

Public Safety the Focus of December 8 INC Meeting

will talk to us about Denver's response to the threat of terrorism. Sandy Sayer from the Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute and Captain Marcos Vasquez with the Denver Police Department will speak to us about community policing and the Institute, and we will discuss ways in which INC can become more involved with community policing programs.

The December 8, 2001 INC meeting will be hosted by the Greater Park Hill Community, Inc. It will be held at the Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center at 34th Avenue and Holly Street.

The January 12, 2002 meeting will be hosted by Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association and Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.

Oredson, Gross and Kembel Awards Given During 2001 Presidents Dinner

*By Fred Corn
INC Chairman*

At the 2001 INC Presidents Dinner on November 1, 2001, three awards were presented to three extremely dedicated individuals who have, and continue to serve their community in very different ways. The Bill Gross Award is awarded each year to an individual in the public safety sector in the City and County of Denver. This year's winner was Officer Brian Slay, a Neighborhood Police Officer in Police District 4. Officer Slay has a strong record of working with neighborhoods and making Denver a safer place in which to live.

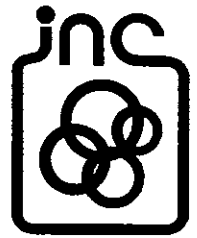
The Virginia Oredson Award is awarded to an individual who has encouraged Denver neighborhoods to work together, has encouraged and motivated others, and has established a record of selfless community service. This year the award went to Dick Bjurstrom, the immediate past chair of INC. Dick has contributed so much to both INC and Denver neighborhoods that he was the INC Board's unanimous choice for the award.

Finally, the relatively new Walt Kembel Award is intended to recognize INC members and delegates for their contributions to our organization. The criteria for this award state that the winner should have moved INC forward or in new directions in creative or unexpected ways. This year's award was presented to Cathee Fisher for her efforts and leadership in the Dollar Dictionary Program. Certainly no one has moved INC in any more unexpected direction than the dictionary drive.

Congratulations to all the 2001 INC Award winners!

The December 8, 2001 INC membership meeting will focus on public safety issues. Several guest speakers will be present to discuss different public safety issues in Denver. Michael Michalek, Exercise and Training Officer with the city's Office of Emergency Management,

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From the Chair

By Fred Corn
INC Chair

hurt us during the recent unsuccessful bid for a much-needed new city and county jail. I think its time to develop a long-term strategy for planning for these types of facilities.

Long Houses

The Land Use and Transportation Plan is moving forward. At our last meeting the INC membership voted to approve the Plan as it moves now to the Denver Planning Board for review. Of course, our approval is not without conditions, and we have included 19 specific concerns about the Plan in its current form. Many of the concerns are due to a lack of clear strategies for implementation and a need to establish benchmarks with which to measure the success of the plan. We are told that these will be addressed in the long-awaited appendices and I will encourage my colleagues at the Planning Board to review the appendices carefully before recommending approval of the plan. Certainly we must review a complete plan prior to making a recommendation.

Another concern addressed in the INC position is the lack of attention in the Plan to developing a process for planning and siting new community facilities, as required by the Comprehensive Plan. What better place to tackle this difficult issue than in the Land Use and Transportation Plan? In fact, according to strategy 1-A in the Land Use section of the Comp Plan, community facilities planning is specifically required to be considered in the Land Use and Transportation Plan. In my opinion, we ducked this issue when we wrote the Comp Plan and it has already come back to

On another zoning and growth-related issue, I was recently contacted by Steve Turner with the Community Planning and Development Agency, who was assembling a committee to review the issue of long houses in our older, established neighborhoods. For those of you unfamiliar with the terminology, long houses should really be called "big" houses: those large new homes or old homes with enormous additions that pop up in the middle of a block of bungalows or other modest Denver homes. Usually they are followed by structures of the same ilk. I was pleased to hear of the effort, because I believe it shows a real commitment by Planning to continue to seek ways to address neighborhood character issues.

Two INC representatives have been placed on the Long House Committee: Ann Morgan and Lynn Pressnall. Both are from the East Washington Park neighborhood. While it might have been more ideal to have representatives from two different neighborhoods, both Lynn and Ann are familiar with "quick wins" and other zoning issues, and both are eager to find solutions to a problem that plagues their neighborhood as much as any other in the city. I'd like to thank both Lynn and Ann for volunteering their time and energy. I know they will be productive members of the committee and keep the rest of us informed.

Denver Parks Makes Informative Presentation At November Meeting

*By Jeanne Robb
INC Delegate-at-Large &
Parks Committee Chair*

Just in case you stayed home to rake your leaves last month or to jog around your neighborhood parks, you should know that you missed a very informative question-and-answer session with Manager of Parks James Meija and the very able staff members who accompanied him. Meija frankly discussed how he is correcting problems in the Parks Department. Susan Baird gave a brief report on The Game Plan while Susan Fry and Dave Acosta reported on improvements in park maintenance. Dave Acosta has been analyzing the effort and resources required to maintain an acre of park land. This information should be very helpful with budgeting maintenance costs and the constant demand to acquire more park land. Questions covered all sorts of park issues from port-a-potties (that budget item has been increased) to noise from soccer games.

December 5 Meeting with INC Members

In response to a question from Dick Bjurstrom, Assistant Director of Parks Susan Fry has agreed to meet with INC representatives to discuss how volunteers and neighborhood organizations can work with the Parks Department to improve their local parks. The meeting will be Wednesday, December 5 at 7 pm at the VOC Bath House in Washington Park. Because it would be helpful to know how many people will attend, please call me at (303-744-7310) if you want to come or if you have questions.

If you notice problems in your local parks or if you have questions, here is a list of the Park District Superintendents:

Park Division District Contacts

Abel Shaw, Deputy Manager of Parks
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Susan Fry, Assistant Director of Parks
(303) 698-5534

Dave Acosta,
Acting Assistant Director of Parks
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(303) 964-2579

Central District- 2601 E. 9th Ave.
John Varone -- Superintendent
(303) 331-4060

City Park Greenhouse -- 2500 E. 23rd Ave.
Gary Douglas -- Superintendent
(303) 331-4115

East District - 2100 Steele St. (City Park)
Richard Encinias -- Superintendent
(303) 331-4113

Lowry District -- 8540 E. Lowry Blvd.
Richard Evans -- Superintendent
(303) 344-8936

Montclair District -- 99 S. Monaco
Doug Woods -- Superintendent
(303) 331-4038

Northeast District -- 10450 Smith Road
Dave Acosta -- Acting Assistant Director
(303) 373-8700

Northwest District -- W. Byron Place (Sloan Lake)
Roger Hernandez -- Superintendent
(303) 458-4788

South District -- 820 S. Humboldt (Washington Park)
Barbara Jo Harwell -- Operations Supervisor
(303) 698-4930

South Platte River District -- 3375 Park Ave.
Lesley Roper -- Superintendent
(303) 458-4897

Southeast District -- 10300 E. Yale Ave
James Kellner -- Superintendent
(303) 696-6397

Southwest District -- 4800 W. Kenyon Ave.
Rey Medina -- Superintendent
(303) 762-1655

West District -- 1505 West Jewell Ave.
Susan Fry -- Assistant Director of Parks
(303) 937-4638

Denver Mountain Parks -- 300 Union Ave, Morrison
A.J. Tripp-Addison -- Superintendent
(303) 697-4545

Recycle that Tree!

Denver Recycles' annual Treecycle program will recycle thousands of Christmas trees into mulch again this holiday season.

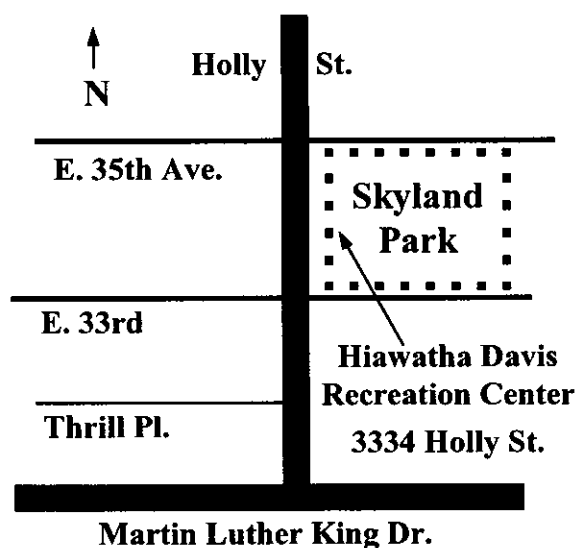
All Denver residents whose trash is collected by Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management may participate. This year, Christmas trees will be collected during a two-week period between December 1st and January 11th.

To Treecycle, remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from your tree and set it out for collection as follows. Flocked trees cannot be recycled.

Trash can and Barrel Customers: Set your tree about 4 feet away from your trash container by 7 a.m. on your trash day during either the week of December 31st or the week of January 7th. Call 720-865-6805 if your tree has not been picked up by 3 p.m. on your trash day during the week of January 7th. Remember, January 1st is a holiday and service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of that week.

Dumpster customers: Please set out your tree by 7 a.m., Saturday, January 12th just behind your property on the edge of the alley (not next to the dumpster, please.) Trees will be collected one day only from dumpster areas.

Map to December 8 INC Meeting



INC Member Neighborhoods

Alamo Placita NA	Mayfair Park NA
Athmar Park NA	Mayfair Neighbors
Baker Historic Neighborhood	North City Park Civic Assoc.
Bellvue Hale NA	Overland NA
Berkeley NA	Ruby Hill NA
Capitol Hill United Neighbors	St. Charles NG
Cherry Point HOA	Sloan Lake CG
Clayton NA	South Gaylord NA
Cole NA	South Jackson St. NA
Colfax Business ID	Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Colfax on the Hill	University Park CC
College View NA	Virginia Vale CA
Cook Park NA	Virginia Village/Ellis CA
Cory/Merrill NA	Washington Park East NA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood	Wellshire NA
Crestmoor Park HI	West Highland NA
Curtis Park Neighbors	West University NA
Denargo Market NC	West Washington Park NA

Supporting Organizations

(Patrons in Bold)

Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie
Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth
 Denver Digs trees
Denver Water
 League of Women Voters of Denver
 Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce
 Progress & Preservation Together

Associate Members

Steve Brown
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 Gertie Grant
 Marcia Johnson

Dollar Dictionary Drive Raises Enough to Pay For This Year's Dictionaries

*By Cathee Fisher
INC Dollar Dictionary Co-Chair*

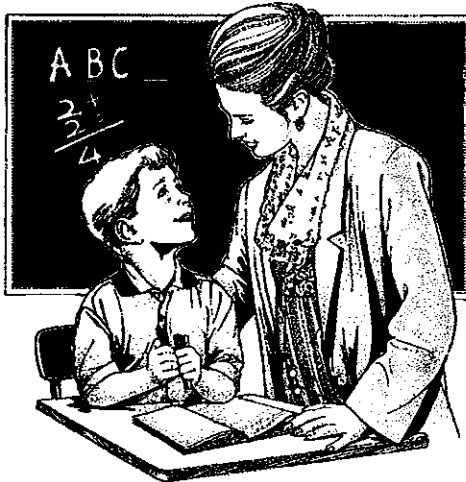
Thank you to all who have spread the word to your friends and neighbors about our 6th annual Dollar Dictionary Drive. Contributions have come from individuals, businesses, neighborhood associations and city agencies. Many of our donors have contributed each year.

Donations we received at the annual INC Presidents Dinner we made it possible for us to cover all our 2001 expenses for the distribution of this year's 17,000 books. We have also started on our nest egg to provide a dictionary and thesaurus to Denver's 2002 third graders.

This is an on-going designated program. It means all funds donated are used strictly for the Dollar Dictionary Drive. The program was expanded in 2000 to provide sets of the dictionary/thesaurus to 250 Denver 3rd grade classrooms. With increased funding we can also use these donations to provide classroom sets to additional grade levels and other resource materials to our Denver students, classrooms and schools.

Special thanks to Gene Tepper, a long time INC supporter, for his \$1,500 donation and to Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds for her \$1,000 donation.

This INC program that gives a dictionary/thesaurus of their own to ALL DPS third grade students each year is a positive effort to reach out to a group of



citizens in the spirit of our stated goal - the continuing improvement of Denver.

Thank You to all our 2001 Donors

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Capital Hill United Neighbors
Cherry Creek Steering Committee (individuals)
Cherry Point Neighborhood (individuals)
College View Neighborhood Association
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Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association
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Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association
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University Park Community Council
US Bank Grant
Washington Park East Neighborhood Association
Numerous Individuals

Donations can be sent to: Dollar Dictionary Drive,
P.O. Box 181009, Denver, CO 80218.

Denver Neighborhood Connection article submission deadline is the 20th of each month

**Articles must be submitted by e-mail to
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**Next Meeting
Saturday
December 8
2001**

**Hiawatha Davis
Recreation Center
3334 Holly St.**

(see map on page 4)

**Hosted by
Greater Park Hill
Community, Inc.**

AGENDA

**8:45
Coffee & Chat**

**9:00
Around the City**

**10:00
Committee Reports**

**10:30
Break**

**10:45
Speakers:
Public Safety Officials**

**Noon
Adjourn**

**The First INC
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