



WDCA Winston Downs Community Association

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The Winston Downs Community Association (WDCA) is a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) formed by residents of the Winston Downs and Lee Downs subdivisions. We serve all single-family homes in the neighborhood bounded by Monaco, Alameda, Quebec and Leetsdale.

Productive Annual Meeting

The WDCA annual meeting was held March 21 at BMH BJ. The meeting was well attended and the meeting afforded all the opportunity to express their questions and concerns. The key issues discussed included traffic concerns, safety and security, neighborhood beautification options and growth and development. We also introduced our new block captain initiative. More details are inside this abbreviated newsletter edition.

Committee and Volunteer Opportunities

The WDCA Board is often asked to engage in projects that would enhance the neighborhood and raise property values. We look to volunteers to help us form committees to address these. We have needs for committee members to work on numerous issues, including but not limited to newsletter, beautification and social event planning. **Please contact us at info@winstondowns.org if you're interested in joining a committee or if you would like to help out in any way.**

FRIDAYS OUT FRONT (FOF)

Now that the nights are getting longer and the temperatures are warmer, we are starting our Fridays Out Front get-togethers!

Our FOF gatherings start at 5:30pm – FOF dates for the summer are:

June 2 Lorimer residence
614 S. Oneida Way

July 7 LaTourette residence
624 S. Oneida Way

August 4 Mauck residence
626 S. Poplar St.

FOF will continue through September or even October weather permitting. Look for an email and signs in the neighborhood the week of the event with more information.

- ➔ Annual Meeting Recap
- ➔ Block Captain Update
- ➔ Yard Sale News
- ➔ Denver Happenings

WDCA MEETING DATE!

The WDCA meets every month on the **THIRD Tuesday** at 7:00 PM in the library at BMH Synagogue 560 S. Monaco Parkway. Please join us. We'd love to meet you and hear your ideas. It's only through neighbor participation that we get direction on what matters most to you.



Get ready for our yard sale on June 3 and 4 from 8am to 3pm each day. We have more than 20 homes signed up already. Go see the map of where to shop at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wdhoa/>

It's not too late to participate– email info@winstondowns.org and let us know your address.

Visit our website for access to all of the news and information that affects your community:
www.winstondowns.org

AND

Follow us
on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/wdhoa>

Membership Reminder

We want you to join so your voice can be heard. We encourage every Winston Downs and Lee Downs resident to join and contribute their low annual membership dues of \$15 per household. We strive to keep our dues affordable and the benefits of membership are significant – this newsletter is among them. The WDCA advocates for Winston Downs residents and serves as a liaison with local leaders regarding a wide array of issues including education, planning and development, public safety, transportation and more.

Your annual membership sign-up form is on the reverse of this website. It couldn't be easier to sign up. Just fill in the form, put it in an envelope along with your annual dues and mail it in.



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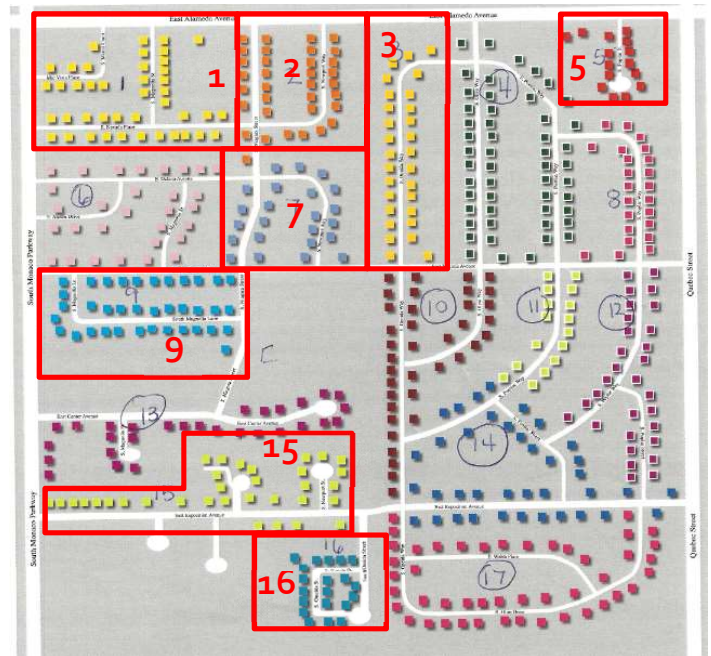
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Block Captain Update

At the January WDCA annual meeting, the WDCA board introduced the new Block Captain program for the neighborhood. Block captains would be responsible for delivering quarterly newsletters to houses in their territories, occasionally distributing flyers, and helping spread the word about things that are going on in the neighborhood. Block captains aren't limited to this role though. Block captains should feel free to organize get togethers, help keep tabs on neighbors who may need help around the house and pursue safety initiatives such as neighborhood watch programs through DPD. It's a great way to promote community in our neighborhood.

We are still looking for volunteers to cover some territories in the neighborhood (see the numbered areas of the map to the right).

If you or someone you know would be interested in being the block captain for any of these areas, please email info@winstondowns.org or call Tim Rooney at 303-619-8509 and let him know which of the areas you would like to cover. Your participation will help save the WDCA money and allow us to get input more effectively from all parts of the neighborhood.



Block captain map – numbered areas in rectangles are where we need volunteers!

Annual Meeting Recap

This year's annual meeting at BMJ BJ was attended by approximately 30 residents. Also in attendance were Mary Beth Susman and Paul Kashmann (City Council), Michael Johnson (DPS School Board) and Jane Lorimer (WDCA representative of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation – INC).

At the meeting, WDCA Board President Tim Rooney discussed the recent name change to Winston Downs *Community* Association to better reflect our mission. The new website for the organization is www.winstondowns.org and email address is info@winstondowns.org.

Jerry Shustrin, safety committee coordinator for the WDCA, discussed the significant overall 6% crime rate reduction and 17% robbery rate reduction in the area reported by DPD. DPD District 3 Commander Dodge has greatly contributed to this outcome.

Denver Parks & Recreation has planted 7 trees in the S. Monaco Parkway median. WDCA is looking for more suggestions for long-term beautification efforts. One resident suggested building a planter at the Olive Way/Alameda entrance.

Traffic issues are coming to the forefront for residents. It is increasingly difficult to enter and leave the neighborhood. One resident suggested having "Do not block" signs painted on the streets at key intersections. Calling Denver Traffic at 720-865-3150 or calling 311 to make them aware of our ongoing issues can help spur change.

WDCA introduced our new block captain initiative. WDCA board member Cherie Wahl and outgoing board member Andrea Hauptert did a great job recruiting block captains to help us communicate with residents more effectively. We still need a few more volunteers (see "Block Captain Update" opposite).

Efforts to coordinate vegetation cleanup on S. Quebec St. are ongoing. WDCA held a meeting with S. Quebec homeowners in mid-2016. Homeowners wanted clarity regarding City responsibility for vegetation management and snow removal before moving ahead with other plans. The City does not currently maintain this area. Next steps include an additional meeting and gaining consensus needed for a go/no go decision for cleanup.

During the Q&A session, city council members Mary Beth Susman and Paul Kashmann answered several questions about the ongoing Blueprint Denver update and other planning questions. Residents can have input on the General Obligation (GO) bond to be included in this November's ballot. For more information, go to: <http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-department-of-finance/2017-go-bond.html>

Other concerns were expressed regarding the skunk problem, the process for developing rules for the social use of marijuana and the challenges with reducing the homeless population in Denver. One resident mentioned that some residents have expressed interest in the possibility of developing an overlay district for the neighborhood. An overlay district is a special zoning designation that can allow for preservation of certain design elements (e.g., setbacks, height, building footprint). The WDCA has not been engaged in this effort. There are significant pros and cons associated with an overlay district that would need to be evaluated. The WDCA would need to be involved in any process related to consideration of a design overlay.

Yard Sale June 3-4!

Here's some tips for a successful yard sale – happy selling!

Gather Your Inventory

- ➔ How to decide? Some yard-salers ask these questions: "Have I cooked with it, worn it, used it or read it within the last year?" Others apply a percentage: a firm 10 to 20 percent of all books, clothing, or bric-a-brac must go.
- ➔ Once an item is selected for sale, be stern! Store yard sale inventory in black plastic garbage bags or records boxes with lids to deter seller's remorse.

Prep Your Items

- ➔ Run dishes and glassware through the dishwasher. Clean clothing on hangers commands a higher price.

Set Up Your Site

- ➔ Make sure your site can be seen from the road, and plan to haul a few big items out front, for good measure.

Prep for the Sale

- ➔ Have cash on hand to make change. A good rule of thumb is \$50 to begin with.

After the Sale

- ➔ Call a charity to pick up leftovers or deliver them yourselves

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Denver Happenings

Fridays Out Front - 1st Friday of the month in summer from 5:30pm on. June 2 first date - Lorimer residence 614 S. Oneida Way. Enjoy the weather and socialize with the neighbors.

Winston Downs Neighborhood Yard Sale - June 3-4 8am to 3pm. Sell your wares and browse for new (old) things. Visit Lowry's sales next door if you don't find what you need

Denver Greek Festival - June 16 - 18. Enjoy food, music and dancing at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral campus. Information: 303-388-9314

Juneteenth Music Festival - June 17. Enjoy food, music and more with multiple venues in the historic Five Points neighborhood

Cherry Creek Arts Festival - July 1-3 Juried arts festival and so much more. Information: <http://cherrycreekartsfestival.org/>

Mile High Wine Festival - July 8 Northfield Stapleton Enjoy music and wine from 25 Colorado winemakers. Information: 970-218-4545

Lowry Foundation Speaker Series - Multiple dates. Engaging talks from local and national leaders. Information <http://www.lowrydenver.com/organizer/lowry-foundation/>

2017 Winston Downs Community Association Membership and Dues Request

Household Name _____

Street Address _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____
(Used only for important announcements and news)

Number of residents in this household: _____

Would you like to be notified of WDCA news and events?
YES NO

Concerns you have about the neighborhood:

The following funds are included in my enclosed check:

2017 Membership dues - \$15.00

Additional donation to WDCA (optional)

___\$5 ___\$10 ___\$20 ___other

Donation to the Perimeter Cleanup Escrow Fund (Optional. Please refer to the WDCA website at www.winstondowns.org for more detail on this fund.)

___\$5 ___\$10 ___\$20 ___other

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: WDHOA
Mail membership forms to the address below