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Duck Derby a Success for our Schools



We are happy to report that the first Denver Duck Derby was a great success. Over 1,000 rubber ducks were sold and entered into the race and close to \$10,000 was raised to support our local elementary schools: Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens and Southmoor.

A great crowd gathered in George Wallace Park on the day of the Derby. The children attending the race loved watching the rubber ducks race down Goldsmith Gulch and neighbors enjoyed the opportunity to relax in the park while competing for great prizes and raising money for local schools.

“Supporting Denver Public Schools has always been one of my highest priorities,” said Councilwoman Lehmann. “I believe that the health of our community depends on the health of our schools and I am happy to have the opportunity to show my support by hosting such a fun event.”

We would like to offer our wholehearted thanks to the following companies and city agencies whose generous donations made the Denver Duck Derby possible. Please show your thanks through your patronage.

Platinum: Wells Fargo Bank, Whole Foods Market

Gold: DTC/Meridian Business Center, Frontier Airlines, Starbucks

Silver: Bicycle Village, Six Flags Elitch Gardens, Split Image Photography, URS Corp.

Supporting: Colorado Rockies, Cherry Creek Mall, Chipotle, David J. Cole and Associates, Comcast, Darcy's Pub and Bistro, Denver Golf, Denver Parks and Recreation, Denver Zoo, Einstein's Bros Café, Foster Graham, Huttner and Calisher, Inc., Four Points Sheraton Southeast, McCormick and Schmick's, Old Chicago, Red Rocks Amphitheater, Timbuk Toys, Twist and Shout and Zaler's Kosher Meats.



Denver Solid Waste Management is pleased to announce that it will be making some exciting changes. Denver Recycles is launching a new, easy to use recycling program. The program will include an expansion of the types of materials that are recyclable. On June 15, all residents may begin recycling the following additional materials:

- Brown paper bags
- Junk mail
- Office paper
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines and catalogs
- Phone books

Denver Recycles will continue recycling all the materials currently collected:

- Aluminum cans, foil & pie tins
- Newspapers with inserts
- Phone books
- Glass Bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles
- Steel cans and empty aerosol cans

At the same time the new materials are added, residents will no longer be asked to separate their paper and mixed containers into different recycling bins. Denver Recycles will also be slowly replacing the current recycling bins with new, larger recycling containers. This process will take up to five years, so please continue to use your current recycling bins during the transition and take advantage of this expanded program.

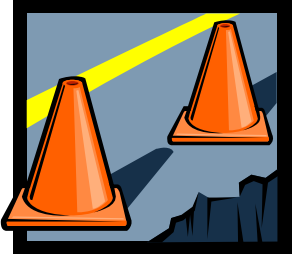
What do you need to do to be prepared for the change?

Please don't start recycling the new materials until you are notified to do so. Denver Recycles is planning to send a postcard to each home with notification of the changes, the start date and any new instructions.

Continue your participation in the recycling program. As with any change and new program, Denver Recycles must prioritize the service provided to existing customers. Although they encourage new people to participate, they want to ensure current customers are satisfied.

Visit <http://www.denvergov.org/recycle/rethink.asp> for the latest news. Feel free to call Denver Recycles at 720-865-6805.

T-REX Alert!



The Hampden Avenue off-ramp from Southbound I-25 and the right lane of Westbound Hampden Avenue across I-25 will be closed for the weekend beginning on Friday night, June 3 at 9 pm and re-opening Monday morning, at 5:30 am.

This closure is necessary for work on the Hampden Avenue Bridge and ramp. I-25 motorists will be directed to exit at Yale, travel west to Colorado Boulevard and south back to Hampden Avenue.

Summertime Safety Tips



The following safety tips from **Lt. James Cosgrove** of the Denver Police Department can help prevent you from being a victim of crime this summer.

-When working in your backyard, lock the front of your home. It is common for thieves to dash in unlocked front doors and steal a purse or wallet.

-Lock the door between your garage and the interior of your home. Don't allow thieves access to your home without making them work at it.

-Close and lock your garage door when not in the garage. This is still, far and away, the most common type of burglary in Southeast Denver. The majority of instances occur when the homeowner simply leaves the garage open. Golf clubs, bicycles, power tools, and sports equipment can be very expensive to replace. Thieves drive around actively looking for open garage doors. ***This happens all the time.***

-Consider installation of an alarm system, even one that is not monitored and just creates noise. In the experience of the detective unit at District Three, it is almost unheard of for a home with some type of alarm to be victimized.

-Be alert for suspicious persons in your neighborhood and local parks. Recently, we have found several burglars using door to door sales and leaflet distribution as a cover for casing homes. Never allow these people in your home, and remember if it doesn't seem legitimate, it probably is not.

-When going on vacation, always stop paper and mail deliveries. Have a neighbor remove packages and advertisements from the front of your home. These all serve as a signal to burglars that no one is home. Leave a contact number so that you may be contacted in event of an emergency.

-Please report any suspicious activity in your community to the Denver Police Department. In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency calls, please call 720-913-2000.

Transportation Town Meeting

Are you frustrated by traffic? Are you interested in shaping our transportation system for the next century? If so, Denver's transportation engineers want to hear from you. On Tuesday, June 28th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Denver Public Works will host a Town Meeting to gather public input for the City's Strategic Transportation Plan. The meeting will include a presentation on transportation planning efforts and provide opportunities for participants to convey their visions and values for Denver's future transportation system. The Town Meeting will take place in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Webb Municipal Building at 201 West Colfax Avenue. To be added to the e-mail list or to get more information on the City's transportation plans go to www.keepdenvermoving.com or call 720-865-3172.

A Community Leader Retires

Councilwoman Lehmann and her staff would like to congratulate Bert Melcher, a resident of Council District 4, on his hard-earned retirement. A member of the original RTD Board, Bert has been a tireless advocate for public transportation and environmental protection. Bert played a crucial role in the successful FasTracks campaign, which will expand light rail throughout the Metro area. As a member of the Union Station Advisory Committee, he worked to ensure redevelopment plans do not compromise the integrity of the historic station. Bert is now leaving his post as Transportation Chair of the Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter. We want to publicly thank Bert for his incredible service to our community. We wish him well in all his endeavors.

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