

CITY NEWS

from
Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz

Southwest Denver



Capt. Bart Richards discusses firefighting equipment with Jeanne at the Grant Ranch Fall Migration Festival.

2007 City Budget helps SW Denver

With the economy continuing to strengthen, Southwest Denver will see improvements in 2007. The Bear Valley Library will reopen on Tuesdays, operating six days a week. Harvey Park Recreation Center hours will expand. More abatement services will be available for derelict properties (often in foreclosure). By changing the way police recruits are funded, more money will be available in the police budget for patrols.

My citizen survey showed strong support for firefighting equipment. This budget includes six new fire trucks, with equipment at Station 28 (Quincy & Wolff) and Station 30 (near Belleview & Dudley) slated for upgrades.



Council members Doug Linkhart (l), Jeanne Faatz, and Rick Garcia address public safety issues on Council Matters, hosted by Beverly Weaver.

“Broken Windows” comes to Council District 2

Police and Neighborhood Inspection Services will bring “broken windows” enforcement to Mar Lee and Harvey Park. They will look for crimes of disorder, including abandoned vehicles, property disrepair that violates zoning codes, possible signs of criminal behavior (high traffic in and out of a home, loud parties

late at night, etc.) and will ask neighbors to help them identify problems on their block.

“Broken windows” reduced crime in Westwood, just north of our district, and received strong support from the community. It will be used in other neighborhoods in our district as need arises.

NOTICE

Champion Cable Performance Evaluation

The City's Office of Telecommunications, which enforces cable franchise agreements, has called a Performance Evaluation for Champion Broadband Cable in two District 2 neighborhoods: **Harvey Park** and **Bear Valley**. The evaluations allow neighborhood residents to express their needs and interests regarding Champion, and for customers to comment on the quality of their service. The Harvey Park meeting is on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7:00PM at Sabin Elementary School auditorium, and the Bear Valley meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7:00PM at Traylor Elementary School auditorium. An online comment form will also be available starting in December at www.denvergov.org/telecom.



*For help contact
Councilwoman Faatz
or her aide Dana Montano*

Office:

3100 S. Sheridan Blvd., Unit D
Denver, Colorado 80227
Phone: 303-763-8562

Email:

Jeanne.Faatz@ci.denver.co.us
Dana.Montano@ci.denver.co.us

Project Updates

- ✓ **Federal Boulevard** is scheduled for reconstruction from Louisiana to Jewell. Colorado Department of Transportation problems in negotiating right-of-ways have delayed this project until 2007.
- ✓ **Bear Creek Park** will receive playground improvements in 2007. The community process will begin soon.
- ✓ **Bates and Hobart Park** playground improvements have been planned. Staffing problems within the parks planning department have delayed construction until 2007.
- ✓ **Bow Mar Heights Park** southeast walk will be rehabilitated.
- ✓ **Pinehurst Park and Pinecrest Park** playgrounds have been completed and look great.
- ✓ **Southwest Trail** (near the Southwest Recreation Center) will receive improvements.
- ✓ **A bike path** south of Bear Creek and west of Sheridan Blvd. will be constructed thanks to a federal grant.

Community Reminders

Our Neighborhood Police Officer Jon Dennis can be reached at 720-641-1410.

Denver Urban Gardens applications for the Free Vegetable Seeds and Transplants Program are due by February 5, 2007. They may be picked up at the Harvey Park Recreation Center, 2121 S. Tennyson St. after mid-December.

2007 Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Free Days



Kazi the lion cub was born at the Denver Zoo on October 25, 2006.

Photo by: Denver Zoo / David Parsons

Denver Zoo
303-376-4800
 Monday, January 15
 Saturday, January 27

Thursday, February 1
 Wednesday, February 14
 Tuesday, October 9
 Saturday, October 20
 Sunday, November 4
 Sunday, November 11

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
303-322-7009

Wednesday, January 17
 Sunday, February 11
 Sunday, April 22
 Wednesday, June 6
 Wednesday, July 25

Sunday, September 9
 Wednesday, October 10
 Sunday, December 2

Denver Botanic Gardens 720-865-3500

Monday, January 15
 Monday, February 19
 Monday, March 19
 Sunday, April 22
 Monday, May 21
 Monday, June 18
 Monday, July 16
 Monday, August 13
 Monday, September 17

Summit Tackles Graffiti Vandalism



With graffiti abatement costing Denver taxpayers over \$1 million annually, the city has enlisted the help of other cities and Denver citizens to help solve this problem. A recent citywide summit on graffiti

solicited strategies to fight the vandalism.

Model programs in Albuquerque, NM, and San Jose, CA, provided ideas. Albuquerque uses civil suits as part of its enforcement process. Of the 171 civil

suits filed to date, 132 have included parents as defendants in order to recoup the costs of abatement. The city also keeps a detailed database to aid law enforcement in successfully prosecuting offenders.

San Jose has a proactive approach that includes, "You see it, you clean it." The city focuses on keeping high profile and chronically-vandalized areas clean. It has a 2,800 member volunteer program and provides paint and supplies for the volunteers. The program provides one free clean-up service for property owners, after which owners become responsible for timely abatement on their property.

Continued on page 4

Graffiti

continued from page 3

San Jose also has three full-time officers who build cases by infiltrating graffiti networks. The city tried a "graffiti wall," but abandoned it after three days when vandals spread their graffiti to nearby neighborhoods. After several

years of effort, annual incidents of graffiti in San Jose have declined dramatically.

After presentations, Denver citizens met in small groups to brainstorm appropriate approaches to several aspects of the problem - abatement, enforcement, and prevention. Many citizens volunteered to serve on the graffiti task force subcommittees to generate formal proposals for the Mayor and City Council. Recommendations should be made in about six months. My thanks to the citizens from Southwest Denver who attended the summit and have volunteered time to work on recommendations.

To report graffiti, please call the graffiti line at 720-865-STOP (7867)



PRSR STD
AUTO
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
DENVER, CO
PERMIT NO. 1056

Denver City Councilwoman
Jeanne Fatz
District #2
3100 S. Sheridan Blvd. Unit D
Denver, CO 80227