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*May your holidays be filled with  
peace, health and happiness.*

*Best wishes for a prosperous  
new year.*

*Peggy*

## T-REX Opening Announced!

T-REX Officials have announced November 17, 2006 as opening day for the Southeast Light Rail Line, which will also signify the completion of the T-REX multi-modal project. "I am so pleased to offer this exciting news to my constituents," said Councilwoman Lehmann. "We have consistently praised the T-REX project for staying on-schedule and on-budget. Now we know that the end of construction is in sight and the light rail system will open earlier than scheduled. This is great news for Southeast Denver!"

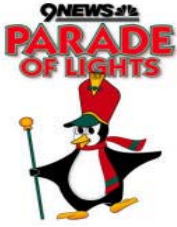
"I am proud to say the design-build contractor, Southeast Corridor Constructors (SECC), will be finished with construction of the T-REX Project next September, which will allow us to complete testing and vehicle safety certification so we can open early on November 17," said RTD General Manager Cal Marsella. "The original opening date was set for June 2008, and after the design-build contract was awarded in 2001, the opening date was moved up to late December, 2006. It is very gratifying to be able to open ahead of both of those scheduled dates."

Significant work still needs to be completed along the T-REX Project in the upcoming year. Remaining tasks include:

- Concrete paving, retaining wall construction and construction of ramps and collector distributor lanes on I-25 in the Narrows
- Reconstruction of the University Boulevard, Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue interchanges
- Landscaping
- The erection of pedestrian bridges
- Installation of the RTD fare collection system
- Completion of Park-n-Rides
- Installation of Art-n-Transit
- Training of light rail train operators and
- Safety certification of the light rail line.

All work will be completed by opening day on November 17, 2006.

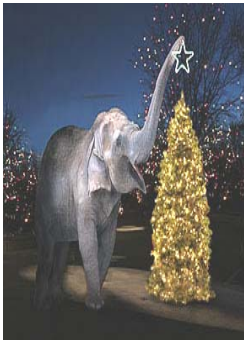
## 9NEWS Parade of Lights



**December 2 at 8:00 p.m. and December 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

The 9NEWS Parade of Lights presents two dazzling evenings of floats, costumes, the state's top marching bands and magnificent lights. Spectator viewing for the parade is free all along the two-mile route, as Downtown Denver's skyline provides a stunning background for the lights and sounds of the parade. The parade begins in front of Civic Center Park and the City & County Building on Bannock Street and 14th Avenue.

## Denver Zoo Lights



**December 9 – January 1, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**

Where wildlife meets wildlights! Denver Zoo Lights displays millions of sparkling lights, featuring glittering trees and animated animal light sculptures! Holiday entertainment, music, warming stations and refreshments make this event an annual family treat.

Visit any Denver area Chick-Fil-A store and receive a coupon for \$2 off your next Zoo Lights visit. For more information on Zoo Lights, please call the Denver Zoo at (303) 376-4800 or email [pphelan@denverzoo.org](mailto:pphelan@denverzoo.org).

## Blossoms of Light



**December 3 through January 22**

Denver Botanic Gardens turns into a winter wonderland as it is blanketed in over 1 million colorful lights illuminating more than 17 acres of the Gardens. A variety of entertainment will be held each evening in the Garden Pavilion outdoor heated tent, Mitchell Hall and also strolling around the gardens. See the sparkling lights magically transformed into shimmering snowflakes through the lenses of our new 3-D HoloSpex glasses. For more information visit <http://www.botanicgardens.org/pageinpage/blossomsflight.cfm>.

## New Year's Eve Fireworks Downtown

**December 31, 9:00 p.m. and at the stroke of Midnight**

To welcome the arrival of 2006, fireworks will twice fill the skies above the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. The first show is at 9 p.m., on December 31<sup>st</sup>, while the second show will officially mark the start of the New Year at midnight.

The two fireworks programs will be identical, and both will be launched simultaneously from dual sites along the Mall. You will be able to view the shows anywhere along the 16th Street Mall from Broadway to Lawrence.

## Recycle Your Holidays



Give your Christmas tree a second chance! Make recycling part of your holiday traditions by recycling your Christmas tree.

For the two week period from January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 13<sup>th</sup>, Solid Waste Management/Denver Recycles will be collecting and recycling old Christmas trees from residential homes that are Denver Solid Waste Management customers. The trees will be ground into mulch which will be available for free to Denver residents in the spring.

Recycling your Christmas tree is as easy as can be. **Here's what to do:**

1. Remove all tinsel and decorations from your tree. NO artificial or flocked trees, tree stands or trees in plastic bags.
2. Set your tree out on your trash collection day near your normal set out location during the two week period starting January 3. Residents with dumpster collection service should place their trees out for collection on Tuesday, January 3 or Monday, January 9.
3. Be sure your tree is set out by 7 a.m. and has at least 4 feet clearance from any containers, bags, dumpsters or other obstacles.
4. DO NOT place trees in dumpsters.

Treecycle helps reduce lofty tip fees at landfills, saves space at the landfill and of course is a valuable resource to our community. Last year's Treecycle program recycled more than 20,000 trees, which were then reclaimed by Denver residents in the form of mulch. Residents may call 720-865-6810 after April 1<sup>st</sup> for more information about the 2006 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale.

### **Recycle your holiday cards and envelopes too!**

Don't let that lovely holiday card and envelope from your Great Aunt Martha go to waste. Recycle them instead! Denver Recycles is now accepting greeting cards and their envelopes in the residential recycling collection program. So, after the holidays are over and you're left with a stack of greeting cards, recycle them in your purple recycling containers instead of tossing them in the trash.

Please no foil type cards or envelopes (no paper with a silvery color).

For more information about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs visit [www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles) or call **720-865-6810**

# Community Updates from the Denver Police



The Denver Police Department wants everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season. We would like everyone to take some special precautions to assure their personal safety and an enjoyable holiday season. We have listed some tips to help keep you safe while shopping and driving.

**Dress Down:** Dress casually and comfortably. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

**Shop Together:** Shop with friends and family. Try not to shop alone, especially at night.

**Educate Your Kids:** Teach kids what to do if you get separated. Tell them to find a store clerk or security person.

**Communicate:** Tell someone where you are going and how long you will be gone. Let them know if you change your schedule.

**Park Smart:** Park close to the store. Avoid dark and secluded areas.

**Lock the Car:** Keep doors locked and windows closed. Remember your keys.

**Stay Alert:** Remember where you park your car. Be aware of suspicious cars and people.

**Watch Your Purse:** Hold your purse close to your body or use a front pocket if carrying a wallet. Preferably wear a fanny pack.

**Avoid Cash:** Never flash large amounts of money. Try to use checks or credit cards instead of cash.

**Use Credit Cards Safely:** Beware of identity theft and keep receipts safe. Record credit card numbers at home and guard PIN numbers.

**Shop in Small Doses:** Make regular trips to the car. Avoid carrying too many packages that put you off balance and make you a target.

**Returning to the Parking Lot:** Have your car keys out when returning to your car. Check the back seat and under the car before getting in.

**Hide Packages:** Store packages in the trunk of the car. Never leave them visible inside the car.

**Act:** Never go home if you think you are being followed or if you feel threatened. Go to a busy well-lit safe place.

**Don't Play Hero:** Comply with a thief's demands. Record an accurate description for law enforcement - height, weight, eye color, hair color, scars, tattoos, clothing and license plate.



The next District 3 Citizen Advisory Board Meeting will be held on December 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the District 3 Substation at 1625 S. University Blvd.

DPD meets with neighborhood representatives on a monthly basis in order to share crime prevention tips and crime trends and listen to community members reports on issues in their neighborhoods.

## Upcoming Maintenance on Goldsmith Gulch

This winter, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District will join Denver's Wastewater Management Division to perform needed maintenance on Goldsmith Gulch between Yale and Iliff Avenue. Maintenance work will include grading the channel and repairing and restoring original landscape designs. If you would like more information on this project, please contact Pat Schuler at 720-913-0619.

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