

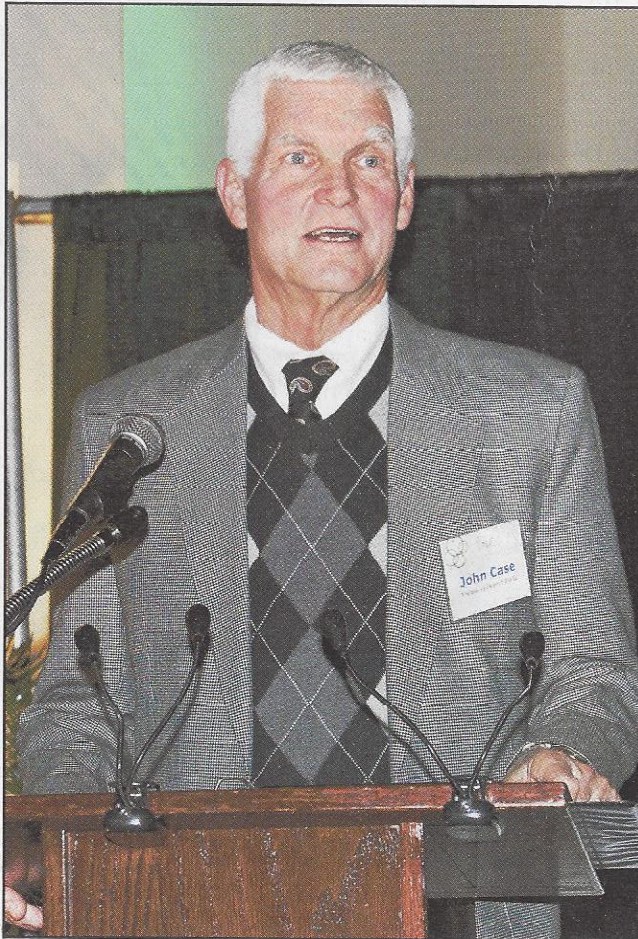
INC Awards: The Real Prize Is Parks

Park Advocates John Case And Dave Felice Honored As INC's Outstanding Good Neighbors

When you think of "good neighbors," consider the significance and impact of parks in your Valley neighborhood. INC — the *Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation* — did just that giving its highest honors at the annual Awards Dinner to *Friends of Denver Parks*, John Case and Dave Felice.

Case — an attorney with the law firm of *Benson & Case* — was presented the *President's Award* — an honor not presented each year. Case is donating his legal expertise to *Friends of Denver Parks*, an organization that is opposing the City of Denver in Denver District Court and the Colorado Court of Appeals. The attorney and *Friends of Denver Parks* are fighting to preserve 11 acres within *Hampden Heights North Park*. The City traded the parkland for an office building.

Felice — who received the *Outstanding INC Delegate Award* — was recognized for his active participation in INC affairs, particularly the *Parks and Recreation Com-*



Rare Honor: Attorney John Case received the rarely presented *President's Award* from John Ambrose for his work to save Hentzell Park open space.

mittee. On the park issue he has declared, "An exchange of Denver parkland for an office building sets an extreme precedent. Once the land is traded for a school, this land is gone forever and cannot be replaced." He is a longtime resident of the Park Hill neighborhood and an At-Large delegate on the *Greater Park Hill Board of Gov-*



Top Delegate: Emcee Josh Davies presents *Outstanding Delegate Award* to Park Hill resident David Felice, right.

ernors. He also helped establish the city's newest Registered Neighborhood Organization — *City Park Friends and Neighbors* — to represent neighborhood interests in City Park.

Neighborhood Stars

Awarded *Neighborhood Stars* — bestowed to a person who has made a difference in their neighborhood — were Bryan Dean, *Hampden South Neighborhood Assn.*; Nancy Barlow, *Cook Park Neighborhood Assn.* and Kate Greeley of *Clayton United Neighborhoods*. Also honored were Robin Riddel Lima, *Golden Triangle Museum District*; Dr. Robert Stencel, *University Park Community Council* and Heather Wilson of the *Winston Downs HOA*.

More than 240 Valley neighborhood and

Denver city leaders, school board and other elected officials braved icy streets to attend the event held Jan. 30 at the *Wellshire Inn Event Center*. A silent auction benefited INC's 18-year history of distributing dictionaries and thesauruses to every third grader enrolled in Denver Public Schools. In 2013, over 6,700 students received personal copies of these books. Josh Davies of the *LoDo Association* was emcee for the event.

INC was established in 1975, the group's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues. INC represents some 50,000 members from the various neighborhoods throughout Denver.