

Welcome to Winston Downs Neighborhood

Winston Downs
Community Association
WDCA
Newsletter – Year End 2022-Jan 2023

About Winston Downs Community Association- WDCA

The Winston Downs Community Association (WDCA) is a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) with the City of Denver. We were formed by residents of the Winston Downs and Lee Downs subdivisions and we operate as a not-for-profit entity.

WDCA serves all single-family homes and business operations in the neighborhood bounded by Alameda, Monaco, Quebec and E. Ohio Dr.

Membership is voluntary, participation on the board and on committees is also voluntary. It's only through your input and participation that our leaders get direction on what matters to you.

WDCA has committees that address zoning, safety, hospitality events, welcoming new neighbors and area planning.

It's your neighborhood. Get involved!

Board Meetings

Board meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month at 700pm. Currently we are meeting via Zoom to accommodate those who travel or have children at home.

Meeting links are sent via email. If you are not currently receiving our eNews, please send a request to info@winstondowns.org to be added to eNews.

**Annual Meeting & Board Election
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
7:00PM -8:30PM**

Location tentatively at BMH-BJ Synagogue

Our Board of Directors is made up of elected volunteer residents who are members of the WDCA. Committees are open to any resident. Board positions require household membership

All meetings are publicized and are open to all residents (including renters), whether or not the household is a member. \$20/year per household.

Current Board & Chairs

Jane Lorimer, President/Communications

Jeff Aldrich, Vice President

Tim Rooney, Secretary

Joanna Milewski, Treasurer/Membership

Brandon Harrellson, Director/Zoning Chair

Please note: Board may have up to seven (7) members



Mickey Greenberg, Safety Chair

Marsha Badanes, Welcome Chair

Jan Hoskins, Newsletter/Notices Delivery Chair

Harvey Cohen, Steering Committee Rep-Near SE Area Plan

Dave Halterman, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Delegate

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What happens if we cease to exist?

While we recognize and respect that people are busy and may be unable to be involved in the neighborhood leadership, we also must be very clear that if this neighborhood association does not have leadership – i.e., people stepping up to serve on the board – we will lose our status as a city-recognized Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO).

So, if we cease to exist, what does this mean for Winston Downs?

We will lose neighborhood events designed to help us know one another, safety representation, as well as the website, printed newsletters and meeting notices, eNews updates, and **most importantly**, we lose the opportunity to speak as one voice to the City about issues that impact the whole of Winston Downs. As example: If there are zoning/liquor & drug licensing changes in and around the neighborhood, there would be no RNO to be notified by the city nor to organize meetings to support hearing neighbors' concerns. And, we would no longer be an eligible member of Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), a citywide neighborhood advocacy group.

Bottom line: If no one steps up to serve on the board, WDCA disappears. That means there is no organization to whom the city is required to notify and keep informed; there is no organization to, in turn, keep you informed or to hear your concerns; no neighborhood representation, no safety representation and no hosted community gatherings.

If you run and perhaps aren't elected, please consider joining a committee, taking on a project and/or attending a few board meetings and then run the next time!

Our neighborhood is only as strong as your participation!

The Annual Meeting is coming up in April – we'd like to hear back who might be interested in serving on the board and/or various committees.

WDCA may have up to seven (7) board members. If any are interested in serving on the board or committees, please contact us at info@winstondowns.org or phone Jane Lorimer at 303.388.9224 between 9:30am-5:30pm Website: www.winstondowns.org

Kind Reminder

Please check on your neighbors, especially during these cold, snowy winter days.

Winston Downs Community Association/WDCA

WDCA has been an association representing this neighborhood since 1975 (under a couple different names.)

The board is made up of 5-7 people. Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

Additionally, we have a Safety chair, Welcome chair, News Delivery chair, and Neighborhood Clean-up chair, as well as delegates to INC and City advisory groups. There are openings for a Social Events chair, and we always welcome communications support volunteers to keep our website updated and eNews current.

Our monthly meetings are held via Zoom. We plan to hold at least three in-person meetings in 2023 as weather and health issues permit. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm and end by 8:30pm or earlier, contingent on business discussed.



Crime & Safety

By Mickey Greenberg – Safety Chair

Major factors for maintaining low crime are block participation in Crime Watch, and knowing and looking out for your neighbors.

Recently Reported Crimes in WD

- Theft from vehicles is the biggest issue
- Vandalism – broken windows
- Gunshots on Quebec, Street racers

A great website for tracking crime is below. It gives a recap of crime in the area and information about crime categories that happen most often.

crime.denverpost.com/neighborhood/washington-virginia-vale/

Good Deterrents to Crime

- Outside lights on at night and lights on timers inside when away
- Open landscaping near home entries
- Outside cameras
- Mail, newspapers & door flyers removed same day
- Lock vehicles and remove valuables
- Lock home doors, windows when away
- Arrange for snow removal

Who to Call

Please use 311 when dealing with non-emergency issues like graffiti, property issues, etc. Call 911 when there is a physical crime against persons, and or property or an emergency health problem or fire.

Please report gunshots and street racers EVERYTIME you hear them to 911. Additionally, you can report Street Racers online to www.reportstreetracing.com .

Reporting what's happening here is the only way our area gets more police patrol, Shot Spotter cameras and ability to make a case for cameras at main intersections.

DPD District 3 Non-emergency police 720.913.1300
General Non-emergency police 720.913.2000

Winston Downs Happenings

By WDCA Board

The "Field" at E. Exposition/Quebec

Your WDCA has been working with the City of Denver concerning the large field that homeowners were responsible for mowing. It has now been taken back by the city, and will be maintained by Parks Department per Happy Haynes, Director of Denver Parks & Recreation.

365 S Quebec – "Watsons"

WDCA utilized free mediation services provided by the City to negotiate better maintenance and clean up for this property (Alameda/Quebec). Owners agreed to clear out debris, dead trees and to remove the containers by end of 2022. Although they've begun the clean-up and are working on removing the containers, the board will continue to remind them of the commitment and thank them for work done as it happens.

Sidewalks on Quebec

WDCA is working on solutions for sidewalk maintenance along Quebec. Stay tuned for more information

WDCA Migration to eNews

Due to increasing costs, WDCA will issue only a couple of print newsletters in 2023.

Special meetings and events will continue to be delivered in the form of door hanger notifications to all residents along with signage placement throughout the neighborhood.

If you don't currently receive our eNews and would like to keep informed of breaking news and updates, please sign up for WDCA eNews by emailing us at info@winstondowns.org – we require last name, address and email

Please also check our website for news, calendar of events, prior Board meeting minutes and much more!

www.winstondowns.org

Time to join or renew membership!



Calendar of Events

National Western Stock Show

Jan 5 through Jan 22

Southeast Denver Gives Blood Drive

Jan 5 through Jan 31

Blood donation is a great way to help support our neighbors in need and our community as a whole. Platelets most often help cancer patients, but are also needed to treat those with blood disorders and patients undergoing open-heart surgery or organ transplants. To meet the demands of their hospital partners throughout Colorado, Vitalant must collect more than 600 blood donations each day! To make an appointment from January 1-31, visit our Council District 5 Facebook Event Page, then click the link to book at any Vitalant location or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 and please mention

Southeast Denver Gives Blood Drive

WDCA Jan Board Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan 17 begins 7:00PM

Notices sent via eNews. Open to all residents

Neighborhood Watch Training

Thursday, Jan 19 begins 6:00PM

District 3 Police Station, 1625 S University Blvd, Denver, CO 80210 – Free parking

Coffee-with-a-Cop – District 3

Wednesday, Feb 1 10:00AM-Noon

Nixon's Coffee House, 695 E Louisiana Ave, Denver, CO 80210

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, Feb 14 ❤️

WDCA Feb Board Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, Feb 21 begins 7:00PM

Notices sent via eNews. Open to all residents

If weather allows, this meeting may move to in person location TBA.

WDCA Mar Board Meeting -TBA

Tuesday, March 21 begins 7:00PM

WDCA Annual Meeting & Board Elections

Tuesday, Apr 18 check in 630PM and meeting begins at 7:00PM

Tentatively: BMH-BJ Synagogue (Fisher Hall) 560 S Monaco Pkwy. Free parking in back and enter from back along Niagara



City Ordinances require residents to remove snow from walks within 24 hours.

The Snow Angels program is an initiative of the Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships that is aimed to assist residents in Denver in need of assistance shoveling their front sidewalks during the cold winter months. This is a volunteer service created to avoid fines for non-compliance of clearing pedestrian walkways in front of homes.

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Must be a Denver City & County resident
- Residents or older adults physically unable to shovel
- Neighbors living with a disability
- Financially unable to pay for a service

The Snow Angels program does not:

- Remove snow in driveways or front steps
- Remove down trees/branches on front walks

Phone: 720-913-SNOW (7669)

Emails to: snowangels@denvergov.org or neighborhood.inspectionservices@denvergov.org

2023 membership application and return envelope enclosed with this newsletter or join online
www.winstondowns.org/membership