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## Denver Leaf Drop



Now that leaves are falling, Denver Public Works wants residents to be aware that city ordinance specifically prohibits sweeping or raking leaves into the street. "Street Sweepers cannot pick up an accumulation of leaves. Leaves, which are swept or raked into the street, freeze and cause extensive drainage problems throughout the neighborhoods," said Dan Roberts, director of Street Maintenance.

The best option for keeping leaves out of the street, storm drains and landfill is to dig them into yards and gardens, compost them, or mulch small amounts into lawns. Residents that are unable to use all their leaves can drop them off for recycling at the Leaf Drop sites on the dates listed below.

Sunday, October 30th, November 6th and November 13th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park – 17th Ave. at Sheridan Blvd.

Southwest: John F. Kennedy High School – Newland St. & Brown Pl.

East Central: Cranmer Park – 3rd Ave. & Clermont St.

Weekday drop off sites are open now through December 5th, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

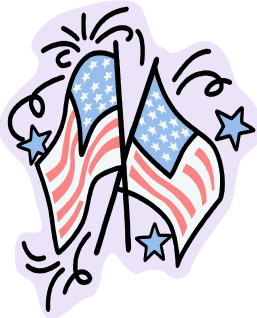
Residents can drop off bagged leaves only at these sites.

Havana Nursery - 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana

Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station - Quebec St. & Cherry Creek Drive South

For more information or in case of bad weather, call 720-865-6810 to check for cancellations or visit [www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles).

## Veterans Day Fireworks Celebration



The annual Veterans Day Fireworks Celebration celebrates the sacrifices and contributions America's veterans have made and continue to make in all corners of the world in defense of freedom. The event will be held at Denver Union Station, 17th and Wynkoop Street, on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. This year's program will include a musical tribute to veterans, a medal presentation from The Forgotten Heroes Project, and remarks by Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper. The lavish fireworks display will begin at dusk, approximately 5:45 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Tri-State Fireworks will once again donate their services in gratitude to all veterans for the sacrifices and contributions they have made. The program is sponsored and underwritten by generous contributions from local businesses. All proceeds benefit VFW Post #1 and its Veteran Service Programs. This year, the officers and members of Denver's VFW Post #1, the oldest and first VFW Post in the nation, have decided to donate all proceeds to VFW Posts along the Gulf Coast who have been affected by this year's hurricanes.

This show is especially appropriate for children and families. Because Veterans Day and its various celebrations fall after Daylight Savings Time, fireworks can begin at the family-friendly time of 5:45 p.m.

## Mayor's Gala Holiday Ball

Tickets for the 2005 Denver Parks and Recreation's "Mayor's Gala Holiday Ball" will go on sale November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at all Denver Parks and Recreation Centers.

This year's event touting a "roaring twenties" theme will take place on Monday, December 12 from 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 1550 Court Place. Tickets purchased in advance will cost \$10, and those purchased at the door the evening of the event will cost \$15. Attendees may also purchase tickets by mail. Send checks payable to the "Manager of Revenue" along with a stamped addressed envelope to Mayor's Ball, Highland Senior Center, 2880 Osceola Street, Denver, CO 80216.

The big band sounds of the popular Dean Bushnell Orchestra will provide music for this elegant evening, and refreshments will be available. KEZW AM1430, Secure Horizons/PacifiCare, Cherry Oaks Retirement Community, RTD SeniorRide and Denver Commission on Aging are hosting this event in cooperation with Denver Parks and Recreation. For additional event information, contact Mary Madrid at (303) 458-4868.

## Zoning Code Update

Denver's last comprehensive update of the city zoning code took place in 1956. Much has change since then. Denver is now overhauling the code in an effort to bring it in line with the city's "visioning" plans, such as the Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000 and Blueprint Denver.

A Zoning Code Task Force and Citizens Advisory Group, both comprised of neighborhood, business and development representatives, have been meeting regularly to guide the work of the zoning code overhaul. You are invited to contribute to this important public process by attending a neighborhood listening session. On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. the Zoning Code Task Force will present its work at Calvary Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Monaco at Hampden. For more public meeting locations and additional information visit: [www.denvergov.org/ZoningCodeUpdate](http://www.denvergov.org/ZoningCodeUpdate).

## Board and Commission Vacancies

Are you looking for an opportunity to help guide the direction of Denver? Plenty of opportunities are available to citizens interested in applying for one – or several -- of the vacant positions on the city's boards and commissions.

### **Current Vacancies:**

Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District  
Four Mile Historic House Board of Directors  
Board of Parks and Recreation  
Commission on Aging (seeking 2 city employees over 60 years of age)  
Denver Parking Commission  
Lowry Community Advisory Committee (seeking residents of Lowry)

### **Coming up in November and December:**

Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board  
HIV Resources Planning Council  
Building Code Revision Committee  
Bicycle Advisory Board  
Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals  
Board of Environmental Health  
Botanic Gardens Board of Directors (must live within 1 mile of the Gardens)  
Business Improvement Districts  
Maintenance Districts  
Mental Health Center of Denver  
Workforce Investment Board of Directors  
Zoo Foundation Board of Trustees

For more information or to apply, contact Chantal Unfug at 720-865-9032, 303-880-1099 or [chantal.unfug@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:chantal.unfug@ci.denver.co.us). For more information about the boards and commissions, visit [www.denvergov.org/Boards\\_and\\_Commissions/613aboutus.asp](http://www.denvergov.org/Boards_and_Commissions/613aboutus.asp)

## Low-Income Energy Assistance

Denver Human Services will be accepting applications Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, for the City's 2005-2006 Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), which helps qualifying low-income residents pay their heating bills each winter.

The program does not pay all energy costs for qualifying residents but instead helps cover those costs to ensure that residents have heat during the winter. In order to qualify for assistance, applicants must be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident and a resident of Colorado. In addition they must either pay an energy provider for their heat or pay for heat as part of their rent. To qualify, an applicant's gross monthly household income cannot exceed federal guidelines.

Denver residents may request an application for LEAP assistance by calling toll-free 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435). Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2006.

Residents who live in apartments and pay for heat as part of their rent may also qualify. You do not need to wait for a shut-off notice from their energy provider to qualify for LEAP. Those who think they may qualify for LEAP assistance are encouraged to apply as soon as possible and not risk receiving a shut-off notice.

For those who do receive a shut-off notice from their energy provider, Denver LEAP staff will expedite their LEAP application and work with their energy provider to try to prevent shutoff.

Residents who qualify for LEAP are also eligible for home energy conservation services through Energy Saving Partners, a state program.

Additionally, Xcel Energy has a Low-Income Assistance Department. The Low-Income Assistance Department assists customers with problems paying their energy bills. Call 1-800-772-7858 and request to be directed to our Low-Income Assistance Department

## Got Kids? Got Choice!



Now is the time to begin thinking about enrolling students for the 2006-2007 school year. The DPS **"Got Kids? Got Choice!"** school fair is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov, 29<sup>th</sup> at the Pepsi Center. New 2006-2007 enrollment guides will be available at the fair.

DPS offers a wide variety of choices including neighborhood schools, magnets, charters schools and gifted programs for kindergarten through eighth-grade students with extraordinary academic needs, abilities and potential. Enrollment deadlines begin Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. For more information, contact the DPS Communications Office at 720-423-3414.

## Share a Cycle



The Share a Cycle campaign is once again collecting used children's bikes to transform into the holiday gift that children have cherished for generations. Bike mechanics will fully refurbish and clean the outgrown and unused kids' bikes for donation to children in need in Denver.

Bikes can be dropped off daily from November 1st through the 30th at three locations: The Cherry Creek Bike Rack, 171 Detroit Street in Cherry Creek North; its companion shop, Campus Cycles, 2102 S. Washington St.; and MOB Cyclery at 4272 Tennyson St.

Share a Cycle is a project of The Cherry Creek Bike Rack with Transportation Solutions "We look forward to making the used bikes donated through Share a Cycle as clean, safe and fun to ride as new ones," said Bobby Verenna, manager of The Cherry Creek Bike Rack and Campus Cycles. "People really like this rewarding opportunity to put their outgrown or extra kids' bicycles to good use."

For more information about Share a Cycle please call Transportation Solutions at 303-377-7086.

## Community Updates from the Denver Police



The Denver Police Department has made it easier to contact the six Neighborhood District Police Stations, Gang Bureau and the Language Line. The new number is 720-913-COPS (720-913-2677): once the number is dialed, instructions are given both in English and Spanish to assist in reaching the Neighborhood Police Stations

This plan was implemented in order to better serve the citizens of Denver and enable our officers to provide high quality public safety services to the community. The public should still call 9-1-1 for emergency calls and 720-913-2000 for police dispatch non-emergency calls.



The next District 3 Citizen Advisory Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



The Denver Police Department presents special courses detailing various aspects of Denver Police to interested citizens. Classes are free, and are one night a week from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. at the Denver Police Academy, 8895 Montview Boulevard. The courses are instructional, and attendees are not expected to engage in strenuous physical activity. Attendees must be at least 18 years old and pass a criminal background check.

Classes are available on:

- Tuesday nights -- January 3 to March 14, 2006 (class 06-01)
- Monday nights -- March 13 to May 22, 2006 (class 06-02)
- Thursday nights -- September 14 to December 7, 2006 (class 06-03)

For more information or an application, contact Di Holmes at 720-913-1038 or email [dolmes@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:dolmes@ci.denver.co.us).

## Medicare and Social Security Callers

:At least 18 companies have begun calling seniors to promote Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is also calling some Colorado Medicare recipients. This may lead to some confusion - and an opportunity for fraud.

Medicare prescription drug companies and agents cannot:

- Call you if you are on the Colorado 'NO CALL' list. (To sign up: 1-888-249-9097 or [www.coloradonocall.com](http://www.coloradonocall.com));
- Send unsolicited e-mails
- Come to your home uninvited to sell any Medicare-related product;
- Enroll you into a drug plan over the phone unless you called them or are adding a prescription drug coverage to your existing Medicare Plan;
- Ask for personal information such as Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, etc.
- Ask for payment over the phone or Internet – they must send you a bill.

SSA has contracted with two companies, NCS Pearson, Inc. and West Corporation, to call over 145,000 Coloradans who have not replied to the SSA mailing on 'extra help' for lower income Medicare recipients. If you receive such a call, it may be to your advantage to understand the 'extra benefit' option. However, these callers cannot:

- Enroll you over the phone; or
- Ask for personal information (although they may verify your address.)

If a caller asks you for your Social Security number or other personal information, or attempts to sell you a Medicare-related product over the phone or e-mail, hang up or delete the e-mail immediately!

Due to the number of Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and companies who offer them, you should thoroughly understand your choices before making a decision. For assistance, contact the Colorado Access to Benefits Coalition at 1-800-503-5190.

## Questions about Medicare Part D?

The Colorado Gerontological Society is sponsoring a major educational outreach project as part of the Medicare Part D initiative. On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., representatives from Medicare, Social Security and the Division of Insurance will discuss Medicare Part D, extra help and enrollment at ten different locations throughout the state. In addition representatives from various plans will be on hand to discuss their plans, as well as experts from Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, BenefitsCheckUp and ABC Coalition to answer questions.

For locations, please contact the Colorado Gerontological Society office at 303-333-3482.

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