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INC Receives National Award, $2,000 Donation

Actor Paul Newman, founder of Newman's Own, Inc., which gives 100% of its after-tax profits to charity, has made a $2,000 donation to INC in recognition of its participation in USA Weekend's Make A Difference Day on October 28, 1995.

INC received this 1996 National Honorable Mention Award for its Neighborhood - School Pride Autumn School Grounds Beautification project, which involved 5000 volunteers at 100 Denver Public Schools. The Denver project was one of 5,800 entries representing 865,000 volunteers nationwide who participated in the 5th Annual Make A Difference Day.

The 1995 Neighborhood - School Pride event was a joint effort by INC, Denver Public Schools, the City and County of Denver and KMGH Channel 7. The work which was done included school landscaping, tree clean-up, and the planting of bulbs and flowers.

Plans for this year's Neighborhood - School Pride Day, which is scheduled for October 26, 1996, have already begun. "Last year's event was an opportunity for neighborhoods and schools to join hands and work together. We hope to expand upon that theme throughout the year and have an even bigger event this October," said Cathie Fisher, INC executive committee member and representative from the Heightless Neighborhood Association.

The next planning session for the project will be on May 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the 4th floor lunchroom at 900 Grant Street.
Chairman’s Column
By Stan McIntyre

On April 16 the INC executive board hosted a meeting with city agencies, city council, and the Office of Neighborhood Response to discuss ways in which to improve the nuisance abatement ordinance. Because of concerns by the Denver Police Department, city attorney’s office, council members, and neighborhoods, the May INC meeting will give us the opportunity to address this issue. Our desire is to enable neighborhoods to assist in drafting a nuisance abatement ordinance that will allow neighborhoods to be safer.

You can support your INC committee chairs by serving on the various committees. Your participation is necessary to bring more ideas to the Board. There are many issues being discussed by city agencies and different commissions at this time that will impact our city. We can, by working together, make a difference. (George cannot do it alone.)

Denver is the second leading city in the Glad Bag-a-thon clean up. Only Philadelphia has more people involved. Keep Denver Beautiful, an associate member of INC, takes great pride in maintaining a beautiful city. Thank you for a job well done.

I urge neighborhood associations and the Denver Public Schools collaborative decision-making committees to join together to assure that our students are given the opportunity to receive the best education possible. Neighborhood associations not only have the resources but also the expertise to assure that our neighborhood schools are the center of our communities.

Our efforts during Make a Difference Day/Neighborhood - School Pride Day resulted in a $2,000 award to INC on the first try. INC thanks everyone who helped make this possible. Now is your opportunity to assist the dollar dictionary program and assure its success.

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- Alamo Placita NA  •  Beaumont Place HOA  •  Bellevue-Hale NA  •  Berkeley NA  •  Brandychase at Eastmoor Park
- Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods  •  Colfax on the Hill  •  Congress Park Neighborhood  •  Cooper Park NA  •  Cory-Merrill NA  •  Grammer Park/Highlands Civic Assn  •  Greenwood Village Neighborhood Association
- Denver’s Uptown on the Hill  •  Denver Downtown Residents Org  •  East Montclair NA  •  Far Northeast Neighborhoods
- George Washington HOA  •  Globeville Civic Association  •  Good Neighbor Association  •  Greater Hill Community
- Hampden Heights Civic Assn  •  Highland Heights NA  •  Harlan NA  •  Highland United Neighborhoods
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- Southeast Park HOA  •  St. Charles Neighborhood Group  •  Stokes Place/Green Bowers HOA  •  Sunnydale United Neighborhoods
- The Promontory  •  United Berkeley Neighborhood  •  United South Denver  •  University Park Community Council
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- Washington Park East NA  •  West Highland NA  •  West Washington Park NA  •  West University GA  •  Yale Avenue Safety Comm

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INC Announces Dollar Dictionary Drive

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is expanding on its success in October, 1995, national award-winning Denver Public School Grounds Beautification project. INC, Denver Public Schools and the City and County of Denver are working together in sponsoring the first INC Dollar Dictionary Drive. The goal is to give a new pocket dictionary to every third grade student attending DPS in August, 1996.

Each dollar contributed to the Dollar Dictionary Drive will provide one dictionary for one Denver student. There will be at least 26,000 third graders attending DPS during the 1996-97 school year, so at least $25,000 needs to be raised during the month of May. For every $5,000 contributed over the initial goal the program will be expanded to include another grade level.

Tax-deductible contributions of any amount can be sent to INC Dollar Dictionary, P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218. For more information call 757-0035 or 433-5221.

Park Hill Position on Stapleton Prison
By Ginger Perkins and George Martell
Co-Chairs, Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.

"Not in My Back Yard" has never been nor, prayerfully, will it now be an attitude manifest by the residents of Park Hill. We've always been willing to do our share, and often even more than might be expected, to be supporters and active advocates of the greater Community Good.

The current issues surrounding the locating of a juvenile corrections facility are not, from the perspective of the residents of the north-east quadrant of the city, an issue of anything more or less than one of equity, fairness and prudent management of fiscal and land resources.

To jeopardize, at the very outset, the comprehensive and expensive process undertaken more than 5 years ago by the Stapleton Redevelopment Foundation to maximize, by innovative but sound and inclusive planning process, designed uses for the land mass of the former Stapleton Airport property by arbitrarily and capriciously condemning property for the construction of a correctional facility makes no sense economically or philosophically. How often, in a marvelous urban setting such as Denver, is an opportunity presented to start with a blank piece of paper and design an ideal community? Doesn't recent legislative activity smack of an unreasonableness that gives added weight to an Everett Dirksen quotation that stated, "...in politics sometimes one must rise above principle?"

To cause or allow an even greater concentration of correctional beds in an area that already contains close to one-half of all presently utilized facilities in the entire state presents a posture which must be considered unreasonable by even the most recalcitrant NIMBY. Enough is enough! Would we entertain a comprehensive look, involving all of the parties (federal, state, and local governments and all of the geographically impacted stakeholders), at ways that the present "Correctional Campus at Smith Road and Havana" might be reconfigured to more effectively utilize both the already impacted properties and facilities and the technical expertise in corrections administration? Yes! While all members of our community would enthusiastically support the possibility of a dramatic reduction in the number of beds present or projected most would still be reasonable and open to a realistic dialogue as long as it did not increase the present bed numbers. Certainly we would encourage everyone involved to be equally open in considering other locations.

The Stapleton Redevelopment Corporation in a "Summary Report on Proposed Correctional Facilities at Stapleton" document, issued April 17, 1996, has presented a proposal worthy of immediate exploration. It addresses the problems before us in a manner that is honest, creative, and fair. Again, while some members of our community are closed to the idea, it is our personal sense that the majority of the residents of the Park Hill Community would embrace and support the approach being suggested.

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Membership Application

My organization would like to register as a:  □ Member (enclose $30)  □ Patron (enclose $60)

Name of Organization:

President: Address:

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INC Delegate #1: Address:

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Please complete the above information, enclose dues, and send to: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218
Around the City

Thomas. Safeway expansion still under consideration.

United Southeast Denver: Following project's realigned realignment of Buchtel Blvd. Monitoring situation at U. Hills Shopping Center. Stone's Lake Citizens Group: Improvement project should be completed in months. Also monitoring Social Services PUD for new complex on Federal.


Mountain Man Festival

Berkley NA: Clean up and BBQ for volunteers, Highlands Rec Center. Dedication of Cart Park, 5401 Meade, April 20. Mountain Man Festival May 31, 5800 Lowell Blvd., with muzzle-loading, mountain men, and many contests. Concern that Lowell Blvd. plan should go north of 52nd and that Berkeley School development should fit in with neighborhood.

Congress Park: 12th Ave. liquor license application was denied after multiple submissions. Teller School PTSA and CP collaborating on a fund-raiser house tour. Hosting walking tour of area with historian Phil Goodstein on June 15 for fun and fundraising. Would like to place gateway signs - Welcome to Congress Park. For the annual meeting in March, tremendous outreach but disappointing turnout.

Cherry Creek Improvement Association: Has had a name change to Country Club Historic Neighborhood.

Greater Park Hills: Monitoring developments at Stapleton. Planning July 4-5 celebration with Aurora. New Park Hill sign on MLK Blvd. Beacon Place Donor Bag A Thon. North City Park Civic Assn: Received a $30,000 grant to build a park with a basketball court behind the Firehouse at Steele and MLK Blvd.

Property Values Up

Sunnyside United Neighbors: Many residents are planting trees this weekend through Denver Digs Trees. Smedley and Horace Mann named Landmark Schools. Two bars closed. Property values up 64% in 6 yrs. Suggested INC members drive by Quiggy Newton Homes, the largest public housing development in Denver at 44th and Navajo. Neighborhood association would like to interact with homes as a total unit. Denver Housing Authority received a $26.4 million grant that should be monitored by citizens.

Group homes - Sunnyside not opposed but believe the placement should be balanced and shared by the metropolitan area. Past INC chair Janey Hanley of the Neighborhood Resource Center, announced that Neighborhood Cultures of Denver grant applications are available.

Harriet Hogue, Planning Office, mentioned the meetings about to take place regarding development around the light rail stations. Volunteers are needed for the Wyman School Playground which is being installed today and also for the community playground to be built at City Park. Harriet also requested that neighborhood associations send her copies of their by-laws or articles of incorporation.

Takings Bills Still Alive

David Broadwell, Colorado Municipal League, gave an update on the takings bills being considered by the state legislature. Several have been neutralized or defeated since they were introduced. They would be in INC in February. SB69 and HB1303 are two left to watch. He said both parties in the Denver delegation are generally very responsive regarding takings issues. The constitutional authority lies with the state and local powers have only what the state grants them. Two liquor license bills, 1282 and 1287, are still alive. Telecommunications bills SB10 and 187 have passed.

Sue Edwards, Board of Education, said that DPS is trying to get counts on pupil attendance for next year for each school since budget and many other operating factors flow from that count. She commended the 150 volunteers working on the Wyman Playground, including Air Force Academy cadets. Cadets are also helping to paint Gilbert II, formerly Stratton School. She urged people to call and check when they hear rumors.

Catherine Fisher announced that INC will receive a $2,000 award for spearheading the school clean-up for Make A Difference Day. She moved that INC sponsor a drive to give a dictionary to every 3rd grader in DPS for Make A Difference Day next year. A fund-raising effort will begin in May. Katherine Woods reported the results of the survey which 29 association reps responded to. It will be used as guidelines for future INC projects, workshops, etc.

Guests: Marie Tapp, Auditor's office; Jeanne Robb, for Councilperson Polly Floke; Teresa Vaughan, Coalition for the Homeless.

Free Workshops

The Neighborhood Resource Center is offering workshops on fundraising, zoning and legal tactics, and newsletters and communications. Call 561-3780 for further information.
Dear Editor:

Congratulations to INC for its award as a National Honorable Mention for Make A Difference Day. Cathie Fishcr did an outstanding job in organizing the project last fall. I am glad that you have received the recognition that you deserve.

William C. Himmelmann
Councilman, District 7

Dear Editor:

I want to commend INC for its groundbreaking initiatives on behalf of Denver schools and our children, such as last year's Make a Difference Day and the upcoming Dollar Dictionary Drive. With the return to neighborhood schools, the opportunity to unite schools and the community in a working partnership has never been greater.

I look forward to a dramatic increase in the number of neighborhood associations which include School/Children Committees. Such committees might monitor how the youth of the community are doing, and promote neighborhood based strategies to enhance their positive development as tomorrow's citizenry. Local initiatives to create playgrounds or youth coalitions are good examples of current efforts to build the next generation. At the same time, I'd like to see more CDM's (Collaborative Decision Making teams responsible for site based governance at DPS schools) which include active members from surrounding neighborhood organizations. The goal of making every school building the heart and soul of its neighborhood - a local community center - depends on this kind of collaboration.

As INC proceeds with Dollar Dictionary Drive and Make a Difference Day, I would like to suggest that wherever feasible, neighborhood associations reach out to their local school CDM to engage in joint planning. These projects for neighborhood groups and CDM's afford excellent opportunities to work together around positive, concrete tasks, while building the trust relationships needed to tackle more challenging issues. The linking of these two major forums for citizen participation creates a powerful force for community development.

Just as you received a letter suggesting that you adopt your local school, every CDM member received a similar request to work with their local neighborhood association. Because neighborhood organizations generally have more experience and continuity (CDM's have only been in operation since 1992), I'm asking each neighborhood group to take the first step by contacting the chair of your local school CDM to request time on the agenda at the next CDM meeting. (Just call your school to find out how to reach the CDM chair.) As a board member of both Citizens for Quality Schools (which provides leadership training and technical assistance for CDM's) and the DPS Family Resource Schools, I am committed to assisting this partnership process in any way I can. Just give my office a call at 646-2988. And again, congratulations and keep up the fine work!

Susan Barnes-Oelt
Denver City Council

A Lowry Primer

By Debbie James
Lowry Redevelopment Committee Chair

The former Lowry Air Force Base is not the Lowry Landfill. It is an 1800 acre parcel located on the east side of Denver. The Lowry Landfill is in Aurora.

Controlling the redevelopment of Lowry is the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA). The decision-making body for the Authority is a 9 member Board of Directors. It is made up of 7 people from Denver and 2 from Aurora. Acting as liaisons between the public and the Board is a 21 member Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) appointed by Mayor Webb and Mayor Tauer of Aurora. Every neighborhood surrounding Lowry has at least one person serving on the Board or the CAC. One neighborhood has four.

A coordinating committee is made up of Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds (for Mayor Webb), Mayor Tauer, Councilwoman Polly Pfeilock and Councilwoman Nadine Caldwell from Aurora. This committee is responsible for oversight of the redevelopment according to the Lowry Reuse Plan, and votes on any changes to that Plan.

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