



# WDCA Winston Downs Community Association

## Winter 2018

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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.

### Membership Strong - Help Make It Stronger

The WDCA has 250 registered members as of January 2017. We want to thank you for your ongoing support. We hope to see these numbers increase in 2018, because the best way we can help represent your needs is to hear from you!

To that end, we're enclosing our annual meeting and membership drive announcement with this newsletter. Please take the time to send in your registration form and member questionnaire in the pre-addressed envelope.

### 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](mailto:info@winstondowns.org) if you're interested in joining a committee or if you would like to help in any way.**

### WATSON'S COMMUNITY MEETING TUES. FEB. 20 7PM

**What:** The WDCA received numerous comments about the proposed redevelopment of the former Watson's Memorial parcel at 365 S. Quebec.

WDCA is hosting a public meeting with the Watson's property owners to provide a forum for Winston Downs residents to learn more about the proposed vehicle storage business, which would require rezoning the parcel.

Come with your questions and be prepared for a constructive dialogue about the pros and cons of the proposal.

**Where:** BMH BJ Synagogue Gallery Room

**When:** February 20 at 7 PM

**Why:** This business would represent a significant change in our neighborhood that, if it moves forward, will affect all of us for many years to come.

**For more information or if you have questions email us at [info@winstondowns.org](mailto:info@winstondowns.org)**

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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.

(Note this February's meeting will be devoted to discussion of possible Watson's Memorial redevelopment)

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## High Line Canal Vision

The High Line Canal Conservancy (HLCC) recently reached out to the WDCA and asked if we would share some of the details of their recently launched efforts to develop a Framework Plan to guide future enhancements of the canal. The Framework Plan will include a greater investigation to identify areas of enhancement, identify high impact projects, develop an implementation plan and investigate funding models. The Framework Plan will focus on:

- Additional open space/parks and trailheads
- Branded directional and interpretive signage
- Crossing safety and trail gap design solutions
- Environmental guidelines for landscaping and stormwater
- Health and education programs for increased access and use
- Long-term permanent protection and maintenance

Each of these plan components will have a significant impact on the usability of the canal. For example, for signage, the Framework Plan will develop a consistent identity for trails and pedestrian routes to guide users to and from the High Line Canal as well as nearby landmarks, facilities and community services.

HLCC has engaged a planning team consisting of Denver-based Livable Cities Studio, and Agency Landscape + Planning along with Sasaki Associates out of Boston to develop the Framework Plan.

The Framework Plan is the second planning phase for the canal, following the Community Vision Plan developed in 2017 with the help of many, many stakeholders for the 71-mile High Line Canal. Among the guiding principles of that vision: a desire to preserve the canal's natural character, increase connectivity of the canal, respect the variety of the communities along the canal and supporting the maintenance of the canal as a resource for many generations to come.

The HLCC anticipates the Framework Plan to be complete in the fall of 2018. The HLCC will provide multiple platforms for public input throughout the year, including two public open houses at the end of March and September. WDCA will provide more information on these opportunities as it becomes available.

The HLCC is a tax-exempt nonprofit that was formed in 2014 to protecting the future of the High Line Canal. For more information, visit [www.highlinecanal.org](http://www.highlinecanal.org) or call 720.767.2452.

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The HLCC has begun a campaign to recruit "High Line Heroes" to help provide financial support to help it achieve the community-led vision for the canal. More than 750 have joined so far.



The 71-mile High Line Canal has long been a beloved asset across our region, but now its future is uncertain because of changing needs. The High Line Canal Conservancy is working to preserve, protect and enhance this ecological and recreational resource. Don't take it for granted, the Canal needs your help.

**Become a High Line Hero today and support what you love!**  
[joinhighlinecanal.org](http://joinhighlinecanal.org)

Contact: 720.767.2452 or [hello@highlinecanal.org](mailto:hello@highlinecanal.org)

Image courtesy of High Line Canal Conservancy

# Jane Lorimer Receives INC President's Award

This year's annual awards dinner for the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) was held at the Doubletree Hotel on January 31, 2018. INC is a non-profit coalition of representatives from Denver's Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs), business leaders and city agencies that work to promote responsible city growth.



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Each year, INC recognizes neighborhood leaders who have made extraordinary contributions to INC, helping address key issues including zoning, transportation, education, parks and safety. This year, Jane Lorimer, Winston Downs resident and voting delegate to INC, was the recipient of INC's President's Award for her effective leadership over many years of service to INC. Jane has served on INC's Board of Directors, led INC's Membership Committee and spearheaded fundraising for the INC annual dinner. Among Jane's many accomplishments over the years: formalizing INC budget procedures, initiating development of the INC website and building INC's membership roster.

# Boulevard 1 Update

Many have driven past the construction at Boulevard One on S. Quebec just south of Lowry Boulevard and wondered what the plan is for the large concrete parking structure. The Lowry Redevelopment Authority recently answered that question in their email newsletter. This is the beginning of a 347-unit apartment building (see rendering) that will wrap around the concrete parking structure.



Phase 1: Parking structure



Rendering

# Winter Watering Tips

Because this Winter has been so dry in Denver, many landscaping professionals are recommending that residents water by hand or sprinkler if they are able:

- Water plant material every 2-3 weeks during November-March (this can be snowfall as well) This generally applies to new and established plant material.
- Water on a day when the temp goes above 40 degrees and the ground isn't frozen
- Rule of thumb for watering time: Tree Diameter X 5 minutes= Total watering time. For example, your new 2" tree should receive 10 minutes of watering from the hose. Shrubs can survive with 1-2 minutes per shrub.
- Watering applies to sod and perennials. Plants will benefit and do much better come spring time! Dry and stressed sod is more prone to pests and disease come Spring time.
- Generally, you want to saturate the area from the trunk to a couple feet past the drip line (the reach of the branches)

Colorado State Extension provides more information on this topic: <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/fall-and-winter-watering-7-211/>

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## Denver Happenings

- Sleuth.** Feb 9 – Mar 18 at Lowry’s John Hand Theater. This Andrew Wyke thriller won a Tony for Best Play. Information: 720-530-4596.
- Degas: A Portrait for Passion.** Feb 11 – May 20 at the Denver Art Museum. Profiles art of the French artist with a focus on dance and opera. Information: 303-892-1505
- New Gardener Boot Camp.** Feb 17 at Denver Botanic Gardens. Beginner classes to help you master your garden. Information: 720-865-3500.
- International Guitar Night.** Feb 17 at Swallow Hill’s Daniels Hall. Guitar luminaries play solos, duets and quartets. Information: 303-777-1003.
- Beaux Arts Bollywood Ball.** Feb 24 at Hyatt Regency Convention Center. Gala to benefit National Jewish Health. Information: 303-728-6546
- Colorado Home & Garden Show.** Feb 24 – Mar 4 at Convention Center. Annual show with >1,400 booths. Information: 303-932-8100
- Lowry Speaker Series - Colorado Symphony Music Director Brett Mitchell.** Feb 27 7PM at Machebeuf High School. Information: 303-757-7658
- Be the Astronaut.** Through Mar. 31 at Wings Over the Rockies. Interactive pod-based exhibit that thrusts visitors into a world of space discovery. Developed with assistance from NASA. Information: 303-360-5360
- AARP Downtown Denver Audio Walking Tour.** Ongoing - Downtown. Takes users on tour to see 20 points of interest, including the Molly Brown House, Governor’s Mansion, Capitol Hill and more. Information: <http://states.aarp.org/122079-2-sc-co-wp-health/>
- Denver Restaurant Week.** Feb. 23 – Mar 4. Information: <https://www.denver.org/denver-restaurant-week/>
- Becoming Butterflies.** Through June 2. CU South Denver Peoria St, Lone Tree, CO. Fantastic journey through butterfly life cycle for kids and families. Information: <http://southdenver.cu.edu/events/event/becoming-butterflies/>
- Colorado Kennel Club Dog Show.** Feb 15 – 19 at the National Western Complex. Information: Call 303-295-6124 or on-line: <https://nationalwesterncomplex.com/event/colorado-kennel-club-dog-show/>
- Jerusalem.** Feb 16 – June 24 at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Immerse yourself in one of the world’s most fascinating cities. Information: <http://www.dmns.org/imax/upcoming-films/jerusalem/>
- Seussical.** Through Mar 23 at the Arvada Center. Based on the stories of Dr. Seuss, an amalgamation of many of his funniest works. Information: <https://arvadacenter.org/seussical-2>
- Boulder International Film Festival.** Feb 22 – 25. Filmmakers from around the world travel to Boulder for this four-day celebration. Information on-line: <https://biff1.com/>
- Byers Evans Book Club.** Feb 23 12 to 1:30 PM at the Byers Evans House Museum. Quarterly gathering is the ideal place to meet and talk about books: Rich People Behaving Badly by Dick Kreck in February, Linda Wommack’s Historic Colorado Mansions and Castles in May, Kevin Pharris’s Historic Haunts Around Denver in October and Debra Faulkner’s Ladies of the Brown in December. Information: Call 303-620-4933 or on-line: <https://www.historycolorado.org/event/byers-evans-house-book-club/2018/02/23>