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Hampden Heights Park

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The Storm Drainage project in Hampden Heights is complete and was celebrated by residents and staff last month. More importantly, during the record rainfall that we have experienced this past month, we were able to see that the new drainage system is working very well.

However, many Hampden Heights neighbors have expressed concern about the restoration of the park areas that were affected by the months of construction.

Please be assured that work is underway by Wastewater Management, Parks and Recreation and the contractor to get the park back to an acceptable condition. It will take at least a couple months to restore the turfgrass areas and a couple years to fully establish the natural areas. The park will have a different look once the natural areas are established.

The plan to convert turfgrass to natural areas is part of the Park Department’s goal to reduce bluegrass turf in certain park areas in an effort to conserve irrigation. Conserving irrigation ultimately reduces water usage and costs. This is especially important in parks like Hampden Heights where potable water is used for irrigation.

As with most natural areas, establishment can be difficult especially given the mild temperatures and large amounts of rain we have experienced lately. Our cool spring and early summer along with the heavy rains have been the opposite of our establishment needs. Based on the changes in the weather, we expect to see better results in the coming weeks and months.

The landscape contractor, over the next few weeks, will be incorporating a cover crop in the natural areas to ensure we have proper soil stabilization which will allow us to remove some of the erosion control measures around the inlets which will allow for better drainage. The cover crop will also help to curb weed growth within the natural areas.

Natural Areas generally take two to three years to fully establish. Weed management is the primary goal during the first two years of establishment. Weeds will be maintained by additional mowing, spot broadleaf spray applications, or removed by hand as necessary. Once established, natural areas require little to no additional irrigation and minimal maintenance (only one or two mowings a year).

The remaining affected turf grass areas within the park will have the weeds removed by use of a broadleaf spray application and then will be over seeded. These areas should be fully reestablished by the end of the growing season, if not sooner.

Greg Cieciek, Denver Parks and Recreation

Rosamond Park Restroom Update



Construction of the restroom building in Rosamond Park is generally complete; however the restroom still needs to be connected to the water line for the facility to become operable. The location of the water line has been difficult to determine for a variety of reasons,

but the contractor has been working with Denver Water to try to determine its location.

Additionally, the concrete trail from the parking lot to the building needs to be completed and the landscaping around the building needs to be restored before the site and building can be opened for use.

Completion of those items is related to resolving the water line issue. It is anticipated that the restroom will be opening in late August, contingent upon the connection of the water line.

INC Library Committee

In response to the current Denver Public Library budget crisis, some of the solutions that are being considered are: closing branch libraries, further review of hours of service, and forming an independent Library District.

The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), concerned that much of the planning and development of these proposals has already taken place without citizen input up front, authorized the formation of a Special Committee to be known as the 'INC Library Committee.'

A goal of this committee is to develop ways that community input can be incorporated into the Library's planning process. They are encouraging all residents to attend Library Commission meetings and learn first-hand about important issues that would affect all Denver citi-

zens. INC is reaching out to anyone who wishes to serve on this committee to help identify and articulate the wishes of the citizens regarding the future status of Denver Public Library.

Any Denver citizen is invited to serve on this committee regardless of membership in INC. Citizen's concerns and passions about the services of Denver Public Library are critical to the foundation of a great community. If you would like to be a part of this committee, receive notification of future Library meetings, or would like to make some suggestions, please provide your name and contact information to Steve Nissen at Pennissen@cs.com or call him at 303-733-8524.

Four Points Hotel Property (I-25/Hampden) has new owners

Highpointe Associates, LLC, is making plans for a multifamily project at the north end of the former hotel property. It will be approximately 350 for-rent apartments wrapped around an interior parking garage and two courtyards. Construction is expected to commence in 2012.

Spectrum Retirement Communities will develop an assisted living facility at the corner of Holly Place and Locust Street.

D.H. Friedman Properties, LLC, is planning to develop the northeast section of the property into a retail development which will include a sit-down restaurant with roof-top patio, a bank, and other retail space broken into three free-standing buildings.



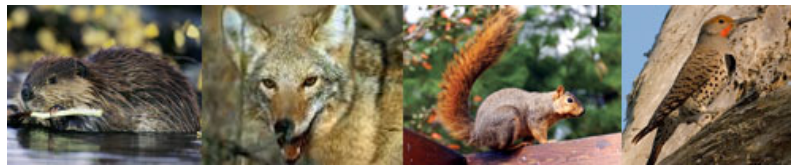
University Hills Senior Residences



Progress continues on the University Hills Senior Residences located at 2775 S. Brook (former University Hills Baptist Church).

Demolition of the church buildings is expected to begin on August 1st.

Wild About Denver - Bird Walk



Come explore nature in Denver Parks!

Wild in the City - Denver Zoo

August 3rd, 6pm at Cook Park (7100 Cherry Creek South, Rec Ctr parking lot)

Bird Walk

September 3rd, 9am at Bible/Hutchinson Park (Yale and Quebec, north parking lot)

Bird Walk

October 8th, 9am at Hentzell Park/Cherry Creek (park at BabiYar Park on E. Yale Ave.)

Free to the public. Registration recommended at 303-455-0785.

To learn more, please visit www.denvergov.org/wildlife

Temporary Light Rail Closures - July 23 through Aug. 14

RTD's FasTracks program continues to progress at Denver Union Station.

RTD will be temporarily closing light rail lines that serve Union Station coming into downtown from July 23rd through Aug. 14th. The lines that serve California Street will continue to operate.

Please visit www.rtd-denver.com for a complete list of dates and line service closures.



"Brush Off" Community Challenge



Denver Public Works, KWAL Paint and 9 News are sponsoring a graffiti paint out and clean up on August 20th. All supplies will be provided.

For more information, please visit www.knowgraffiti.com or call 3-1-1.

2011 Transit Alliance Citizen's Academy

Transit Alliance is the movement to make the Denver Metro region the best place for supporting investment in transit through unique education programs.

The Transit Alliance Citizens' Academy is limited to a class of 60. The application deadline is August 18th.

If you are interested in being a part of this academy, please visit www.transitalliance.org for more information.



New Training Funds available for Denver businesses

Denver Workforce Centers are seeking business partners to participate in the City's Training Subsidy program. The program offers subsidies to qualified businesses to support new hires and training for current staff.

Funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act, the program offers a minimum of 50% of a new hire's wages to subsidize training for a period of up to 6 months. Subsidies for individual positions cannot exceed \$8,000. The Denver Workforce Centers provide qualified, pre-screened workers that closely match the requirements of available positions.

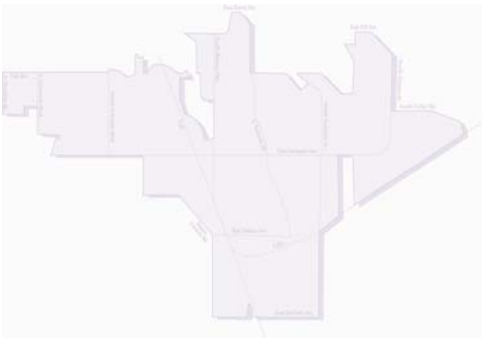
To be considered for the program, a business

must be located in Colorado for at least 120 days, pay into worker's compensation and unemployment insurance, and have not laid off any employees within the last 90 days. Subsidies are only available for full-time positions that provide at least 32 hours of work per week.

For more information or to apply for the program, please visit www.milehigh.com

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August Calendar of Events

District 3 DPD Citizen Advisory Board

August 4th 6pm 1625 S. University Blvd 720-913-2677

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

August 6th 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway 720-865-5000

www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

August 29th 1007 York Street 720-865-3500 www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

August 22nd & 28th 2001 Colorado Blvd 303-322-7009 www.dmns.org



District 3 Denver Police Station



Denver Art Museum

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit www.Denver365.com the online comprehensive event calendar or www.thescen3.org for SCFD Tier III events.