

# Welcome to Winston Downs Neighborhood!

Winston Downs  
Community Association  
WDCA

Summer 2020

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



I know that many of us are busy adapting to our ever-changing work and home routines. As we enter this next, important phase of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, remember that we share in the struggles and losses that you are facing. Please tell us what you need help with so we can help direct you to appropriate resources.

No time is better than the present to get involved with the WDCA. There are many new voices in our community that we have not heard from, and getting engaged with your neighbors can bear dividends for you and the community at large.

First - become a member. When you join, it helps us communicate with you about news and policy changes that affect your quality of life in Denver. Our membership form is attached. You can also join on-line: <https://winstondowns.org/home/membership/>

Next, consider becoming a Board member or volunteering with a committee or project. We rely on you to help generate new ideas and to implement the backlog of ideas that we already have. Inside this newsletter, we provide more information on the types of help we are looking for. We can find a role for you, whether you can provide an hour or a week of your time.

The WDCA is actively looking at ways to preserve and enhance our investments in our property and community. We work with the Denver Police Department to improve community safety. We also are looking at ways to better maintain perimeter streets and add amenities to improve our neighborhood's appearance and make it a fun and engaging place to live.

WDCA actively represents our resident's positions before the City and County of Denver. Current key issues include the proposed bike lane for Virginia Ave. and proposed changes to the Group Living rules that are part of the Denver Zoning Code. We will continue to seek your input on these and other issues as our city grows and changes.

Stay healthy and safe,

Tim Rooney, President  
Winston Downs Community Association

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The Winston Downs Community Association wants to alert you to a recent spate of crime in our neighborhood and surrounding area and provide you with some additional tips to help you stay safe.

These are extraordinary times. Historically, economic downturns are associated with increases in crime. The COVID outbreak is no exception and we need to take extra precautions to stay safe.

There have been several recent crimes in and around our neighborhood. On May 30, there was a homicide on the steps leading from the cul-de-sac on S. Oneida Street to Leetsdale. The victim has not been identified. We have requested additional lighting and safety measures from Denver City Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer's office to help improve safety on that staircase.

Most recently, on June 19 there was a series of carjacking incidents in Southeast Denver:

Location	Vehicle
3300 block S. Oneida St.	2009 Beige Hyundai Sedan 282 SJH
8300 block E. Fairmount Dr.	2005 Silver Jaguar Sedan 855 LWB
2800 block S. Newport St.	2009 Black Mercury Sedan BAE B14

Call Metro Denver Crime Stoppers 720-913-7867 if you have any information. Callers can remain anonymous.

**Some tips on how to stay safe:**

**When out and about:**

- Stay alert while are walking, biking or driving
- Try to stay in areas where there are people around
- Keep your cell phone with you
- Look for open businesses or residences if you feel that you may be in danger

**At home:**

- Lock your front and back doors, even while you are home
- Close and lock windows even while you are at home
- Use dusk to dawn lighting or motion-control landscape lighting
- Be wary of unsolicited workers visiting your home

We will continue to provide you with updates and suggestions on how to remain safe. Please call 911 with any emergency that you are facing.

**Remember:**

In the Act 911 / After the Fact 720-913-2000

**ENCLOSED SURVEY  
Neighborhood Park Interest**

The Winston Downs Community Association (WDCA) is conducting a survey to determine the level of interest in having a small park within the neighborhood.

We will use the results of the survey to determine next steps the WDCA may take, if any, regarding the development of a neighborhood park.

Please use the pre-addressed envelope enclosed in this newsletter to respond to the survey. You can also use the same envelope for your 2020 membership form join WDCA if you have not joined already this year.

## ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR BOARD CANDIDATES

As you know, due to the on-going concern to hold public gatherings, WDCA has been forced to delay its annual meeting and election of the board of directors. This year, WDCA will hold its annual meeting via ZOOM. The election of the Board will be done on-line via Survey Monkey prior to the meeting and results will be announced at the meeting.

Our bylaws permit having the meeting when the Board calls for the meeting, and there are no foreseen restrictions on having candidates submit interest in running for the board or being elected electronically. Someone not-running can serve to verify results if this is felt needed. Only members may vote.

**We are tentatively planning to hold the meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00pm via ZOOM.**

If you would like to participate, please ensure we have your email address for notification and invitation to join via ZOOM.

### BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

If you are interested in running for a position on the WDCA Board of Directors, please email us at [info@winstondowns.org](mailto:info@winstondowns.org) by August 15, 2020 so that your name can be placed on the ballot. Please include your name, house address and preferred way to reach you (email, phone).

***You must be a current member of WDCA to serve on the board.*** You can send \$15 dues along with the membership form by regular mail (form and addressed envelope enclosed) or on-line at: <https://winstondowns.org/home/membership/> to become a member.

Ballots will only be available online for voting. Members will receive an emailed invitation to vote on candidates in late August and results of the voting will be announced during the annual meeting.

## WDCA MEMBERSHIP

**Winston Downs is an RNO – a registered neighborhood organization with the City of Denver.**

RNOs are an important part of the fabric of the city and play a key role in the ongoing effort to make Denver a great place to live and work. The primary purposes of the [City Ordinance](#) governing RNOs (Denver Revised Municipal Code Chapter 12, Article III) are to improve the flow of information between RNOs and agencies of the city and to enable RNOs to present their positions before certain decisions affecting their neighborhoods are made by agencies and departments of the city.

**Membership in WDCA is voluntary.** Our goal is to build a sense of community and pride within our boundaries. WDCA does that by hosting open meetings, publishing newsletters, and planning social opportunities to get to know your neighbors.

### COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

**To get involved and support of these efforts please contact us at [info@winstondowns.org](mailto:info@winstondowns.org)**

- Newsletter delivery
- Zoning issues
- Website improvement
- Communications (newsletter, web, breaking news, social media)
- Traffic issues
- Speaker topic development

### \$WHERE YOUR DUES GO

- Meeting space rental
- Quarterly newsletters delivered to your door
- Neighborhood social events
- Neighborhood improvements such as neighborhood signage, cleanup activities
- Website fees
- Event notifications, mailings
- Electronic meeting subscription costs

**To be added to WDCA breaking news (emailed) please let us know at [info@winstondowns.org](mailto:info@winstondowns.org)**

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