The next INC Delegates’ meeting will be Saturday, August 9 at the Rocky Mountain SER-Community Center Gym at 36th Avenue and Pecos Street in northwest Denver. The meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will be open to any past, present or new city officials who would like to make presentations. Delegates will also have an opportunity to finish labeling any dictionaries that were not completed during the previous two days of labeling.

The City and County of Denver is starting work on a master plan for the government and cultural facilities in the Civic Center area. We’re beginning with a planning assessment of the current conditions and issues within the study area, and will include an analysis of how they may be impacted by a new justice center. The planning assessment will focus on issues related to land use, transportation, parking, urban design and parks.

As part of the issue identification, we are scheduling a half-day workshop with various stakeholders on Saturday, August 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue, Room 4F.6, Denver, Colorado. All INC members are invited to attend. We are inviting representatives of the government and cultural institutions, representatives of neighborhood and professional organizations, elected and appointed officials and owners of property within the study area. If you are being invited as a representative of a particular organization and cannot attend, please arrange for another member of the organization to attend in your place. If you are not able to attend, you may watch the event at a later date as Denver’s Channel 8 will be taping this workshop for broadcast.

After the planning assessment is complete, we’ll present it to the new Mayor and Planning Director for a decision on whether or not to go forward with a full master plan. If we proceed with the master plan, we’ll invite the workshop participants back for a follow-up design meeting focused on solutions to whatever critical issues come out of the first workshop.

Coffee and pastries will be available but lunch will not be provided. Unfortunately we cannot provide free parking. Please RSVP to Lynn Sargent by phone at 720-865-2912 or by e-mail to lynn.sargent@ci.denver.co.us by Friday, August 1, 2003. We need an accurate participant count in order to prepare adequate materials and space. You will receive the workshop agenda upon confirming your attendance.
Hello everybody! Summer’s here and what a great time we’ve had at the Peoples Fair and the Busker Fest! Diane Wolta did a wonderful job of lining up volunteers for these two events to staff the INC Beer Booth. We have received checks for both these events and will be sending out checks soon. As I write this, I’m looking forward to having another good time at the LODO Music Fest.

Mayor’s Transition Teams

In addition to working beer booths to help raise money for INC and our members, we have been busy working with Mayor Hickenlooper’s transition committee. Right now we have around six INC members on various transition committees such as Excise and License, Planning and Community Development and Police committees. This is very exciting for us as we are able to provide input from the neighborhood/community side of things. While the committees have been working very hard with their tasks, this is just the tip of the iceberg so to speak. We will still need to develop and nurture working relationships with the various elected and appointed officials.

Quick Wins or Quick Loss?

We have been busy talking about Quick Wins 2 and how to proceed with the proposed ballot issue to repeal Quick Wins 2 (QW2) and already it appears that there is confusion about it. This is a complicated issue but in my mind I boil it down to a few simple issues. First, unless someone can show me otherwise, QW2 seems to allow more then what it replaced and since when is more not better? Secondly, QW2 was a collaboration of not only neighborhood groups and city officials but private sector persons including architects. Thirdly, INC went through the process and had QW2 approved through City Council.

Now it appears that forces who have money are bearing down to repeal QW2 in an attempt to repeal QW2 by using their money and deep pockets to get this on the ballot in an attempt to basically buy a repeal. I don’t think they will be successful in their endeavors but this is a serious threat and it will be up to us to educate people, communities, and the voters at the expense of our personal time, energy and money, as we are all volunteers and INC doesn’t have the deep pockets that those opposing us do.

Meetings Coordinator Volunteers

Rick Hendricks will be taking over coordinating the monthly INC General Membership meetings and our Health Committee. Congratulations Rick!

While I did pass this along to Rick, I thought I’d share it with you also as I would like to get back to having the next several meeting locations and presentations listed so our tentative meeting schedule is looking something like this:

September - Hosted by DURA as well as a presentation by them

October - Location Open and this is our annual ballot issues meeting

November - Hosted by Lowry

December - Open

In closing, I hope that everyone is having a fun and safe summer season and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, if not sooner.

Check Out The INC Web Page

www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc
**Tips Offered on Branch Removal, Graffiti**

Branch collection continues throughout Denver neighborhoods and Denver Solid Waste Management would like citizens' help in this matter as proper disposal by residents is essential for efficient collection. First, branches must be cut in 4 foot lengths or smaller and be securely tied together in bundles weighing less then 50 pounds. Secondly, loose branches must not be placed in the alley or placed where they interfere with safe traffic flow. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management at 720-865-6900.

Regarding Graffiti, practice the 3 R's of graffiti control. First, report graffiti to the Graffiti Hotline at 720-865-STOP, whether it’s on your property, a stop sign, a billboard, a traffic signal post, buildings or anywhere else in the City and County of Denver. Second, remove it quickly by pre-authorizing the city to remove graffiti on your property by completing and returning a signed consent form, or remove it yourself by using free paint that is available to property owners and volunteers from the Graffiti Office. Third, reap the benefits as studies show that graffiti vandalism decreases in areas where prompt removal is practiced. For more information contact the Graffiti Hotline at 720-865-STOP (7867).

Encourage your neighbors to take advantage of recycling with Denver Recycles. There is no charge to qualified residents. Also remind them that recycling is good for Denver's environment and economy. Call 720-865-6805 for more information.

Always check your Large Item Pickup collection schedule before discarding large items. Contact Solid Waste Management - 720-865-6900.

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**INC Member Neighborhoods**

With 2003 Dues Paid
(Patrons in Bold)

- Alamo Placita NA
- Athmar Park NA
- Baker Historical NA
- Ballpark NA
- Beacon Club
- Bellevue-Hale NA
- Berkeley NA
- Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods
  - Cherry Creek North NA
  - Cherry Point HOA
  - City Park West NA
  - Colfax BID
  - Colfax on the Hill
  - College View NA
  - Congress Park Neighbors
  - Cook Park NA
  - Cory-Merrill NA
- Crestonmoor Park HOA Filing 2
- Denargo Market NC
- East Montclair NA
- George Washington HOA
- Golden Triangle NA
- Greater Park Hill Community
  - Hampden Heights CA
  - Hampden South NA
  - Harkness Heights NA
  - Harman NA
  - Highland United Neighbors
  - Hilltop Heritage
  - Hutchinson Hills/Willow Point NA
  - Inspiration Point NA
  - Ivy Street NA
  - Jefferson Park United Neighbors
  - LoDo District
  - Lowry Neighbors
  - Lynwood 7 & 8 HOA
  - Mayfair Neighbors
  - North City Park CA
- Park Forest HOA.
- Pine Valley NA
- Platt Park People’s Assoc.
- Ruby Hill NA
- Sloan’s Lake Citizen’s Group
- South Gaylord NA
- South Hilltop NA
- South Jackson NO
- Stokes Place/ Green Bower NA
- Southmoor Park E. HOA
- Sunny Lawson Park NA
- Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
- University Park CC
- Upper Downtown Development Org
- Virginia Vale CA
- Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association
- Washington Park East NA
- West Highland NA
- West University NA
- West Washington Park NA
- Westwood NA
- Whittier NA

**Supporters**

- Councilman Rick Garcia
- Auditor Dennis Gallagher
- Councilman Ed Thomas
- Denver Housing Authority
- Denver Water
- Denver Health & Hospitals
- Bonna Gayhart
- G. Grant
- Neighborhood Resource Center of Colorado
- One Sky, One World
- Dept. of Public Safety
- Sue Edwards - DPS

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**Article Deadline**

is the 18th of each month.

Submission should be e-mailed to the
Editor, Craig Eley, at craig@eley.net
University Park Community Council (UPCC) - 163 Children participated in the annual July Fourth Fest sponsored by UPCC in Observatory Park. Scores of dogs and hundreds of UP neighbors lined the route. The VFW Band was in fine tune and UPCC President Andi Malard urged everyone to think about freedom and why we celebrate the 4th. Patriotically decorated bikes, buggies, wagons, strollers, children and dogs made this a colorful event. Fire Station #24’s hose provided an arc of welcome cool water after the parade. Now it’s back to work on the UP Neighborhood Plan, zoning and traffic matters. Also, City Councilman Charlie Brown has postponed the Public Hearing for the Colorado Station Framework Plan until August or September. To obtain a copy of the final draft, contact Janice Finch at 720-865-3165 or e-mail at Janice финч@ci.denver.co.us

Baker Historic Neighborhood Association - August is vacation month for BHNA so there is no meeting. Gates East development will hold two open houses - one in July and one in August at Cameron Church at 1600 S. Pearl.

East Colfax - Colfax on the Hill Business Improvement District will e-mail information on the status of Blueprint Colfax East, Colfax corridor crime coalition position on community policing to the new administration.

City Park West - The proposed overlay district will go before the new council in August.

Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc. - Outstanding efforts continue with its grass roots graffiti task force. The group received a grant from the Denver Foundation to place "Welcome to Sunnyside" signs all around the neighborhood perimeter.

Platt Park Peoples Association - Gates meeting at Cameron Church (Pearl and Iowa) at 6:30 July 31st, a presentation describing their project to date. "Old South Pearl Farmers Market" Sundays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. through October 12th. Platt Park Picnic was held July 18th.

Inspiration Point - Thanks everyone for finding the INC meeting place for the June Meeting. If anyone has any ideas or would be willing to write letters to encourage the city to buy the property at 52nd and Sheridan, please contact Joan Rutherford at 303-423-2036. Also, Channel 4 was taped its July 8th meeting. Apparently it is doing something with neighborhood associations.

Athmar Park - Participated in Ramona Martinez’s District 3 clean-up. About a dozen folks cleaned up the alley just east of Federal from Alameda to Mississippi. This alley is notoriously nasty, so the effort was much appreciated. Thanks go also to Ken Orlin at Public Works for providing trash bags, shovels and rakes.

Hampden South Neighborhood - Held it’s first Neighborhood Yard Sale. Forty Neighbors participated and a picnic was held in Rosamond Park. Thanks to Ruth Ann Weaver for organizing the event.

Leetsdale Cop Shop - Safe Night Out will be August 5th from 4-8 p.m. Lew Gaiter’s band will be playing and, if available, there will be police dogs and horses. There will be a limited number of free car clubs that will be given away and children’s finger printing. The Leetsdale Cop Shop is in the Leetsdale Market Place at Leetsdale and S. Quebec. For more information, contact Barb Fallon, Cook Park Neighborhood President.
Dollar Dictionary Drive
Ready to Distribute
Books to Students

By Cathee Fisher
INC Dollar Dictionary Drive
Co-Chair

The books we have been giving to the DPS students since 1996 have been a gift from the community for them to use for their continuing education and to share with their family members. If you ask a Denver resident who was a DPS student in 3rd grade and will be in 4th to 10th grade in September if they received a dictionary and thesaurus, they will tell you YES! They also still know where it is and use it for homework. This is a gift to our students that lasts!

5K Match Challenge

It happens that one of our members has a special interest in literacy. Gene Tepper's wife Sheri is a prolific writer! Sheri S. Tepper has published over 50 books in both the mystery and fantasy science fiction genres. They are both firm believers and strong supporters of literacy.

Gene's Challenge: In honor of his wife, Gene will match our next $5,000 fundraising success! To participate please mark your brochures and donations with 5K Challenge! Hopefully we will reach our 2003 goals before August and build a nest egg for 2004. Thank you Eugene Tepper, Sheri S. Tepper and all our donors!

2003 donations:
- Alamo Placita Neighborhood Association
- Baker Historic Neighborhood
- Baker Historic Neighborhood Individuals
- Bear Valley Improvement Association
- Capitol Hill United Neighbors
- Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association
- Community Individuals
- Congress Park Neighbor
- Crestmoor Park (Filing 2) Homes Association
- Councilman Charlie Brown
- Councilman Ed Thomas, retired
- Councilwoman Jeanne Robb*

Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann
DPS Student Board of Education
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Godsman Community Neighborhood Association
Greater Park Hill Community
Green Valley Ranch Master Association*
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Highland United Neighbors
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Mayfair Neighbors
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association
Optimist Club of Monaco South
University Park Community Council
University Park Individuals

* New donations since the last newsletter.

Please send tax deductible donations to:
INC Dollar Dictionary Drive
P.O. Box 181009 Denver, CO 80218

Labeling Sessions

Mark your calendars and come spend some time placing the gift labels in the 15,200 dictionaries and thesauruses to be distributed to our Denver Public Schools 3rd grade students. Each label identifies the neighborhood associations surrounding each of our 90 DPS elementary schools. Individuals or groups are welcome for an hour or both days. Lunch is provided. Please join us and bring a friend! Call Cathee Fisher for details at 303-333-3141.

Location: Rocky Mountain SER-Community Center Gym; 36th Ave. and Pecos Street in northwest Denver.

Thursday, August 7 - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, August 8 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dictionary Distribution

August is an excellent time to contact your neighborhood school principal to set a day and time for September when you and your neighbors can hand out the dictionaries to the students (school starts before Labor Day). This can be done in an assembly or classroom by classroom. It is the best part of the program and lots of fun! For information contact Cathee Fisher at 303-333-3141.
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
P.O. Box 181009
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**AGENDA**

8:45
Coffee and Chat

9:00
Around the City

10:30
Committee Reports, Speakers and Dictionary Labeling

Noon
Adjourn

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