

WELCOME TO WINSTON DOWNS NEIGHBORHOOD

WDCA
Winston Downs
Community
Association

Summer 2019

Who We Are

The Winston Downs Community Association (WDCA) is a Registered Neighborhood Organization with the City of Denver and was 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.

WDCA's role is to promote community unity by:

- Organizing social events
- Connecting residents with each other
- Keeping residents informed about city development and other issues that directly affect us
- Promoting neighborhood safety and crime reduction efforts
- Serving as a liaison with the city for zoning, permitting and policy issues

Our Board is made up of our volunteer residents and you are always welcome to attend our Board meetings. It's only through neighbor participation that we get direction on what matters to you.

JOIN US

Dues are only \$15 per household. Dues pay for social events, meeting space, website/social media communications, newsletters, neighborhood cleanup efforts and more.

Send a check to WDCA, PO Box 22594, Denver CO 80222 and include names, address and email or join/pay online at www.winstondowns.org under the Membership header
Follow us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/wdhoa>

HOW TO GET INVOLVED...

Neighborhoods work better when they work together. If you are interested in getting involved to build our community, please email us at info@winstondowns.org or call Jane Lorimer, Secretary, at 303.388.9224.

Current Help Needed:

- WDCA website needs help migrating from Go Daddy platform to Word Press
- Social events idea generation and people to plan events
- Writing newsletter articles of general interest
- Newsletter layout and editing
- Newsletter delivery (block captains)

FUTURE MEETINGS

Educational meeting about Conservation Overlay and Neighborhood Planning Initiative

Note: Content is same as the June 18 meeting.

Sunday, August 18, 2019 1:00PM
BMH BJ Synagogue, 560 S. Monaco Pkwy

Friday out Front – August 16 5:30 PM at the home of Laura and Bob Kozarek
482 S Magnolia St.

WDCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20
BMG BJ Synagogue 7:00pm
City Council member Amanda Sawyer to attend meeting

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WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

About Conservation Overlay Districts

Over the years, one-by-one neighborhoods across Denver have been transformed by new development. Some good, some not-so-desirable. The WDCA board of the has been approached regarding the creation of an “overlay district” for our neighborhood

At WDCA’s annual meeting in April, Denver City Planner Josh Palmeri, presented information about Conservation Overlay Districts (COD) and a citywide Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI). [To see the presentation, please go to www.winstondowns.org and look under the Special Presentation/Resources tab]

The WDCA board is working with the City to conduct educational sessions to discuss the COD and NPI with residents. The next is at 1PM, August 18 at BMH BJ.

What a Conservation Overlay Is

An overlay establishes or modifies specific zoning codes that encourage conservation of the existing distinctive features, identity or character of a neighborhood. It takes about a year to complete which includes outreach to residents, city reviews and council approval processes.

Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)

Denver’s Neighborhood Planning Initiative is a long-term commitment to ensure every corner of the city can enjoy the benefits of an area plan. Since its launch in 2017, residents, neighborhood groups, and community leaders have been working alongside the city’s neighborhood planning team to create a vision and plan for their areas. Winston Downs is included in the Near Southeast in fall of 2020. This plan takes about two years.

Other Projects

Improved Website

WDCA would like to migrate our website, now on an older Go Daddy platform, to a more user-friendly Word Press format. If you have experience and are able and willing to help, please contact us: info@winstondowns.org

Traffic Mitigation

We’ve had Denver Public Works out to visit with us about issues on major arterial streets, lane striping and paving. They made changes to give pedestrians a head start crossing at Monaco and E. Exposition, thus creating a safer crossing especially for students.

Neighborhood Salutes

Bus stop cleanup at Monaco/E. Exposition is currently being done by The Auto Body Shop at Monaco/ E. Exposition. Please say thank you to them!

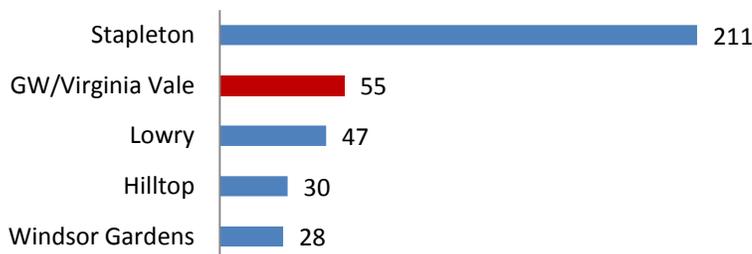
Neighborhood Clean Up

Neighborhood cleanup days as announced. All residents are invited to help us keep the appearance up. “Trash begets trash,” so please help by picking up loose trash as you walk as well.

716 S Poplar St

The City is in the process of selling 716 S Poplar house to Cottonwood Community Association. It will be completely renovated (both interior and exterior) to house three mentally or developmentally challenged individuals who live in an independent environment with one full time caregiver on site. The house was formerly a half-way house owned by the city and has been unoccupied for several years.

DPD Crime Report June



Winston Downs is located within the George Washington/Virginia Vale reports for District 3. The crimes reported herein are south of Winston Downs with exception of one or two opportunistic crimes. This report does not include recent activities at 660 S Monaco Pkwy. Please keep doors locked, garage doors closed and lights on to keep crime rates down.

TALKING TRASH

The Case for Recycling

The City and County of Denver collects more than 220,000 tons of waste from Denver homes each year. That's an average of 1.2 tons per household each year. Denver uses an integrated collection strategy to recycle and dispose of residential waste in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Recycling is very important as waste has a huge negative **impact** on the natural environment. Harmful chemicals and greenhouse gasses are released from rubbish in landfill sites. Recycling helps to reduce the pollution caused by waste. Habitat destruction and global warming are some the effects caused by deforestation.

Did you know that the cost to recycle is about half the cost of disposing of trash in Denver?

We salute all who have and use the "purple barrels" in our area. Maximize space in your cart by flattening all cardboard boxes and then lay them flat across the top of the rest of your recyclables and then close the lid. This helps ensure that cardboard doesn't get stuck in your cart and enables you to fit more cardboard in your cart.

If you are interested in "UPSIZING" to a larger recycling cart or receiving a second recycle cart if you already have the larger cart size, please notify 311 by phone or email: 311@denvergov.org



BECOME A PLOGGER!

Picking up trash while you jog is now a fitness trend. It's called 'plogging'!

According to "Keep Denver Beautiful", trash begets trash and more street trash has been tied to more graffiti and graffiti to more crime.

Redefining what was once waste

Denver Composts makes composting household organic material as easy as recycling, by providing a green cart that is collected weekly.

Households separate out organic material like yard debris, food scraps and non-recyclable paper and place them in the green cart instead of the trash. The organic material collected is sent to a facility where it gets turned into a high quality soil amendment known as compost.



By signing up for compost collection you can reduce the amount of waste you throw away by as much as **50 to 75 percent!** 311@denvergov.org

Denver Composts is a fee-based service paid for by the resident at the rate of \$29.25 each quarter.



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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

DENVER CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT ON LEETSDALE

As reported by Denverite, in July, Denver City Council unanimously approved a change of use that would permit of residential, office and retail development on a five-acre parcel just east of Forest Street on Leetsdale Drive. The parcel is owned by the family that owns Newberry Brothers Florist and its business partner. The application for the change of use stated that the change in use would “open the door for a pedestrian-friendly, mass-transit friendly site.” The development would represent a big change from the current mix of strip malls, bars, liquor stores and restaurants that line the stretch of Leetsdale.

The Preservation of Residential South Hilltop Neighborhood Association worked with the property owners to height restrictions and to restrict traffic entry/exit from Leetsdale. The neighborhood organization spoke in support of the rezoning at the hearing.

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DENVER PUBLIC WORKS PLANS BIKE LANE ON VALENTIA STREET

The City of Denver is building an underpass for the multi-use High Line Canal Trail at Mississippi Avenue & Parker Road, which will eliminate the need for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the street at that dangerous intersection.

The City of Denver is developing a bicycle detour for bicyclists during construction. One such bike route the City is considering is along Valentia St between Mississippi Ave and Fairmount Dr (see proposed design). The proposed project would repurpose the outside lane to allow for a buffered bike lane to provide a bicycle connection from Valentia neighborhoods to the high Line Canal Trail. The detour may become a permanent bike lane.



The City is looking for the neighborhoods’ input on this proposed project. If you have comments or questions, call Dana Hoffman, Denver Public Works, 720.913.4577 or email dana.hoffman@denvergov.org

WINSTON DOWNS CITY COUNCIL REPS

COUNCILWOMAN AMANDA SAWYER- DISTRICT 5'S NEW COUNCILPERSON



Her district roughly covers Alameda to E. which includes the majority of homes within Winston Downs. Amanda is a licensed (although non practicing) attorney who also has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and more than a decade of experience in marketing, sales, entrepreneurship and business strategy. Councilwoman Sawyer is a proud neighborhood advocate. Her focus includes:

- Advocating for stoplights and crosswalks for our kids.
- Speaking out at City Council against building more luxury condos that don't fill a need for middle-income housing in our communities but add to our traffic and safety problems.
- Asking for meetings with big developers to find out how many mid-priced units they're planning to put in their new buildings.

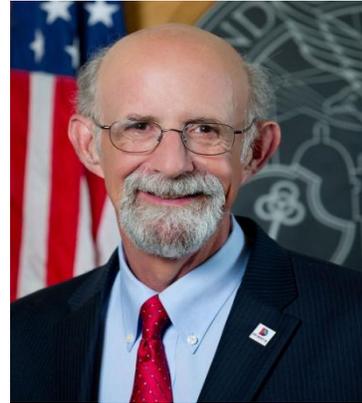
City Council-at-Large



Councilwoman Kniech

Councilwoman Ortega

COUNCILMAN PAUL KASHMANN WAS RE-ELECTED TO SERVE DISTRICT 6



A graduate of Upsala College (East Orange, NJ) with a B.A. in Sociology, Paul spent a successful decade in the corporate world, with both IBM and NCR, before shifting gears and signing on as advertising representative with the fledgling Washington Park Profile newspaper shortly after its founding in the winter of 1978. Finding The Profile an unexpectedly fine fit for his journalistic talents, love for people and inherited passion for community service. Paul took over the role of publisher a few years later, expanding both the scope and depth of the publication, eventually guiding it to its place among the most highly respected of Denver's community newspapers.

His district includes about 80+ homes south of E. Exposition Avenue within Winston Downs. His focus is on quality of life, life of the planet and fairness in his decisions.

Denver City Council Members by District

Mayor	Michael B. Hancock
District 1	Amanda Sandoval
District 2	Kevin Flynn
District 3	Jamie Torres
District 4	Kendra Black
District 5	Amanda Sawyer
District 6	Paul Kashmann
District 7	Jolon Clark, Council President
District 8	Christopher Herndon
District 9	Candi CdeBaca
District 10	Chris Hinds
District 11	Stacie Gilmore

Winston Downs is located in Denver Police District 3 (Comm. Rick Kyle)
Congressional District 1 (Diana DeGette)
Denver Public School District 3 (Carrie Olson DPS Board)

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Board members

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Jane Lorimer, Secretary
Joanna Milewski, Treasurer
Jerry Shustrin
Wendy Glazer
Marsha Badanes

Welcome new Board member:
Gail Wheeler



Happenings in Denver and Vicinity

Fridays Out Front next one on August 16 at 5:30 PM at the home of Bob & Laura Kozarek, 482 S. Magnolia St.

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WDCA Board Meeting every third Tuesday at 7PM BMH BJ Synagogue. Next meeting August 20

Sprout City Farms – Fruit and Vegetable Shares available. The Community Farm at the Denver Green School provides shares of its organic, locally produced eggs, fruits vegetables for sale through October. They also offer classes and farm-to-table dinners. For more information, email csa@sproutcityfarms.org or visit them on-line: <http://sproutcityfarms.org/>

Cherry Creek Farmers Market every Saturday through the end of October 8am to 1pm at Cherry Creek Shopping Center (1st Ave. & University). For more information about the market at Cherry Creek and others, <https://www.coloradofreshmarkets.com/>

Lafayette Peach Festival August 17, Old Town Lafayette on Public Road. Festival showcases arts, crafts and of course Colorado peaches, pies and cobblers: <https://business.lafayettecolorado.com/events/>

Lowry Speaker Series – Eating Recovery Center October 19 7-8 PM at Eisenhower Chapel, 293 Roslyn St. Lowry. A leading clinical expert will discuss why adolescents and young adults are increasingly diagnosed with anxiety and related conditions and how to help them.

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