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 Celise 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 rezoning applications. 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 2652 S. Dayton Way #114.

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Chairman’s Column
By Stan McIntyre
We extend our deepest sympathy to the Vaughn family. Marilyn's husband, Glenda, 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, as you will have an opportunity to contact on particular issues.

Just a reminder that we do not meet in August. Our September meeting will be held September 7th, 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.

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- Eastmoor Park Condo Assn
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- Harkness Heights NA
- Harman NA
- Highland United Neighbors
- Hunt Club HOA
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- Indian Creek Neighborhood Orga
- Inspiration Point NA
- Jefferson Park NA
- Mayfair Neighbors
- Mayfair Park NA
- Metro Denver Local Development
- Morgan's Subdivision Historic District HOA
- Morrison Road Business Assn
- North City Park Civic Assn
- Organized Baker Residents
- Overland NA
- Pine Valley NA
- Sloan Lake Citizens' Group
- South Hilltop NA
- South Jackson Street NA
- South West Improvement Council
- Southwestern/Emerson Action Team
- Southmoor Park East HOA
- Southmoor Park HOA
- St. Charles Neighborhood Group
- Stokes Place/Green Bowen HOA
- Sunnyside-Clinton Neighborhoods
- The Promontory
- United Berkeley Neighborhood
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- United South Denver
- University Park Community Council
- University Place NA
- Upper Downtown Development Orga
- Valverde Neighborhood Orga
- Virginia Village/Ellis Community Assn
- Virginia Vale Community Assn
- Warren's University HOA
- Washington Park East NA
- West Highland NA
- West Washington Park NA
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Around the City

(thanked INC, with an assist from Councilwoman Susan Barnes-Celt, 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. Globegullo 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. Denver Market has filed a brief and is awaiting the judge's decision on the designation or re-designation of Sacred Heart house as a boarding house, shelter, or whatever it is.

Southwest Park East is working on getting adequate parking for the new Gart Bros. development phase 1, 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. Blankenship Heights advises that the survey to replace the Speer Blvd. viaduct is in process, and that the old Elyehu site may finally be going under contract.

Neighborhood Watch Watches Out

By Harold Brewer  -1- 3-5
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 neighborhoods engaged in a wide range of specific crime prevention activities as well as 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 environment.

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 information packet, 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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