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**Happy St. Patrick's
Day**



Denver Parks & Recreation Public Hearings

Denver Parks and Recreation will hold two public meetings and 30-day comment session to collect public feedback regarding a (1) proposed departmental parkway policy and (2) changes to the department's alcohol policy. The public hearings will take place from **6:15pm- 7p.m** (parkway policy) and **7pm- 8pm** (alcohol policy) on **Thursday, March 8, 2007** as part of the March Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. These public hearings will take place at the **Montclair Civic Building** located at 6820 E. 12th Avenue. Public feedback will be taken into consideration in drafting the final policy amendment through **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2007**.

Parkway Policy:

The public hearing will focus on the portion of proposed policy focuses impacting the following:

- Definition of structures, including fences, walls, and other architectural features
- Allowable encroachments into the Parkway Setback
- How to address parkway setback issues for existing non-conforming buildings
- Required submittals and review process
- Appeals

Any written comments should be submitted directly to Denver Parks and Recreation, Attention Andrea Riner, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202; or they can be e-mailed to: andrea.riner@ci.denver.co.us. For more information, please contact 720-913-0662 or visit: <http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/446/documents/02-12-2007.pdf>

Alcohol policy:

In 2006, the Department of Parks and Recreation adopted a policy related to the consumption, serving, and selling of alcoholic beverages in its parks and facilities. One aspect of this policy addressed races and walks that occur in Denver parks. It has since been discovered that State Liquor Laws considers that portion of the 2006 policy arrangements to be illegal.

The new policy proposed will expand the allowable alcoholic beverages to beer, wine and champagne. Special event liquor licenses could also allow the sale of these beverages as compared to the original policy which only allowed the serving of 3.2 beer. In addition, the new policy will allow anyone in attendance to purchase or be served these alcoholic beverages as compared to the original policy, which restricted those allowed to be served to only race participants.

Written comments can be submitted to: Denver Parks and Recreation, Manager's Office, Department 601, Denver, CO 80202. To view the original policy in full, please visit: <http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/476/documents/ALCOHOLPOLICY.pdf>. For more information, contact **Brenda Marquez, 720-913-0739**.

Volunteers Needed for Police Review Boards

Denver City Councilman Rick Garcia, Manager of Safety Al LaCabe, and Civil Service Commission Director Earl Peterson announced that the city is recruiting citizen volunteers to participate on two Police Department monitoring boards: the **Disciplinary Review Board** ("DRB") and the **Use of Force Review Board** ("UFRB"). "The City is looking for fair-minded citizens to provide citizen input into these review processes for both the officers' and the community's benefit. Citizen input is important to police officers who seek a fair hearing and for the community to trust that the Department is open and accountable to its citizens," Councilman Garcia explained.

The Disciplinary Review Board typically reviews discipline imposed when a Denver Police Officer is accused of breaching departmental policy. The review may be at an officer's request or required by the department- usually when the discipline is more extensive. The review board includes three police officers and three citizens, picked from a pool of volunteers. After hearing from both sides, the review board makes its recommendation to the Police Chief.



For an application that further details criteria for selection contact the CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION by phone at **720-913-3370** or at www.denvergov.org/civilservice. Applications should be returned to the Civil Service Commission, Webb Municipal Building, 7th Floor 201 W. Colfax Ave, Dept.1208, Denver CO 80202-5332. Interested individuals are asked to return their completed applications by **March 15, 2007**.

Make Denver Healthy

You are invited to join Metro Area Mayors and the **Metro Denver Health & Wellness Commission** (MDHWC) for a regional public forum on how to create healthy schools, healthy worksites, and healthy communities. MDHWC will have a total of 5 forums throughout the metro area consisting of roundtable discussion and electronic voting on the MDHWC's plan to make the Denver metro area America's healthiest community.

Denver's public forum will take place on **Thursday, March 15th** from **5:30pm- 7pm** in the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (2001 Colorado Blvd., Schlessman Lobby). Food and refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact michele@civicresults.org or call 303-477-9985.

Reducing Charity Junk Mail

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

To reduce charity junk mail, Denver DA Mitch Morrissey suggests:

- ✓ Register with the **Mail Preference Service of the Direct Marketing Association (DMA)**, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512 or www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.
- ✓ Call or write to the development directors of charities soliciting you and ask that you want to *opt out* of list sharing AND you want no further contact.

The DA's Office also recommends:

- ✓ Make an annual charitable giving budget and list – and stick to it! Keep your list to a manageable number of charities.
- ✓ Ask for reports that rate charities and tell you how your donations will be used at these national charity watchdog Web sites: www.give.org and www.charitynavigator.org. For information on local charities, contact the Better Business Bureau: www.denverbbb.org or **303-222-4444**

To read the full alert on *Reducing Charity Junk Mail*, go to www.denverda.org and click on Consumer Alerts. The DA's Fraud Line is 720-913-9179.

CASE is a Partnership of the District Attorney and the Community to Prevent Elder Financial Exploitation

Graffiti Free Neighborhoods

Here are some options available to help keep our neighborhoods graffiti-free:

- Help the City expedite graffiti requests by reporting **EXACT ADDRESSES** & LOCATIONS of graffiti. Example: **ADDRESS:** 1000 Main St **LOCATION:** On the garage facing the alley. It delays the process when vague locations are reported. The abatement crews lose production time attempting to find the locations.
- Encourage the use of the City's **Paint Bank**. Denver citizens can call the **Graffiti Hotline 720-865-STOP (7867)** to arrange to pick up **free** supplies to paint their own property, paint over City dumpsters, and remove graffiti from traffic signs.
- For City assistance in removing graffiti, citizens can call 311, the Graffiti Hotline 720-865-STOP (7867), or go online to www.denvergov.org/graffiti.
- If citizens want to report graffiti for police enforcement, they can fill out an incident report at their district police station or local COP SHOP, or on the City's website www.denvergov.org/police under "Forms". 911 should only be used when citizens witness graffiti activity in progress.

High Utility Bills Got You Down?

Schedule an **energy efficiency workshop** to learn how to reduce your energy bills year-round. Call Xcel Energy at **303-294-2456**. The FREE workshops are designed for community groups of all kinds and conducted by real home energy auditors, who have been helping people make their homes more efficient and comfortable for decades.

You also can visit www.xcelenergy.com, click on Residential then Save Energy and Money for home energy savings tips. If you or someone you know needs help paying their energy bill and may qualify for low-income energy assistance, call 1-866-432-8435. To donate to Colorado's energy assistance fund, visit www.energyoutreach.org.

Committee Members Needed for Constitution Day



Liberty Day national headquarters is looking for volunteers to be on a committee to promote, publicize, and engage Denverites in learning the contents of the United States Constitution. The initial committee meeting will be held in late March, 2007.

If you are interesting in joining this committee, please contact Andy McKean at 303-333-3434. For more information on Liberty Day and Constitution Day, please visit their website, www.libertyday.org or e-mail Mr. McKean at libertyday@aol.com

Denver Golf Courses Re-Open

Several of the Denver Municipal Golf Courses are open for play after being closed since December 19th due to snow. City Park and Overland Golf Courses are open for 18 hole and 9 hole play; Willis Case is open for 9 hole play. Driving ranges are open at City Park, Kennedy, Overland, and Wellshire. The golf shops at all facilities remain open for business.

Off season rates are \$23.00 for 18 holes and \$13.00 for 9 holes Monday through Friday; \$27.00 for 18 holes and \$15.00 for 9 holes Saturday and Sunday. Reservations can be made by calling 303-784-4000 or via the website www.denvergov.org/golf.

For further information please contact Scott Rethlake at 303-370-1554.



Kids Art Camp & Classes

Summer is just around the corner and **The Denver Art Museum** is starting registration for their kid's art classes and camps. The museum has new galleries, classes, and experiences for kids ages 4 to 15.

Registration begins March 5 for DAM members, and March 12 for all others. Ten weeks of programs will kick off June 5. Sign your child up for half-day classes or full-day, weeklong (Tuesday to Friday) camps.

For more information, call 720-913-0048 or visit *classes and camps* on http://www.denverartmuseum.org/learn_and_play/. Scholarships are available.

March Calendar of Events

All About Kids Expo

March 3rd- 4th. Saturday: 10am to 7pm. Sunday: 10am to 4pm. Adult \$10; Children \$5. Colorado Convention Center (700 14th St., Denver). For more information visit www.all-about-kids.org

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Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 11th at **12:00am**. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" your clocks.

Denver Center of the Performing Arts FREE DAY:

Mrs. Warren's Profession

Wednesday, March 14th at **6:30pm** (ticket box opens at 4:30pm). DCPA: 1101 13th St., Denver. Ticket Office: 303-893-4100. First come, first serve. No children under 6 yrs old.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 17th at **10am**. Route: South on Blake Street to 17th Street; turn west to Union Station; turn north on Wynkoop; and end behind Coors Field

Denver Center of the Performing Arts FREE DAY:

Pure Confidence

Wednesday, March 21st at **6:30pm** (ticket box opens at 4:30pm). DCPA: 1101 13th St., Denver. Ticket Office: 303-893-4100. First come, first serve. No children under 6 yrs old.

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

Saturday, March 24th. 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500

33rd Annual Denver March Powwow

March 23rd- 25th. Denver Coliseum (4600 Humboldt St., Denver). FREE admission. Celebrate the American Indian culture with drumming, dancing, and food. For more information visit www.denvermarchpowwow.org

Save the Date

Colorado Rockies Opening Day

Monday, **April 2nd** at 2:05pm. Rockies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Colorado Colfax Marathon

Race Day: Sunday, **May 20th**

Now- May 1st: Early Registration

May 2nd- May 16th: Late Registration

Municipal Mail-Ballot Election

Last Day to Register to vote for the May election: Monday, **April 2nd**.

Election Day: Tuesday, **May 1st**

All ballots must be returned by 7pm on May 1st.

Third Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop

Sunday, **May 6th** at 12:30pm to 3pm. George Wallace Park

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