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## Local Businesses a Big Part of WWP Success

by Charlie Busch, President WWPNA

A neighborhood is composed of more than homes, schools and churches. We all enjoy the amenities of the many restaurants and businesses both within the neighborhood and along Alameda and Broadway. However, you may not know just how directly these businesses support WWP and make our other successes possible.

It has taken a lot of hard work by a large number of neighbors over the past 30 years to create/maintain the idyllic neighborhood of West Washington Park. In the past decade, we have made strides in traffic calming, sound mitigation and zoning for both single family and multi-family residences.

One of the factors of our success is a strong treasury which brings the ability to donate or spend money on neighborhood projects. In the past 8 years, we have had the resources to spend over \$10,000 in each of the following areas:

- Donations to schools & charities
- Support of neighborhood events and causes
- Communicating neighborhood issues
- Funding experts when needed

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## WWPNA Night with the NUGGETS!!

- February 4th, 2011 • 8:30 pm -

**Bring your friends, family & neighbors and watch the  
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The Nuggets are offering a special WWPNA Package on Feb. 4th for ONLY \$20 per person on the Upper Level and includes a free Food & Drink Voucher. These same tickets are normally \$28 with no Food & Drink Voucher included. (Please note that \$2.50 of each ticket will go back to WWPNA and Lincoln Elementary school.)

Food options include: Hot Dog, Pizza, Cheese Steak, Nacho Deluxe, Salad, Bigger Burger, or Chicken Tenders w/Fries. Drinks include Pepsi Products.

Parents! If you'd like to watch the Nuggets warm up from courtside with your child prior to the arena opening to the public, order your tickets by January 31 at 5:00PM. 20 lucky guests will be selected from purchased ticket holders via random lottery and you'll be contacted by Tyler Johnson with the Nuggets to make the proper arrangements.

To order tickets: <http://www.pepsicenter.com/groups/nuggets/westwashpark>

Tickets are limited and are subject to availability, so order early before this offer sells out!

For more information or to order, call Tyler Johnson at 303.405.6075 or [tylerjohnson@pepsicenter.com](mailto:tylerjohnson@pepsicenter.com).

# Reconstruction of Corner Sidewalks for Federal A.D.A. Compliance

by Charlotte Winzenburg, WWPNA Board Member

All the construction on curbs and corner sidewalks in recent months has raised questions about the color of concrete being used and the disposition of large, expensive flagstone slabs that property owners paid for over 100 years ago.

The following paragraphs (edited for space) are the response Public Works gave Councilman Nevitt about the flagstone. Summarized, if you choose to reclaim your stone, it is totally your responsibility and risk. Those slabs can weigh several hundred pounds and without heavy equipment, can take 4 or more strong persons to handle.

Response from Public Works: "The two main issues seem to be;

- Should we modify the construction standard for ramps adjacent to flagstone sidewalk to match the color of the flagstone,
- What notification should we provide homeowners in regard to options for ramp construction and disposition of the removed stone?

The current ramp standard: The adoption of ADA in 1992 included a provision requiring color contrast for partially sighted individuals and detectable warnings for blind citizens to alert pedestrians that they were about to enter an intersection. The Federal guidelines said this would be met by the use of truncated domes, but the Feds also implemented a 10 year moratorium on the use of domes while they studied their effectiveness. At that time the City adopted the standard of red colored concrete with joints in two directions. We began installing the colored ramps in 1993 and continued with that standard until 2003. However, where flagstone walks were

present the ramps matched the color of the walks instead of providing the required color contrast. We installed a few gray ramps in those situations and designated historic neighborhoods rebelled. They liked the matching color even if it didn't meet Federal requirements.

In 2002 the moratorium was lifted, at which time, after many discussions with DC, we were told that there were no alternatives to the detectable warning provision other than the use of truncated domes. We redesigned our standard to go back to gray concrete and red domes, but also knew that any colored concrete would suffice as long as the dome panels contrasted with the concrete. If we had ramps to install in a historic neighborhood with flagstone walks we could use matching concrete and gray domes, both products available off the shelf at slightly higher (but not budget breaking) costs.

Standard contract provisions state that all removed material belongs to the contractor. Some contractors salvage rock for their own use, we've recycled rock on other City projects, or we have stockpiled it for later use. If citizens ask for pieces of rock, we generally will let them have the rock if they are the adjacent property owner. We do have concerns with liability. If we allow a citizen to come and get a 400 lb slab of rock and he blows out his back, is the City or the contractor on the hook for damages? It is easier to keep the citizen out of the loop to protect the City.

Since WWP is not an historic neighborhood, and there is no clear neighborhood 'flavor' to the walks, the inspector did not think twice about using the current City standard during recent construction along Emerson, Washington and other WWP streets.



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With the holidays just wrapping up and the ski season in full swing, it may seem odd to think about the planting season. However, spring will be here soon, and The Park People is busy preparing for the 2011 **Denver Digs Trees**’ distribution. Applications for free and reduced cost street trees must be in by Feb. 15, 2011, and trees will be distributed on April 16.

“We are celebrating our 20th year of the Denver Digs Trees program,” says Kim Yuan-Farrell with The Park People. “We have added more than 41,000 trees to Denver’s skyline, and, because we target neighborhoods with low tree coverage, this massive street tree planting truly enhances our urban forest. We are excited to add Green Valley Ranch to our target neighborhood list this year,” she adds.

Street trees are just \$25, or free to those living in one of the 24

target neighborhoods that face particularly low canopy cover. Those neighborhoods include: Athmar Park, Baker, Barnum, Barnum West, Chaffee Park, Clayton, Cole, Elyria-Swansea, Five Points, Globeville, Green Valley Ranch, Jefferson Park, Lincoln Park, Montbello, Northeast Park Hill, Ruby Hill, Skyland, Sunnyside, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Westwood, and Whittier.



The trees received through this program must be planted in the public right of way, typically the space between the sidewalk and the street. Available varieties include:

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# Local Businesses Part of WWP Success *Continued from Pg.1*

Our largest source of income to support these activities is the Home Tour fund raiser. Local businesses substantially contribute to the success of this event by sponsoring homes, purchasing advertising and donating items to the silent auction.

In 2010, over 75 separate businesses in and around WWP have supported WWPNA in one form or another.

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Overwhelmingly, our support comes from the locally owned businesses in the neighborhood. With the exceptions of Whole Foods and Ace Hardware, the larger chain stores have corporate restrictions making local donations almost impossible. Therefore, in addition to adding to the friendly neighbor ambiance, locally owned businesses contribute to the bottom line in helping to

maintain the character of WWP.

A number of our business supporters belong to a new non-profit in WWP - the Merchants of West Wash Park (MWWP). The group was started by Sandi Segal, a realtor with Your Castle Real Estate. The purpose of the MWWP is to build awareness of the store front merchants located in West Washington Park while fostering good relationships with its residents. [www.ShopWestWashPark.com](http://www.ShopWestWashPark.com).

As we all continue to work together to make West Washington Park a wonderful place to live, please consider patronizing local restaurants and merchants. Many of them support the neighborhood in a multitude of ways.

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Additional tree varieties will be available for sale on distribution day.

“On average, one tree costs The Park People \$125 to provide. Thanks to our sponsors, Denver Digs Trees is able to subsidize much of this cost, providing low cost and free trees to Denver residents,” says Yuan-Farrell.

This year’s Denver Digs Trees sponsors are Xcel Energy Foundation, Colorado Garden Show, Inc. and the City of Denver.

For an application or more information, visit [www.theparkpeople.org](http://www.theparkpeople.org), or call 303-722-6262.

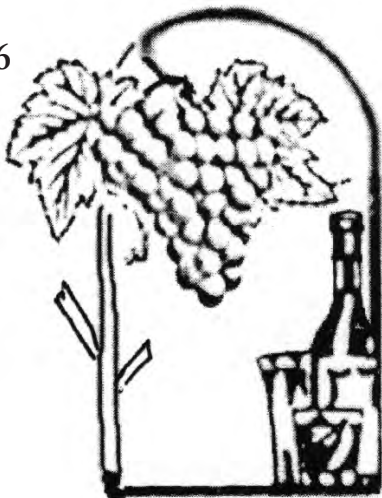
The Park People is a 41-year-old private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing and advocating for Denver’s parks, recreation resources, open space and urban forest. Through Denver Digs Trees, The Park People has added close to 41,000 trees to Denver’s skyline.

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**All of the festivities could not have happened without the support of our sponsors:**

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## Denver Snow Removal Guidelines

By Jim Winzenburg

By law, Denver mandates snow removal in a timely manner. Most neighborhood merchants and restaurants shovel their walks quickly. Why not? It's good for business, since many rely on pedestrians to get to them on foot! Others, however, need reminders that shoveling snow is not only good for business, but it's also legal compliance and it's good manners. Therefore, if you have trouble walking on public sidewalks due to snow, ask the business to shovel. If that fails, call 311 and ask the City to activate its enforcement procedures. Here is a summary of timelines to be followed:

- Businesses: Once snow has stopped falling, businesses have 4 hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their properties.
- Residences: Once snow has stopped falling, residences have 24 hours to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

If a property owner refuses to comply, Denver takes escalating action, which includes a citation that carries a \$150 fine. For more information: <http://www.denversnowplan.com/resources.htm>

## A Tear-Downs and Scrape-Offs Resource Guide

By Jim Winzenburg

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has an on-line resource guide which is intended to serve as "a one-stop-shop for information on teardowns and the tools that are available" in creating strategies for managing scrape-offs. "Residents in communities experiencing teardowns want to know what they can do" to best manage this trend. The Guide shows what various communities have done to reduce teardowns and retain the character of historic neighborhoods. To view this Guide, go to <http://www.preservation.org/issues/teardowns/resource-guide.html>. There you will find information on:

- Advocacy for Alternatives to Teardowns;
- What's Wrong with Teardowns: A Visual Analysis;
- Teardowns in the News; and
- Protecting America's Historic Neighborhoods: Taming the Teardown Trend

Neighborhoods such as West Wash Park might benefit from this Resource Guide, especially if residents want to use the current slowdown to put programs in place before the market for scrape-offs becomes hot again.

## WSCC No Cook Nights and Friday Breakfast!

Don't forget the regular No Cook Nights and Friday Breakfasts at WSCC, 809 S. Washington St. No cook night is always the third Thursday of each month and runs from 4:40-6:30PM. Cost is only \$5 per person. Most Fridays they serve all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8:30-10:00AM. Cost is \$5 for non-members and \$4 for members. Check the WSCC calendar at [www.wsc-denver.org](http://www.wsc-denver.org).

## Washington Park TREE GUIDE

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