent growth from FY-2008. Major cost drivers in 2009 include increases of 22 percent in fuel costs and 9 percent in utility costs. Reserves are being maintained at 15 percent of expenditures.

Economic uncertainties affecting the national economy have had an effect on Denver's local economy as well, especially on revenues associated with development such as construction permits and plan-checking fees, recording fees, and investment income. The City anticipates a 2.9 percent increase in General Fund revenues to \$896 million in 2009.

Expenditures for existing operations were projected to outpace the growth in revenues in 2009. The necessity of reducing expenses has required some tradeoffs.

As always, the 2009 budget has been guided by feedback from the community and City Council. Additionally for 2009, City directors and managers focused on 10 outcome areas for the future, which will be institutionalized in an annual report card:

- Healthy and successful living for citizens;
- Vibrant and dynamic economy;
- Availability of quality cultural and recreational opportunities for all;
- Efficient, diverse, and accessible transportation system;
- Safe communities;
- Environmental stewardship;
- High-quality customer service;
- Motivated, diverse and prepared workforce;
- Prudent fiscal stewardship; and
- Internal services that help the City achieve its goals.

Highlights for 2009 include:

- A continued focus on safety as the foundation of our quality-of-life and economic health including increased funding for the Crime Prevention and Control Commission, extended funding for the gang task force, and an additional 11 public safety cadets in the Department of Safety.



- The purchase of two new fire trucks to maintain our replacement schedule and ensure the Fire Department is equipped to provide effective and timely responses.
- A continued commitment to making Denver an even better place to live by providing funding to implement components of the Environmental Management System, the Denver Climate Action Plan, and the Greenprint Action Agenda including funding to improve energy- and water-efficiency in facilities and parks.
- Funding to ensure quality cultural and recreational opportunities for everyone through improvements to neighborhood and community parks and for the operation of an additional bookmobile.
- A continued dedication to helping people lead healthy and successful lives by implementing homeless housing partnerships through Denver's Road Home, funding to continue child victim advocacy services, and beginning the next phase of the City's Zoning Code update.

The proposed FY 2009 budget includes \$80.4 million for capital projects including \$25 million in new capital maintenance mill-levy funding approved by the voters in 2007. In addition to these annual funds, more than \$100 million in one-time bond funded projects will be implemented in 2009, also approved by voters in 2007.

The Mayor and City Council held departmental budget briefings in late September. Based on input during this review period, the Mayor will submit a recommended budget by October 20th to be followed by a public hearing October 27th and additional City Council input. City Council will adopt a budget by November 10th and must enact an ordinance making FY-2009 appropriations by November 24th.

City Parking Plan

The public is invited to an information session on the Denver Strategic Parking Plan. Denver Public Works and Community Planning and Development invite the public to attend an information session on Denver's Strategic Parking Plan (SPP) on Thursday, November 6th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The information session will take place at the Colorado Convention Center in meeting room 507 and is free and open to the public.

The Denver Strategic Parking Plan is Denver's comprehensive review of the City's parking system with a special emphasis on identifying and implementing new and existing best parking practices in Denver. The information session will present the project's scope of work, identify existing conditions, and discuss issues identified to date by



stakeholder focus groups. The event will include a short question and answer period.

The SPP will conduct an analysis of existing parking policy including:

- Off-Street Parking
- On-Street Parking
- Zoning and Regulatory Practices
- New Parking Technologies
- Parking Enforcement Practices
- Residential Parking

The SPP team will also evaluate the applicability of similar programs in other cities, recommend best practices for zoning requirements and design standards, and suggest implementation approaches for partnerships, financing, and organizational structure. The plan's objectives are consistent with Denver's overall goals for sustainable growth and development as outlined by Blueprint Denver.

Crime Statistics

If you live in Denver, did you know that you have a 6% chance of being a victim of a property crime? In Denver, most crimes are committed against property. In Denver, a homicide is committed about every eight days, sexual assaults are committed two times per day (and only 16% of them are reported), robbery three times per day, burglary 16 times per day, and auto theft crimes 18 times per day.

Property crimes can be avoided by using simple things like a timer on your lights and making sure your doors and windows are locked securely. If you are unable to put serial numbers or identification numbers on each of your items of value, i.e., big screen televisions, etc., take pictures of each item in your house and keep them in a safe place for insurance purposes should you need them. After all, most property crimes committed are people looking for money to take care of some type of addiction and the pawn shops are usually their next stop after your house.

If you remember Brent Brents, the serial rapists – he claims to have committed over 1,000 sexual assaults and never broke into the residence; the doors were always unlocked.

The Denver non-emergency contact number is 720-913-2000. Use it anytime you believe something is “just not right” in your neighborhood.

Stranger Safety – “The Safe Side” is a very good DVD for families to watch together, especially those with younger children. Also important for “little people's school,” do their classroom doors lock? According to Mark Jacobson, there has never been a school shooting where the classroom door was locked while class was in session. Here is the website for ordering the DVD if you are interested. The cost is \$24.99. www.thesafeside.com.

www.infocus.com is a great site for teaching young children and young adults internet safety; it is backed by

the Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Teach your child (or anyone) that they are vulnerable when they post pictures and such on places like Myspace and Facebook.

If you are a person who likes to socialize at a bar and likes to stay until late into the night, the safest time to leave that bar or nightclub is at 1 a.m. If you wait until closing or 2 a.m., you are much more likely to leave with a large group of people who have been drinking too much and may not have their wits about them.

If you are driving in a car and a police car turns on its lights and sirens, pull over immediately as soon as it is clear to do so. Do not pull into an alley or an empty parking lot (that makes the officers nervous). Do not attempt to get your insurance cards and driver's license out right away as that also makes officer's nervous as they don't always know what you are reaching for. You do not want to make a person carrying a weapon nervous! Wait calmly in your car until the officer approaches your vehicle. Denver police will never stop a car using an unmarked police vehicle. Denver officers cannot have beards, long side burns, or mustaches; they must be in uniform; and they must each carry a business card which is used instead of a badge number. If in doubt, call 911 and tell them where you are and if they have an officer in the area. Only marked patrol cars will make traffic stops; traffic stops are never done by an unmarked car. The unmarked car must take along a marked car so there is no confusion.

Denver police would like to ask people not to give money to the beggars on the street corners. Denver police say there are 35 different locations in Denver for the homeless to obtain free meals, free medical, or free housing. If you really want to donate money, please give it to one of those locations. More than likely, if you give the beggar cash, they will use it to buy liquor or drugs.

Personal Safety Skills classes for women and girls are available at most City recreation centers. If interested, please contact Lisa at 303-329-9922 x 317 or lxiong@raap.org

Denver police recommends mace as a good protection tool. Ten percent OC is what they recommend.

Executive Committee **by Larry Ambrose**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Paul Benington on October 13th at 7:04 p.m. at 1201 Williams Street. Other Executive Committee members present were Larry Ambrose, Katie Fisher, Steve Nissen, Anthony Thomas, Don Tressler, Brad Zeig, and Penelope Zeller. Also present were Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Mike Henry and Transportation Committee Chair Dave Webster.

Because the only version of the October Newsletter that was available at the meeting did not contain the September 8th Executive Committee meeting minutes, a motion

was made to defer the approval until such time as the minutes could be reviewed. The motion passed by acclamation.

A motion was made to suspend the approval the Minutes of the August 11th Executive Committee meeting until Chair Karen Cuthbertson would be present. The motion passed by acclamation.

Sarah McCarthy, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Resource Center, a non-profit organization, attended in the stead of the Mayor's Neighborhood liaison, Heather Berry, who had a scheduling conflict. Ms. Berry had been asked to come explain why INC had not been involved in planning a follow-up workshop to the annual Mayor's Neighborhood Conference that INC had founded and for which INC had been a co-sponsor in 2008. The follow-up workshop will be held the evening of November 12th. Ms McCarthy made it clear that there was no intention to exclude anyone or group from participating in its planning. NRC has a technical assistance contract with the City of Denver and Sarah was asked to plan this event as part of that contract. Ms. McCarthy is anticipating another workshop in February and will be sure to involve INC. Heather Berry is invited to attend the November 10th Executive Committee meeting.

Treasurer Steve Nissen reported that the Dollar Dictionary Drive owes INC \$3,060. The DDD brought in \$1,700 in September and \$800 in October. There was discussion of an article in the Newsletter that would list RNOs who have contributed in order to stimulate RNOs that had not contributed to donate \$100. Discussion turned to the future of the DDD. Paul Benington suggested that the onus should be on the schools to request dictionaries.

There was a request that Steve prepare a report for the next meeting to show how much is owed to INC and what the assets and liabilities are of the DDD. Approval of the September Treasurers report was put in abeyance until it is revised as previously stated.

There was no report on Membership or the Newsletter. Ken Beaudrie requested that items for the Newsletter be turned in by the 20th of the month.

Mike Henry reported that a Strategic Parking Plan meeting would be held on November 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Colorado Convention Center, Room 507. The ZAP Committee will meet on October 25th.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is now Co-chaired by Larry Ambrose and Katie Fisher. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 5:15 p.m. at the District 3 Police Headquarters to discuss and take a position on the Denver Mountain Parks Master Plan.

There was a discussion of what literature should be allowed dissemination at INC meetings. For the time being, people have the choice as to what literature they want to pick up and/or read. Larry and Katie have made and will continue to make clear to all members that no position of

the Committee can be asserted publicly until approved by General Membership.

Under new business, Steve Nissen and Penelope Zeller expressed their grave concerns about the safety of an intersection at East 9th Avenue and Washington Street in Capitol Hill that was being reconstructed as a result of new development in such a manner as to pose a danger to the public safety and health. Discussion followed as to how best to address this serious issue. Mike Henry agreed to bring it to the attention of CHUN.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Zoning and Planning

By Diana Helper

The INC Zoning and Planning (ZAP) committee met October 25th.

Janet Burgesser of the Department of Environmental Health spoke on proposed changes to ordinances regarding air pollution—odors, water, hazardous waste, asbestos, dust, idling vehicles, air quality permits, and more. To streamline the Denver ordinance, some items that duplicate State authority are being deleted. New regulations are added as needed. It is hoped the proposed changes will go to City Council the latter part of November and be in effect by the end of the year. Call 311 or 720-865-5457 for information. The ZAP committee voted unanimously to support the proposed changes.

Crissy Fanganello of Public Works spoke on “Moving People”—Denver’s Strategic Transportation Plan (STP), Living Streets, and the Parking Plan. With a projected increase in vehicle trips in the future, the STP challenge is to address the physical, operational, and behavioral aspects of multi-modal transportation that is green, sustainable, safe, and connected and to maintain infrastructure. Living Streets, which fits with Greenprint Denver and Climate Action Connection, calls for changes in corridor planning here and nationally. This program deals with the area back of the curb in business and residential areas. Public meetings will be held next year. The Parking Plan will be discussed at a public meeting this November 6th at the Convention Center; details are available at www.denvergov.org/strategicparkingplan.

Heather Barry, the Mayor’s Liaison to Neighborhoods, announced a public workshop by the Neighborhood Resource Center and the City this November 12th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Blair Caldwell Library. Topics include being “Green and Sustainable,” and “How to Work with Neighbors.” There will be networking-time and a dinner. R.s.v.p. to heather.barry@denvergov.org. Heather also reported that by January the city should be able to advise INC on a regular basis regarding City Boards and Commission vacancies.

Terry Ware of the Office of Economic Development spoke on the Denver Housing Plan drafted by the Denver Housing Task Force. His office is reviewing the draft and studying how to implement it over three years. They are open to public comment. A link to the draft is being emailed to ZAP members. Perhaps economic and environmental concerns need to be included.

New zoning language proposed by Councilman Charlie Brown was discussed briefly. This would legalize occasional outdoor sales at places of worship such as sales of pumpkins or Christmas trees. No action was taken by ZAP. RNOs are encouraged to discuss this matter and sends comments to City Council.

A proposed motion concerning Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) was distributed and discussed. This motion neither supports nor opposes the establishment of CIDs but lists seven recommended amendments. ZAP voted unanimously to present this matter to the INC Delegation on November 8th.

The draft of a letter to the Mayor and City agencies, prepared by the ZAP Citizen Planning sub-committee for support by INC delegates, was distributed and discussed. It recommends improved registration, notification, and participation. The full ZAP Committee voted unanimously to present the letter, with three changes, at the November 8th INC meeting. Peter Park, Manager of Community Planning and Development, cautioned “all good changes must be in the ordinance.” He suggested INC also acknowledge the positive actions of the City with regard to neighborhoods.

A November ZAP meeting is not scheduled at this time.

Membership fees are not due until the end of December. However, knowing that it takes a while to get paperwork done and checks signed, this is an early notification that the process should be started soon. The reverse side contains the membership form for 2009.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

2009 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: _____
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 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
 PO Box 181009
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Free Concerts

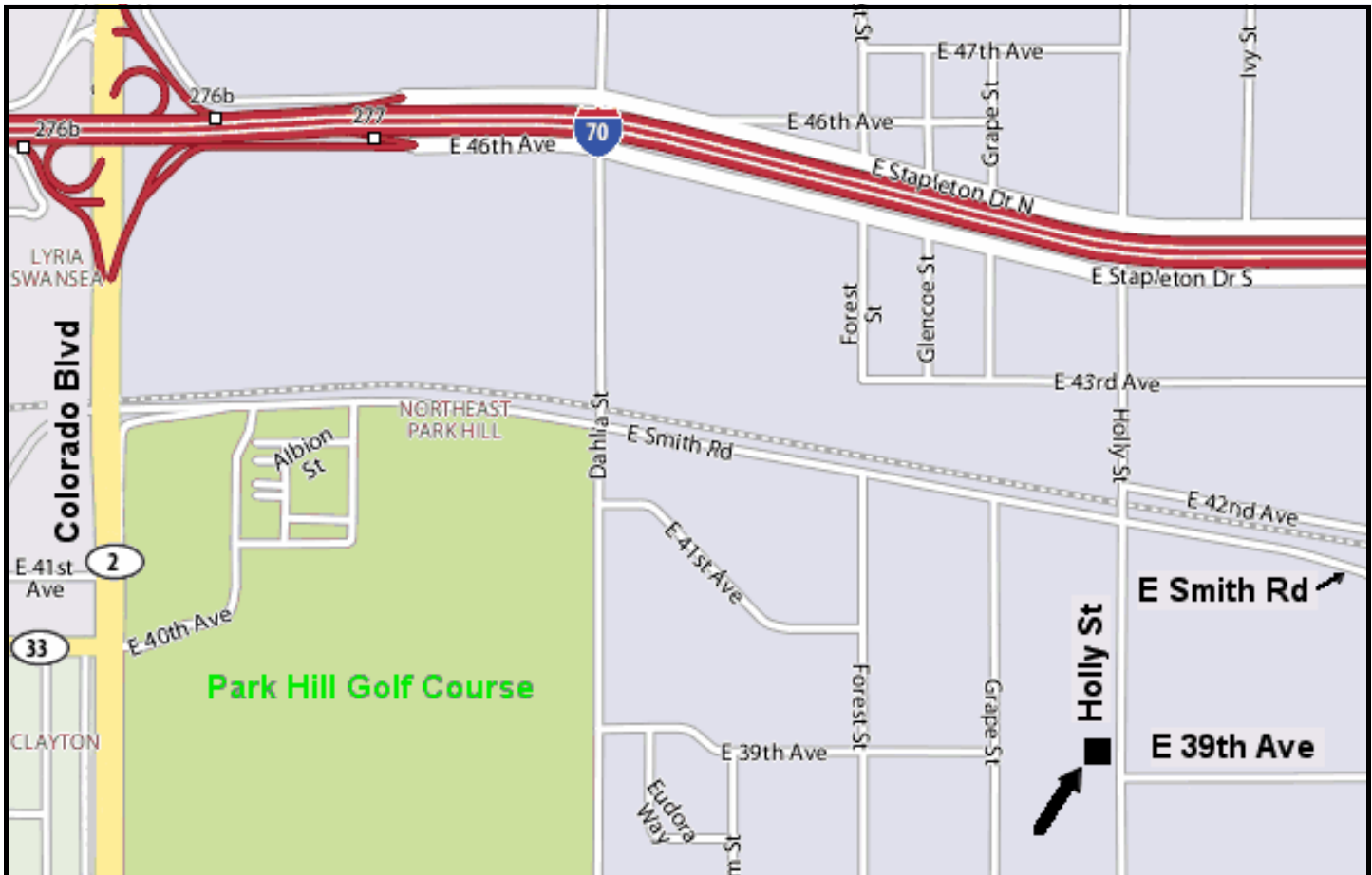
The University of Denver's Lamont School of Music offers the public the following free concerts in their Newman Center for the Performing Arts, 2344 East Iliff Avenue. Unless other fee-events are scheduled in the Center, free parking is available in the garage immediately south of the Center. All dates are in November. The Symphony concert requires tickets that are available free at the Newman Center box office during the day and one hour prior to the concert.

- 10th** – Lamont String Chamber Ensembles
7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Hamilton Recital Hall.
- 11th** – Lamont Guitar Chamber Ensembles
7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Hamilton Recital Hall.
- 12th** – Choir Concert: Chorale, Men's and Women's Choirs
7:30 to 9 p.m., Gates Concert Hall.
- 13th** – Lamont Wind Chamber Ensembles
4 to 6:30 p.m., Hamilton Recital Hall.
- 13th** – Lamont Symphony Orchestra
7:30 to 9 p.m., Gates Concert Hall.
- 14th** – Lamont Vocal Arts Ensemble, Lamont Ensemble Concert Series
7:30 to 9 p.m., Hamilton Recital Hall.

City Council Committees

Denver City Council Committees meet in the Council Committee Room at the City and County Building.

- **Blueprint Denver Committee** - Second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Bond Implementation Committee** - Fourth Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
- **Economic Development Committee** - First and third Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- **FasTracks Committee** - Third Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
- **Finance Committee** - First and third Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **General Government Committee** - Second and fourth Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
- **Public Amenities Committee** - Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- **Public Works Committee** - First and third Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Safety Committee** - First and third Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m.
- **Neighborhood, Community, and Business Revitalization Committee** - Second and fourth Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.



The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Meeting Saturday November 8th

The public
is welcome to attend.

District 2 Police Stn.
3921 N. Holly St.
See map on page 11

8:30 a.m.

Coffee and chat

9:00 a.m.

Welcome from
Councilman Michael Hancock
And Sarah Foster of
Ivy Street Neighbors

9:10 a.m.

Around the Neighborhood

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Richard Rosenthal and
A.J. Clemmons
Office of Independent Monitor
Implementation of
Recommendations of
2007 OIM Annual Report

10:45 a.m.

Michele Weingarden
Director of Greenprint Denver

11:20 a.m.

Ismail Guerrero
Executive Director
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2008-2011 Agency Strategic Plan

Noon

Adjourn

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