



City News

From



Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz

SOUTHWEST DENVER SEES IMPROVEMENTS

Many positive changes are now occurring in Southwest Denver. We have been successful in improving the quality of life in Council District 2 by working closely with the police department and neighborhood organizations. We were even successful in helping turn back a rezoning effort in Lakewood on the northeast corner of Quincy and Wadsworth that would have had a negative impact on citizens of Denver as well as Lakewood.

To name just a few of the improvements:

- Redesign of Quincy Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard intersection, plus road improvements west on Quincy.
- Drainage improvements in the 7-Springs neighborhood.
- Resurfacing of frontage road north of US 285, west of Sheridan Blvd.
- Upgrades to Sanderson Gulch including new play areas, new picnic areas, trees and shrubs, improved walkways and drainage.
- Renovation of Pinehurst Park playground area.
- Improvements for Jefferson Park playground area.
- Police crack-down on illegal activity in southwest Denver apartment complexes.
- New COP (Citizen Operated Policing) Shop in the Bear Valley Shopping Center.
- Double turn lane for westbound Yale Avenue traffic on to southbound Wadsworth Boulevard.

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FAATZ PRACTICES FISCAL BELT TIGHTENING

From the day my term began I have paid careful attention to Denver's budget, scrutinized proposed ordinances for their fiscal impacts, and examined ongoing issues to make sure our tax dollars are being spent wisely. I believe good fiscal practices start at home so I have been frugal in my office expenditures. My commitment is to make your tax dollars go further!

Among the things I have done to minimize expenses and create an effective District office...

- Chose a small, centrally located office with reasonable rent.
- Turned down a city-owned car, using my own vehicle instead.
- Rejected any future payouts for my own vacation and sick leave.
- Declined having the city pay for a cell phone or similar device.
- Kept the southwest Denver tradition of hiring only one Council aide when other Council offices have two or more.

Citizens of Council District 2 and I share the value of doing more with less. I was elected with this belief and I try to practice what I preach!

COP SHOP OPEN TO HELP CITIZENS

The Bear Valley COP Shop at 3100 S. Sheridan in Unit A-20 is just around the corner from the City Council District 2 office. The COP (Citizen Operated Policing) Shop is operated 100% by volunteers and donations. It can assist you with accident reports; suspected gang or drug activity; found, missing, or stolen items; graffiti; traffic problems; neighborhood parking problems; abandoned vehicles; bicycle registration; neighborhood watch; child fingerprinting and many other issues. Call 720-865-2146 for more information.



Jeanne and retired officer Manny Hayes, a COP Shop volunteer

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

New non-emergency phone number for **District 4 Police**, 720-913-0200. Neighborhood Police Officers Paul Jimenez and John Bronson can be reached at this number.

Denver Urban Gardens announces applications for the Free Vegetable Seeds and Transplants Program. Applications are due by February 6, 2006 and may be picked up at the Harvey Park Recreation Center, 2121 S. Tennyson St.



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Future projects in Southwest Denver include:

- Reconstruction of Federal Boulevard from Louisiana to Jewell.
- Redesign of other park playgrounds: Pinecrest and Hobart & Bates (in Bear Valley) are already in the neighborhood planning process.
- Improvements to restroom facilities in Harvey Park and Bear Creek Park.
- Extension of bike path on Quincy west of Sheridan.
- Reconstruction of "Old Wadsworth," located between Wadsworth Blvd. and Marston Reservoir.

If you know of other projects that need to be addressed, please contact me or my Council Aide Dana Montano (303-763-8562).

CITIZEN SURVEY NETS RESULTS

The enormous response generated by the survey my office sent to District 2 citizens last summer shows we are moving forward in key areas of concern for Southwest Denver. The **1,903 people who participated** in the survey are helping change the way our city operates. These changes include:

- Denver's parade ordinance has been changed to make physically obstructing a permitted parade an enforceable offense. Vote was 88% to make the change, 12% no.
- The city changed its contractor for public access cable television so that General Fund monies would NOT be used. This affects Comcast channels 57, 58, & 59 and Champion channels 65, 71, & 95. Survey vote on whether city General Fund monies should be used was 14% yes, 86% no.
- Denver referred a local Taxpayer Bill of Rights issue to the people on whether the city should be allowed to spend the money it collects within existing tax rates. It passed. On the citizen survey, constituents supported it 67% yes to 33% no.
- When constituents were asked what Denver service should receive more funding, the most frequent request was for more police. City Council responded by adding 19 more police officers to the proposed 2006 budget.
- When constituents were asked what service should receive a lower funding priority, economic development incentives were most frequently mentioned. Council responded by rejecting a city request for up to \$700,000 tax subsidies over five years for a company largely owned by the founder of America Online (AOL). The company seeking tax breaks buys mansions worldwide for luxury vacations for the wealthy.
- The Denver Election Commission intends to pursue Vote Centers as a cost-saving measure in conducting elections. Constituents narrowly disapproved of making that change, 49% saying yes, 51% saying no. Absentee ballots as an alternate voting method will continue to be available by mail.
- The city has located a contractor for photo enforcement of red light traffic violations. Constituents supported this expansion of the photo radar program by a vote of 67% yes to 33% no.

I sincerely wish to thank everyone who participated in the survey.

2006 SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT (SCFD) FREE DAYS

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS (720) 865-3500

Monday, January 16
Monday, February 20
Monday, March 20
Saturday, April 22
Monday, May 1
Monday, June 19
Sunday, July 9
Monday, August 14
Monday, September 18
Monday, October 16

DENVER ZOO (303) 376-4800

Monday, January 16
Saturday, January 28
Thursday, February 2
Tuesday, February 14
Tuesday, October 10
Saturday, October 21
Sunday, November 5
Sunday, November 12

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE (303) 322-7009

Wednesday, January 11
Wednesday, February 1
Sunday, April 23
Wednesday, June 7
Sunday, August 20
Sunday, September 24
Wednesday, November 15
Sunday, December 3

2006 LIBRARY HOURS

New hours for Bear Valley Library

Monday and Friday 10-6 p.m.;
Wednesday and Thursday 12 (Noon)-8
p.m.; Saturday 9-5 p.m.; Tuesday and
Sunday **CLOSED**.

New hours for Hadley Library

Monday and Tuesday Noon-8 p.m.;
Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6
p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday
and Sunday **CLOSED**.