

Welcome to Winston Downs Neighborhood

Winston Downs
Community Association
WDCA
Newsletter – Year End 2024-Jan 2025

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. There are 171 RNO's in Denver.

WDCA exists to support neighborhood issues for 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 special programs.

It's your neighborhood. Get involved!

Board Meetings

Board meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. 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. Include your name and street address.

**WDCA Annual Meeting & Board Election
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
7:00PM -8:30PM
Location 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.

Current Board & Chairs

Jeff Aldrich, President/Communications

Jeff Becker, Vice President

Tim Rooney, Secretary

Joanna Milewski, Treasurer/Membership Coordinator

Susan Bernard, Director/Membership Co-Chair

Jason Kunkle, Director

Danielle Taro, Director/Membership Co-Chair

Please note: Board may have 5-7 members



Mickey Greenberg, Safety Chair

Susan Bernard, Welcome Chair

Jan Hoskins, Newsletter/Notices Delivery Chair

Dave Halterman & JoNell Herndon, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Delegates

Jane Lorimer, Communications/Web

Winston Downs Community Association

Why is it important to support this neighborhood organization?

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 not only not be here for the neighborhood, but we also will lose our status as a city-recognized Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO).

The importance of being a city-recognized RNO is we, by mandate, receive notices of zoning and other changes impacting our neighborhood and we have the opportunity to speak as one voice to the City Council about issues that impact the whole of Winston Downs.

AND, if we don't continue, neither does our organizing neighborhood events designed to help us know one another as well as providing our annual ice cream socials, dedicated safety representation/reporting, the website, printed newsletter and meeting notices, eNews updates about the neighborhood and City.

Winston Downs Community Association/WDCA

WDCA has been an association representing this neighborhood since 1975 (under a couple of different names.) That's 50 years in 2025!

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 really need communications volunteers to help keep our website updated and eNews going out.

The Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Our monthly meetings are held via Zoom for ease of attending.

We also hold in-person meetings including the Annual Meeting, special interest topics and our fun annual Ice Cream Social.

The Annual Meeting is coming up April 22, 2025 – we'd like to hear back who of you might be interested in serving on the board and/or various committees.

If you are interested in running for the board, please contact us at our email address info@winstondowns.org and include your name, best contact and special areas of interest.

Please also consider joining a committee, taking on a project and attending a few board meetings!
If interested in serving on committees, please contact us at info@winstondowns.org

Our neighborhood is only as strong as your participation!

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



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.

SOMETHING NEW:

WDCA's Website added a section for SAFETY to include Who to Call for various issues; past Safety presentations; Neighborhood Watch training material and Safety Tips like safe grilling, stop catalytic converter theft and firearms safety.

We've added a drop-down tab containing recap notes from monthly meetings with District 3 Denver Police. These meetings cover crime updates, changes in procedures and free resources for registering bicycles, protecting catalytic converters and car tracking registrations.

*See something, say something
Hear something, say something*

NUMBERS TO KNOW

- Active Emergencies call 911
- DPD Non-Emergency help call 720.913.2000
- Poison Control call 800.222.1222
- Suicide Hotline call 844.493.8255
- Report Street racing: 911
- General neighborhood concerns call 311
- The Denver DA's FRAUD HOTLINE
720.913.9179

LIGHTS ON PROGRAM

Please keep your outside lights on to deter crime. If you see burnt out street lighting, please contact City Council offices at DenverCouncil5@denvergov.org or call 720-337-5555. Some lights are provided by Xcel and some by Verizon with cell towers.

Time to join or renew membership! Still a deal at \$20 per calendar year/per household.

Remember WDCA works on behalf of all residents and your dues help us continue with eNews, our website, annual ice cream social and support for various issues all neighborhoods face.

Winston Downs Happenings

By WDCA Board

New Zoning: Religious Assembly

Former original farmhouse property will become the KBY Synagogue. Located at 6550 E. Dakota. Building plans include a 9000 SF building zoned for religious assembly.

A second smaller synagogue is planned at 320 S Poplar St (Cul de sac off Alameda). It will convert zoning for use as religious assembly.

Weed Maintenance -Gifted by The Body Shop!

WDCA was gifted funds to provide weed cutting and spraying along Quebec, Monaco and some interior streets like E. Exposition.

365 S Quebec – "Watsons"

WDCA utilized free mediation services provided by the City to negotiate better maintenance for this property and to outline what the wishes for development might include. This property was rezoned in the Area Plan to accommodate commercial development.

Sidewalks on Quebec

The Poplar St. Coalition has done a fabulous job in maintaining the sidewalk on Quebec during snows and picking up trash. Led by Marla Titkin and Linda Peters. Thank you!

WDCA Updates via eNews

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 breaking news, calendar of events, prior Board meeting minutes and much more!
www.winstondowns.org

WINSTON DOWNS CRIME NUMBERS

Reported Crimes Jan 1 to Nov 15 2024	Winston Downs	Lowry	Hilltop	Windsor Gardens	South Hilltop
Aggravated Assault	0	22	8	1	0
All Other Crimes Against Persons	3	34	10	0	0
Arson	0	0	1	0	0
Auto Theft	5	50	39	7	4
Burglary	2	33	23	3	5
Drug and Alcohol	0	4	1	0	3
Larceny	4	87	33	3	7
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Public Disorder	8	78	30	1	8
Robbery	0	11	0	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	92	44	4	5
White Collar Crime	2	7	4	3	0
All Other Crimes	4	25	11	0	3

Major incidents were three (3) auto thefts at the 300 block of S Olive Way, 305 S Miami Court, and 763 S Oneida Way. Three cars were also stolen from Cul de Sac at Alameda & S Pontiac since Nov 15. Public disorder included graffiti at BMH-BJ and issues at the Denver Green School. Other crimes included vandalism at 6685 E Exposition, 4 autos being hit that were parked on E. Exposition.

Special Notes:

- Winston Downs does NOT include GWHS where there have been numerous incidents, nor anything on Leetsdale like the 7-Eleven or the Cedar Run Apartments.
- Lowry represents the area east of Hilltop extending up Quebec to 11th Ave., and south this side of the Community College Campus, down Dayton and through the golf course west of Havana to Alameda on the south.

Safety Tips

- Winston Downs is home to two major schools (DGS and BMH-BJ Synagogue) Please watch for kids walking. We are also a "walking" neighborhood, so we urge cautious driving at all times.
- We promote a "lights on" porch light campaign for night time safety
- We encourage locking your parked cars, removing all visible items, and closing your garage doors to avoid opportunistic crime.

INC Honoree Tim Rooney



Pictured with Jane Lorimer, Immediate Past President, Tim in center, Jeff Aldrich, current President WDCA.

Tim Rooney was honored as the recipient of a Neighborhood Star Award & Recognition from the Inter Neighborhood Cooperation for his many years leading and serving on the WDCA Board.

Tim is a long-serving past president, current secretary and our "Zoning Guru". He also established our online communications format and current website.

INC's Annual Neighborhood Awards was held on November 13. INC is a coalition of Denver's Registered Neighborhood Organizations/RNO's. WDCA has been a participating member for over 30 years.

Congratulations to Tim for this well-earned recognition!



Winter Reminders

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.inspectionsservices@denvergov.org

Time to renew or join WDCA!

The 2025 membership application and a return envelope are enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience.

You may join online as well.
www.winstondowns.org/membership

Your membership dues support the organization's costs for social activities, special forums, communication efforts and Annual Meeting.

Your participation ensures our collective concerns are addressed.

News from Winston Downs Community Association

Our Purpose

- To empower and encourage residents to have a voice, work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals
- To promote and foster a sense of unity and caring among people in the neighborhood
- To ensure Winston Downs has a voice on city issues



How to Reach Us

Mailing address:

WDCA, PO Box 22594, Denver, CO 80222

eMail: info@winstondowns.org

Check out our website www.winstondowns.org

We post current news from the neighborhood, the City of Denver, Council Office, Current events, Safety Tips and other updates.

Membership application and return envelope included or join online at www.winstondowns.org/membership