

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, July 13

Best Western Executive Hotel
4411 Peoria Street
(I-70 & Peoria)

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts
9:15 a.m.- Around the City
10:30 a.m. - Graffiti Summit
Noon - Adjourn

**No Meeting
in August**

Next meeting September 7

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Upcoming July 13 Meeting

Graffiti Summit Slated

INC's July 13 monthly meeting will include a Graffiti Summit. The purpose will be to discuss how best to proceed in reducing the negative impact of graffiti vandalism in Denver. INC will begin its business meeting at the usual 9 a.m. time, with the summit beginning at 10:30 and lasting until noon. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Executive Hotel, 4411 Peoria St. (I-70 and Peoria).

In 1995, Denver Solid Waste Management workers covered or removed 893,633 square feet of graffiti. The annual cost of graffiti clean-up in Denver by homeowners, businesses, and government is estimated to be \$2,000,000. "Graffiti is an important issue to all Denver residents, regardless of how much or how little graffiti vandalism occurs in our respective neighborhoods," according to INC Chair Stan McIntyre.

Graffiti Summit presenters will include Juvenile court Judge Celeste C de Baca, Assistant City Attorney John Poley, Denver City Councilman Ed Thomas, and Denver Solid Waste Management Director Gary Price.

Neighborhood leaders, judges, prosecutors and public works officials have been invited to the summit, which is being co-sponsored by INC and Keep Denver Beautiful.

Zoning Amendment Threatens Neighborhood Activism

By Jim Zavist
Chair, Zoning & Land Use Committee

Councilman Ed Thomas has proposed a change to Denver's zoning ordinance which would require any application for a property rezoning to be made only by the owner (or an authorized agent of the owner) of the property. The measure, L-1002, would prohibit neighborhood groups from initiating a rezoning application. It would also make it much more difficult to make larger uniform rezonings in areas with multiple owners, since an individual owner could "opt-out" of the rezoning, which could easily result in a "patchwork quilt" of lot-by-lot zone classes.

Many assume that this is a reaction to the recent McDonald's issue at

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INC Dollar Dictionary Drive Halfway to Goal

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation goal of buying a dictionary for every third grade student attending DPS in August 1996 is getting closer to realization every day as checks from businesses, community organizations, neighborhood associations and individuals are delivered to the INC post office box. The effort has now reached 50% of the initial goal.

Some neighborhood associations have already adopted their neighborhood elementary school and have donated money from their treasuries to buy a dictionary for the third-graders at their school, as well as collecting additional individual donations. Individuals have donated pocket change to \$100 checks. Each penny, dime, dollar and checks for larger amounts is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks is due Colorado National Bank, University Hills, for helping with the printing of a brochure. The brochure will be used to help spread the word and collect donations.

One dollar equals one dictionary to help a DPS student achieve literacy. If the goal of \$5,000 is exceeded, the additional funds will go toward a second \$5,000 to buy dictionaries for another grade level.

Tax deductible donations can be sent to:

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Questions about this project can be directed to Cathee Fisher at 433-5221 or Tom Tayon at 758-5572.

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Chairman's Column

By Stan McIntyre

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Vaughn family. Marilyn's husband, Glendel, passed away on June 6th. Marilyn is the hardworking chair of the Education Committee and is an INC Executive Board member. Our support is with you, Marilyn.

Sara St. Cyr has resigned as INC Secretary due to health problems. I accepted her resignation with regret, and we all wish Sara a speedy recovery.

Sara Bradley has accepted the challenge of being the Public Information Chair. INC needs to inform not only our members but associations that are not INC members as to what we have accomplished and what our committees are doing. Press releases will be handled by Sara.

Representation of INC is very important to me. You as members have a right to know who are INC representatives on the various commissions and boards. In the future, we will be publishing the names of these representatives, so you will know who to contact on particular issues.

Just a reminder that we do not meet in August. Our September meeting will be held September 7, instead of the 14th, because of Rosh Hashanah.

I will see you at our July 13 meeting, which promises to be an interesting exploration of the growing problem of graffiti vandalism.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Police Department Sponsors Citizen's Academy

Citizens who are interested in how the Denver Police Department operates will have an opportunity to learn more at the Denver Citizen's Academy, a project of the Denver Police Department. Classes in crime prevention, community policing, gangs and youth violence, patrol procedures, ethics and other subjects are being offered.

Those wishing to participate must be Denver residents, age 21 or over, who have never been convicted of a felony.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sergeant Ron Hanna, Continuing Education Coordinator, 8895 Montview Blvd., Building #58, Denver, CO 80220-2298. Telephone 370-1500.

Center Provides Neighborhood Assistance

The Neighborhood Resource Center of Metropolitan Denver provides a variety of services to neighborhood groups free of charge. Services include workshops, written materials and technical assistance.

NRC is completing its first year of full operation as a technical assistance center for neighborhood groups. Located at the Mile High United Way building in north Denver, NRC is staffed by former INC chairs Doug Linkhart and Janey Hanley and neighborhood activist Shirley Richard. NRC is funded through the Governor's Office of community Partnerships with federal grant money.

During this past year, NRC produced two newsletters as well as eight workshops on different topics of interest to neighborhood groups. It has also published pamphlets on neighborhood leadership and on how to involve youth in community activities. NRC is in the process of producing a resource guide for neighborhood groups and putting information for neighborhoods on the Internet.

Technical assistance is available to all neighborhood groups for almost any question or problem. Some examples of assistance provided recently include:

- Advising a group on how to obtain a 501(c)3 designation;
- Mediation for a group with conflicts on its board;
- Consultation with a group on how to set up a community policing in its area;
- Advice for a group on issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Advice and assistance for a group fighting a liquor license;
- Assistance in writing by-laws.

Many of the Neighborhood Resource Center's services are provided by the 15 community consultants currently on

INC Seeks Input On Denver Office Of Neighborhood Response

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is taking a survey of the experiences that neighborhoods and individuals have had in working with the Denver Office of Neighborhood Response.

Some INC members have questioned the effectiveness of the office and whether the resources devoted to it are being put to the correct use.

Those who have had dealings with the Office of Neighborhood Response, whether negative or positive, are requested to send a short narrative of their experiences to Stan McIntyre, Chair, INC, 1371 South Edison Way, Denver, CO 80222.

contract with the organization. The consultants have expertise in a wide variety of areas.

Assistance or additional information on NRC can be obtained by calling 561-3790.

Zoning Proposal Would Reduce Neighborhood Options

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Alameda and Lincoln. Unfortunately, it would also make it more difficult to do less controversial rezonings, like the downzoning of the residential areas in the Baker Neighborhood.

The INC Board has concerns that this language change would reduce the ability of neighborhood groups to deal with neighborhood issues, and questions whether this change is truly needed. We will continue to monitor the progress of this proposal, and encourage your group to do the same.

The zoning amendment application sets forth the following reasons why this language change is proposed:

"It is not appropriate to allow someone to submit an application to rezone property owned by someone else. Our zoning code already recognizes this is in the case of applications for rezoning to PUD, B-2, B-3, and R-X. Additionally, a survey of several jurisdictions, both locally and nation-wide, indicates that the Denver Language on this issue is an anomaly. The survey . . . indicates that in most jurisdictions, the owners of the property must be a party to the rezoning application . . . This seems to be a more reasonable position than the current Denver language."

The INC Zoning & Land Use Committee can be reached at 733-3200.

Denver Neighborhood Connection Publication Deadline

Articles for *Denver Neighborhood Connection* must be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication to the Editor, Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, 80237. 758-9499 (hm), 757-5000 (wk), 689-9627 (fax).

Articles more than 200 words in length should be submitted on an IBM compatible disk in WordPerfect 5.1 or ASCII (DOS) format. A typed copy should also be sent.

Articles submitted in hard copy only should be in Courier typeface.

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Around the City

thanked INC, with an assist from Councilwoman Susan Barnes-Gelt, for putting together the meeting discussing the pros and cons of having city Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) continue to run out of the hospitals, or whether moving them to fire stations, and therefore under the control of the Fire Department, would be better.

Virginia Village-Ellis donated \$100 to the Dollar Dictionary Drive. Globeville has been chosen to participate in "Acts Against Violence" in cooperation with Channel 6 TV, and they are working against the proposed zoning amendment to the Group Home Ordinance because they feel it gives too much power and discretion to the city zoning administrator. Denargo Market has filed a brief and is awaiting the judge's decision on the designation or re-

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designation of Sacred Heart house as a boarding house, shelter, or . . . whatever it is.

Southmoor Park East is working on getting adequate parking for the new Gart Bros. development phase I, before they are allowed to start phase II of the development.

W. University Park continues to work on DU expansion plans and related traffic concerns. N. City Park celebrated the opening of its new recreation facility, located in a local fire house.

Mayfair Park reports that the new property manager is making a positive difference in the rental properties at Lowry. Harkness Heights advises that the survey to replace the Speer Blvd. viaduct is in process, and that the old Elitch's site may finally be going under contract.

4.02 Neighborhood Watch Watches Out

By Harold Brewer 4.85
Chair, Crime Committee

All across the nation, residents of cities are struggling to maintain and improve safety and the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Needless to say, there is much that works against such a struggle, but the neighborhood communities are the most powerful tool any group of citizen has. Your neighborhood is what you make of it.

Neighborhood Watch is "Neighbors looking out for each other." It is an organized group of neighbors engaged in a wide range of specific crime prevention activities as well community oriented activities.

Neighborhood Watch asks the residents of a community to get to know each other, to watch out for each other, to be alert, and to be willing to call the police when something is amiss. Thus, it can be a vehicle toward a number of community crime prevention goals, decreasing opportunities for offenders to act undetected. This program improves citizen-police relationships, overcomes people's feeling of powerlessness about crime, enhances a "sense of community" among neighbors, and raises the level of informal social control that people exercise over their environments.

The Denver Police Department has six police districts. Each District has its own assigned Community Resource Officer (CRO). To start a Neighborhood Watch program, contact the Community Resource Office in your district for information (District information is listed at the end of this article).

Your CRO will meet with your neighbors. He or she will explain in detail how the program works. Also, the CRO will supply your group with a Neighborhood Watch infor-

mational program package, and will help with the initial process in organizing your neighborhood watch.

Remember, you are *not* police officers. You are the eyes and ears for your neighbors. Your responsibility is to report any unusual or illegal activities to the police. Use the dispatch number to call in a complaint: 640-2011. Remember, dispatch is not able to trace your call to your house.

Do not call the 911 number unless it is a life-threatening situation or a burglary is in progress. The 911 operator *can* trace your call and will. You, as neighbors, are the best judges of what is going on in your community.

Citizens involvement in crime prevention has grown considerably, resulting in programs that promote home security, area surveillance, and citizen reporting of crimes to the police.

The security of the city, its citizens, and their properties depends upon the people themselves. No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves.

The police and your neighbors need your help, your eyes and your ears. *Criminals cannot and will not operate in areas where the citizens are alert.*

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