



Scenes from the 2016 Block Party – don't miss this years on August 6 from 6 – 8 PM!

WDCA
Winston Downs
Community
Association

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In this issue

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.

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 implement these projects. We have needs for volunteers to work on numerous issues, including but not limited to newsletter, beautification and social event planning. We provide more details on the types of volunteering opportunities that are available in an article inside this newsletter edition. Please contact us at info@winstondowns.org if you're interested in joining a committee or if you would like to help in any way.

FRIDAYS OUT FRONT

Our next FOF gathering is August 4th at 5:30 pm at the Mauck residence at 626 S. Poplar St.

BLOCK PARTY

Winston Downs
Block Party

Sunday August 6
6 to 8 PM
E. Virginia Avenue
between S. Niagara
St. and S. Oneida
Way

Fun, face-painting, ice
cream and great
company

Bring a cooler, a few
chairs and a picnic

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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.

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>

Call for Volunteers!

This year the WDCA Board has a large workload in front of it, planning social events already on the calendar and coming up with great ideas for new ones, working with homeowners and the city to address ongoing traffic and development issues, organizing neighborhood cleanup and beautification projects and addressing many other pressing issues facing the neighborhood.

The WDCA Board is an entirely volunteer organization. We want to thank the people who have stepped up to spearhead research policy issues and help in many other ways. However, we as a Board do not have enough time to do all the things that we want to in the neighborhood without more of your help.

Opportunities to volunteer can take any shape, size or form. They may include serving as a block captain, organizing a restaurant night, navigating city staff on the web or on the phone to find out how to resolve a planning issue or helping organize a community meeting. If you have great people skills and enthusiasm – we need you! If you prefer to help do research into programs or help do administrative work – we need you too!

There are many reasons to volunteer. Volunteering can help you:

- Improve the look and livability of your neighborhood.
- Meet new people or reconnect with old friends
- Learn new skills and contacts
- Improve your mental well-being and confidence
- Add another item to your resume
- Gain the appreciation and recognition of your neighbors

Contact us to volunteer by emailing info@winstondowns.org or call 303-619-8509. We thank you in advance for your efforts!

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Board Recap

In the most recent meeting, the WDCA Board worked on planning the upcoming block party and discussed volunteer needs. We also heard from two groups that are considering projects that would impact our neighborhood. First, Catholic Charities is planning to lease 716 S. Poplar St. from the City and County of Denver and convert it to a transitional home for women who are experiencing homelessness. In addition, the owner of the former Watson’s property at the corner of Quebec St. and Alameda Ave. are evaluating options for commercial use of that property. More information is to come on both projects.

Where’s the Mailbox?

You may recall that the mailbox on E. Exposition Ave across from S. Pontiac St. disappeared this past Spring. As it turns out, it was stolen! However, the U.S. Postal Service recovered the box and its contents shortly thereafter.



However, there still is no box! The U.S. Postal Service was unable to replace the box and meet City and County of Denver standards for sidewalks that ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We have reached out to the U.S. Postal Service to see if we can find a suitable replacement site, but no luck so far. We’ll keep on it. In the meantime, the next closest post office box is at 400 S. Kearney St (west of S. Monaco and just north of E. Virginia Ave).

Incidentally, the ongoing work installing curb ramps throughout the neighborhood are part of a comprehensive effort by the city to install more than 6,000 curb ramps to meet ADA standards by the end of 2017.

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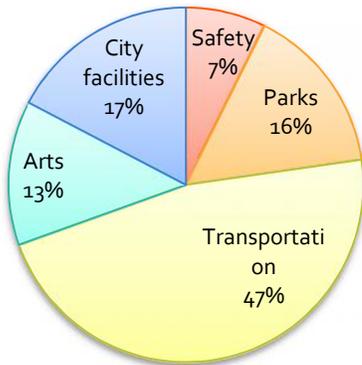
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GO Bond 2017

The City and County of Denver issues General Obligation (GO) bonds as one way to finance capital asset and infrastructure repair and improvement projects. Denver’s 2017 General Obligation (GO) Bond will be on the ballot this November. The mayor has made final recommendations to City Council, which will finalize the list of items that will be on the ballot.

The 2017 list provided to City Council includes \$937 million in projects (including \$50 million in contingency for cost overruns). These projects are part of a six-year capital improvement plan. The largest expenditure category includes transportation and mobility improvements such as deferred road maintenance, sidewalks, bike and pedestrian bridges spread throughout the city. Renovation of city-owned facilities (e.g., libraries and hospitals) is the next largest category followed by parks and recreation facility improvements, arts and culture and public safety facility improvements.

Breakout of Bond Project Expenses



Some examples of the projects on the list that will impact our neighborhood and surrounding area include:

- \$55 million Colfax Ave rapid transit bus system
- \$18 million citywide bike infrastructure (bike lanes)
- \$15 million neighborhood park improvements
- \$3 million for renovations to Schlessman Family Library

Full information on all the projects included in the GO Bond is on the Denver Department of Finance website:

<http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-department-of-finance/2017-go-bond.html>

BEAT THE HEAT WITH PINK LEMONADE

- 2 cups white sugar
- 9 cups water
- 2 cups lemon juice
- 1 cup cranberry juice

Combine all ingredients in a pitcher and serve over ice!

Beetles Devour Plants!

Japanese beetles have emerged and are rapidly munching away on our plant foliage. These gregarious creatures gang up by the dozen and leave behind skeletonized leaves and flowers.

After the adult beetles emerge in the summer you have several options to control them. If you knock them off plants into soapy water it will kill them, but this takes diligence and time – early morning is the best time. Another method is the “beetle bag” sold in hardware stores. While these bags attract and kill these pests, they also may lure more beetles to your property. The instructions recommend placing bags at least 30 feet away from plants you want to protect to mitigate this risk. Insecticides can be used but it is illegal to use them on flowering plants being visited by honey bees in Colorado.

Adult beetles lay eggs that hatch into grubs in late summer. These grubs feed on grass roots, damaging turf and serving as food for skunks. The presence of adult beetles does not indicate a significant grub infestation. Look for grubs in areas of brown turf. In August and September, you can apply beneficial nematodes that attack grubs, or you can apply insecticides, although some pose risks to bees and other pollinating insects. Use only if needed and as directed. Colorado Extension has more on how to control these pests: <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/insects/japanese-beetle-5-601/>.

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Denver Code Violations

City codes are designed to help keep properties safe and well-maintained. Many of us just don't have the time to familiarize ourselves with these codes, so here are a few common code violations that the Denver Development Services issues.

- Parking on dirt areas is not allowed. Parking surfaces for single-family dwellings include 6 inches of gravel, road base material, asphalt or concrete
- Denver households are allowed one vehicle per licensed driver, plus one extra vehicle
- Parking or storing inoperable vehicles is restricted to one that must be stored in an enclosed garage
- Lawns may not exceed 6 inches in height. Plant growth may not extend onto adjacent sidewalks, streets or alleys
- Furniture or debris must be removed from public sidewalks

Denver also has street parking rules for some types of vehicles. The following vehicles cannot be parked on the street unless they are engaged in servicing the immediate area:

- Trucks greater than 6,000 lb empty weight or 22 feet in length or RV or truck/camper greater than 22 feet in length
- Automobile or boat trailer not connected to a licensed vehicle

This is not a comprehensive list of all the applicable codes in Denver that may apply to your situation. For more information on Denver code issues and how they apply to your property, or to report any property concerns, call 3-1-1.

Extra Trash Pickup

Some of you may have read the above article on leaving items on the sidewalk and thought to yourself "How am I going to get rid of that old armchair?" Never fear, Denver Solid Waste Management collects extra trash bags and large items every 4 weeks on regularly scheduled trash collection days. A maximum of 10 bags of trash and 5 large items (furniture, etc.) will be collected. Make sure items are 2 feet away from your trash and recycling container, cars, poles or other obstructions.

The next large item pickup dates for our neighborhood for the rest of this quarter are:

- August 8
- September 6 (Wednesday – holiday pickup delayed 1 day)
- October 3
- October 31

Also, you can schedule items to be picked up by a variety of charities. Here are a few charities to consider:

ARC: 1-800-283-2721 or schedule on-line:
<https://www.arcthrif.com/donation/schedule-donation-2.html>

Salvation Army: 1-800-728-7825 or schedule on-line
<https://satruck.org/>

Sprout City Farms

2017 Egg Shares Still Available! Egg membership shares at the Denver Green School (DGS) Community Farm are still available! You can choose to buy one dozen eggs per week for 18 weeks or one dozen eggs every other week from cage-free hens fed a vegetarian diet.



Shareholders just need to come to the southeast corner of the DGS Community Farm every Wednesday between 4 and 6 PM between June 28 and October 25.

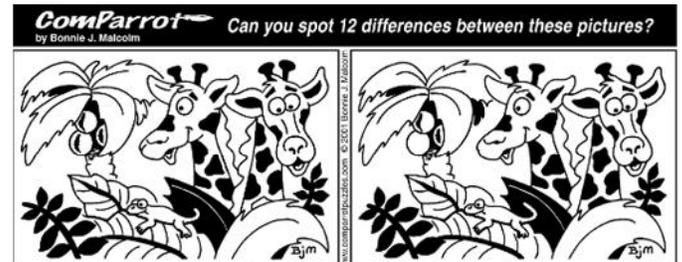
Farm Stand Opens August The farm stand will open on Wednesday afternoons starting in the third week of August from 3:30 to 5:30 for all to come and purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. The selection varies each year but it will include a wide variety of fruits and vegetables such as peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, squash and more.

Sprout City Farms runs workshops on pickling, painting, sun-drying tomatoes and mushroom growing. On August 19 10-11:30 AM at DGS, Sprout City Farms is hosting a Pickling Workshop (\$5 to \$10 suggested donation) Register via e-mail at info@sproutcityfarms.org.

Many other events are held at other Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) locations throughout the city.

How Can I Find Out More? Check out the CSA page of Sprout City Farms' website for more information:
<http://sproutcityfarms.org/store/products/category/dgs-csa/>

Or, email the DGS Community Farm Manager, Farmer Meg, at meg@sproutcityfarms.org or call 720-319-8126 with any questions.

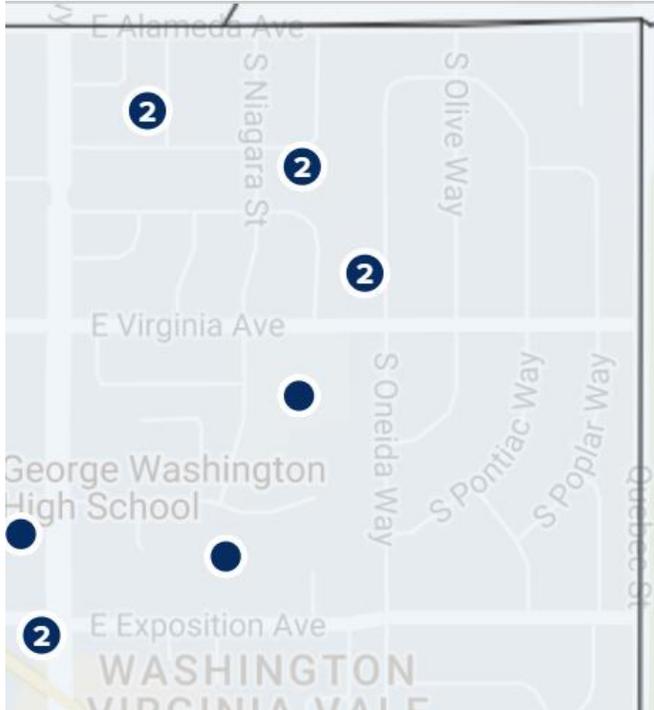


Solutions: 1. Top tree left removed. 2. Nose from left giraffe removed. 3. Shadow on lower left corner removed. 4. Left vine below giraffe removed. 5. Ear from left giraffe removed. 6. Bottom spot on right giraffe colored in. 7. Small tail at right of tree colored in. 8. Horn on right giraffe moved. 9. Spot on left giraffe moved. 10. Branch on left side shorter. 11. Giraffe tail longer. 12. Giraffe eye missing.

Safety Update

Third Quarter 2017

The following map and data from the Denver Police Department (DPD) show crimes that were reported in our neighborhood this past quarter (April 1 through June 30). For more information, contact DPD District 3 by phone at 720-913-1300



Date	Location	Description
14-Apr	Address not available	Aggravated assault
7-Jun	300 Blk S Magnolia St	Burglary no forced entry
8-Jun	300 Blk S Magnolia St	Theft from motor vehicle
18-Jun	400 Blk S Newport Way	Theft - other
19-Jun	6700 Blk E Exposition	Theft - other
28-Jun	400 Blk S Oneida	Theft - other
23-Jun	300 Blk S Newport Way	Auto theft
23-Jun	300 Blk S Newport Way	Theft from motor vehicle

In the third quarter of 2017, there were eight reported properties against property or persons. The table above does not include three reported thefts located just west of the neighborhood boundary or crimes reported for condo/apartment complexes along S. Quebec St. or businesses along Leetsdale.

Overall in our neighborhood, the crime frequency is essentially unchanged from the same period in 2016. The number of crimes overall in the Virginia Village neighborhood (of which our neighborhood is a part) increased in the first half of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016 according to DPD Crime Statistics.

Safety Tips

It is important to report all crimes and suspicious activities to the Denver Police Department to help keep our neighborhood safe. Here are some important contact numbers:

Emergencies: Call 911

Non-emergency help: 720-913-2000

Graffiti: 311 or (720) 913-1311

Crime stoppers tip line: 720-913-7867

Here are some basic crime prevention tips:

- Turn your lights on! Use dusk to dawn exterior lighting and put interior lights on timers when you are away
- Motion detector lights are effective crime deterrents
- Keep your vehicle locked (even in front of your home)
- Remove garage door openers from cars parked in the street or driveway
- Don't leave anything of value in your car
- Suspend papers and mail when you're away
- Bring trash and recycling receptacles in when they're empty
- Keep your house locked when you are away as well as when you are home and use deadbolt locks
- Do not let strangers know you are alone in the house
- Put locks on your fence gates
- Install visible house numbers at your property

DENVER AIR POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

In the hot summer months, Denver struggles to meet standards for ozone and particulates, two major air pollutants. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) notes that people with lung disease, older adults and children are at a greater risk from exposure to ozone, whereas persons with heart and lung disease, older adults and children are at greater risk from the presence of particles in the air. You can help do your part to reduce air pollution:

-) Tightly cap all solvents (paint thinners and strippers, degreasers, and cleaning products)
-) Postpone painting, stripping and refinishing projects to avoid the mid-day summertime heat
-) Use water-based products (paints, stains and sealants)
-) Delay mowing your lawn to another day on high ozone days or use electric mowers
-) Stop at the click when refueling your car
-) Refuel in the evenings after dusk

The Air Quality Index (AQI) measures how polluted your air is. To find out what the AQI is on any given day and related health advisories, visit the CDPHE Air Quality advisory site: https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx

Living with Wildlife

Here in Winston Downs we are still struggling with the skunk population. It is important to remember that skunks are not just smelly. Skunks dig holes in lawns, eat garden produce, prey on poultry and waterfowl, damage beehives, den under buildings, and are a host for rabies. To reduce problems with skunks, remove rubbish piles, store garbage and pet foods in sealed cans, seal foundation openings, and control grubs in lawns. Permanent exclusion options can include installing wire mesh in trenches around the base of fences extending at least 1 foot below grade.



Avoid contact with live or dead animals and in particular, avoid contact with any animal that appears disoriented or aggressive as that can be a sign of rabies. If you suspect that you see a rabid animal, call Denver Animal Protection at (720) 713-1311. If you come into contact with an animal that could have rabies (even if it did not bite you), call Denver Public Health at (303) 602-3614.

However, we have other furry residents in our neighborhood. Knowing how to act when encountering them can mitigate risks.

First on the list: Coyotes: Coyotes frequent Fairmount Cemetery and have been spotted in the neighborhood. If a coyote approaches you, do not run. Be as big and loud as possible, wave your arms and throw objects at it. Back away slowly while facing the animal. Use extra caution walking at dusk and dawn and keep pets on leash in areas frequented by coyotes.

Another one: Raccoons. I spotted one on my front porch the other evening. We think he was after the milk jug in the milk box. Raccoons love raiding gardens, denning in our attics, and eating our trash. Try putting out a battery powered radio tuned to talk radio next to your garden to scare off the raccoons. Properly dispose of trash and ensure receptacles are stored in an inaccessible spot. For attics and chimneys, prevention is key. Once you're sure there's no resident animals, cap chimneys and plug potential attic access points.

Last but not least: Bats. While most bats are healthy, they can carry rabies and are known to roost in attics and sheds. To exclude bats from your home, wait for them to leave, then seal the entrances before they return. Unfortunately, you'll need to do the work at night when bats depart for their night. It's also wise to do this in the fall after the young have learned to fly.

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Cherry Creek Dr. S. Construction Phase III

You may have noticed recent construction along Cherry Creek Drive South. This is part of a long-term plan for improvements to including new landscaping medians, lighting, sidewalks and pedestrian/bike safety improvements.

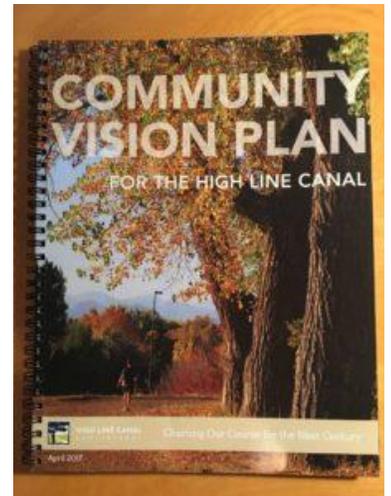


The project runs from just west of Steele Street to west of Garfield Street and includes improvements to two intersections along Cherry Creek South Drive at Alameda Avenue and Steele Street.

During construction, westbound traffic will be detoured onto Alameda. Construction is expected to be complete in 2018.

High Line Canal News

The High Line Canal, which stretches 71 miles from Douglas County to Green Valley Ranch, is a great recreational asset to our community. The High Line Canal Conservancy Board recently presented a conceptual plan to help preserve that asset after an eighteen-month planning effort. The plan is guided by several overarching principles, including preserving the natural character of the canal, improving connectivity and respecting the variety of the communities along its 71-mile length.



As the plan is implemented, you can expect to see a few changes and improvements:

- New signs and interpretive placards
- App with maps and connection points
- Underpass projects at S. Parker/Mississippi (in design), Hampden, Colorado and Tower Rd. intersections

A recent Denver Post article noted that Denver Water will continue to serve some customers from the canal. Denver Water owns the canal but can only release water into the canal from the South Platte several weeks a year. This is a concern because getting enough water is crucial to maintaining trees and other vegetation along the canal. A pilot project is underway testing the potential to direct stormwater into the canal to provide water to the canal for a longer period during the year.

You can read the plan details at the High Line Canal Conservancy website: <http://highlinecanal.org/vision/>

Lowry in History

While we pass by Lowry almost daily, many don't know much about the historic buildings that dot the former Air Force Base. The Lowry Foundation provides this information on the history of our neighbor to the north. Lowry began serving as a military facility in 1937. In the early years, soldiers were housed in large tents. Following the transition to Lowry Air Force Base (AFB), construction of facilities ballooned to include hangars, a steam plant, 1,000 person dormitories, officers' quarters and more. While flying ceased at Lowry in 1966 and the base closed in 1994, more than 20 original structures remain and have been repurposed. To think that the first residents of Winston Downs would have been treated to Air Force planes flying overhead!



Flag lowering in front of headquarters upon closure of Lowry AFB in 1994

The Fire Department, Building 357, now houses John Hand Theater.



Fire Department – Building 357

The Chapel (Building 27), Lowry's former headquarters and Building 880 (Commandant of Cadets Building) are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Steam Plant – now home to the Steam Plant Lofts

The "Black Hangar" housed special weapons training facilities. Now it houses the more benign Big Bear Ice Arena.



Building 1499 – The "Black Hangar"

The Lowry Foundation has compiled this list of historic structures if you want to learn more:

http://www.lowryfoundation.org/lowryafb/buildings_index.htm

City Council Update

Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman's July newsletter has some interesting nuggets for Winston Downs residents:

- RTD has introduced "MyRide" fare technology that allows riders to load and store money for fares on a card. Cards are available on-line, at select Safeway locations and at RTD . The card can't be used for Access-a-Ride unfortunately.
- Denver Urban Renewal Authority offers zero percent (0%) interest loans of up to \$6,000 to address emergency repair needs for homeowners. This could include fixing plumbing, heating, roofing, insulation or electrical problems. Call 303-534-3872 or visit <http://www.renewdenver.org/>
- Denver Health's Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center and Denver Environmental Health have launched the Marijuana Health & Safety Line. The 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week line can be accessed by calling 877-741-3777.

District 5: Contact Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman by phone at 720.337.5555 or email: marybeth.susman@denvergov.org

District 6 (Part of Lee Downs subdivision): Councilman Paul Kashmann. Contact Councilman. Kashmann by phone:720 337-6666 or email: paul.kashmann@denvergov.org

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Denver Happenings

Winston Downs Movie Under the Stars at Denver Green School ballfield Featuring Princess Bride - August 3 8pm.
 Donations of school supplies (dry erase markers, pencils, copy paper etc.) accepted to benefit DGS. For more information call 720-251-4778

Fridays Out Front - 1st Friday of the month in summer from 5:30pm on August 4 - Mauck residence 626 S Poplar St.
 Enjoy the weather and socialize with the neighbors

Winston Downs Block Party - Sunday August 6 from 6 to 8 pm on Virginia Ave. between S. Niagara St. and S. Oneida Way
 Bring a picnic and a cooler, have some ice cream and enjoy this neighborhood wide get together.

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	The following funds are included in my enclosed check: <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 Membership dues - \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Additional donation to WDCA (optional) __\$5 __\$10 __\$20 ___other <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <p style="text-align: right;">Total Enclosed: \$ _____</p> <p>Make checks payable to: WDCA Mail membership forms to the address below</p>
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