

Denver City Council District 4

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*Wishing you a
Happy Holiday Season
and Joyous New Year!*

Library Renovation Celebration

Please join Mayor Hickenlooper, City Librarian Shirley Amore and Councilwoman Lehmann in celebrating the renovation of the

Hampden Branch Library
December 1st from 5 - 6:30pm
9755 E. Girard Ave.

Enjoy refreshments, flamenco guitar music and children's entertainment.



Babi Yar Park Improvement Open House

December 3rd from 6pm to 8pm
Councilwoman Lehmann's Office
3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

You will have an opportunity to provide input on preferences and priorities for future improvements to the park, such as drainageway improvements, completion of Yale Streetscape, restoration of Star of David Path and the Grove of Remembrance. The improvements are funded by the Parks Improvements Bond Issue approved by Denver voters in Nov. 2007 and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

Community Meeting: Pedestrian Improvements

December 3rd at 7pm
Second Cherry Creek Clubhouse
9128 E. Mansfield Ave.

Please join Councilwoman Lehmann and Denver Public Works Department on **December 3rd** for a brief presentation on the **upcoming bond funded pedestrian improvements along Boston St. and Oxford St.** near the Cherry Creek Townhomes and Dayton Light Rail Station. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions and answers regarding the planned improvements. For questions call our office at 303-504-5781.

Low Cost DOG Spay/Neuter Clinic

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The Denver Dumb Friends League “Lulu” Mobile, a mobile dog adoption truck, will offer low cost spay/neuter services for low income residents at the **Denver Municipal Animal shelter (678 S. Jason St.) on December 5th**. The cost is only **\$50** including vaccinations.

Clinics are first come, first served. Residents must be in line by 7:30 am. Animals go home the same day! For more information go to www.ddfl.org or call our 24-hour information line at 303-751-5772, ext. 7272.

Why spay or neuter?

- Less likely to develop cancers and live longer
- More focused on your family
- Less likely to cause fights or jump the fence and run away
- Most importantly, unable to produce unwanted offspring



DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

Mayor's Gala Ball

December 8th from 7pm- 10pm
Sheraton Hotel
1550 Court Place

The 26th Annual Mayor's Gala Ball, hosted by Denver Parks and Recreation, is an event for older adults throughout the Denver Metro area to ring in the holiday season. Attendees will dance the night away to music provided by the Dean Bushnell orchestra and enjoy festive food and door prizes. This year's theme is the Asian Experience with a live performance from Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi of Denver Performance Team carrying out the traditional dragon and lion dances.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Reserved tables of for 10 are \$225. Valet parking is available for \$12. Will call tickets need to be submitted through Mary Madrid at (303) 458-4868. Transportation provided by RTD SeniorRide, to reserve a bus for 10 or more call (303) 299-6503. For more information call Leah Huffer-Solomon at (720) 865-0825.

Parks & Recreation Draft Policy Public Hearing

Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) is working with the DPR Advisory Board on two policies, **Public Notification & Civic Engagement** and **Admissions Based Events**. A public hearing will be held at the **La Alma Recreation Center (1325 W. 11th Ave)** on **Thursday, December 10th at 6pm**

The Public Notification and Civic Engagement DRAFT Policy is posted for public comment at <http://www.denvergov.org/ContactUs/AdvisoryBoard>. After the public hearing, the DPR Advisory Board has 45 days to make a recommendation to the Manager. This will be followed by a presentation to the City Council Public Amenities Committee. Finally, the policies are formally adopted by the Manager.

If you are interested in having a DPR representative come to a meeting and present these or other policies, please contact chantal.unfug@denvergov.org or angela.casias@denvergov.org. Don't forget you can post your comments online at www.denvergov.org/parksandrec

Support Your Community at the Tree Lot



Optimist Club of Monaco South has been serving youth and the South Metro-Community for 34 Years. Their annual **Christmas Tree Lot Fundraiser** supports over 65 Youth and Community Programs, including Super Citizenship Awards at several Denver Middle and Elementary Schools. They provide Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Food Baskets, and sponsor Respect for Law, and Brain Bowl. Assistance is given to the Denver Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry Race, Thomas Jefferson High School Holiday Craft Fair, March of Dimes Mud Volleyball Tournament, Multiple Sclerosis Society BikeMS event, and many other community projects.

Stop by and purchase a Christmas Tree as well as bring the kids to visit with Santa Claus on weekends. **The Tree Lot is open November 28th- Christmas Eve at the corner of Monaco & Evans (in front of Sears Essentials).**

From the Office of Public Works: Snow Removal Information

Main streets, or most streets with stripes, are the priority for Public Works and our largest plows. These are the streets that carry most of the city's traffic as well as emergency vehicles and public transportation. During major snow events when Denver receives 12" or more of snow accompanied by prolonged freezing temperatures, 4x4 plows may be deployed to simultaneously clear residential, or neighborhood, streets.

In addition to plowing the streets, Public Works may use anti-icer and de-icer to improve the condition of the roads. When snow starts to fall, the application of liquid magnesium chloride as an anti-icer will prevent the snow from bonding to the pavement. However, weather conditions dictate when anti-icing can occur:

After snow has accumulated on the pavement, Public Works will apply a de-icing agent to the streets to prevent the snow from building up and turning into ice. De-icing may be accomplished with the use of "Ice Slicer," a dry, naturally mined mix of chlorides or with liquid magnesium chloride.



DenverSnowPlan.com- Denver's Up-to-Date Snow Removal Website

Denver Public Works has a new tool to keep residents informed of snow removal strategies in real-time. DenverSnowPlan.com will provide information about how Denver Public Works is responding to the forecast, along with de-icing strategies and snow plow deployment information when snow is falling.

A "Current Status" tab relays the most up to date information about Denver's strategy for each snowfall so you know what to expect from the City of Denver concerning response and action during snow season.

How to Make the Denver Difference and be a Denver Snow Angel!

- Get to know your neighbors - keep a list of phone numbers on hand for emergencies.
- Check on elderly and/or disabled neighbors during major snow storms to see if they need help.
- Clear your sidewalk of snow as soon as possible - so that pedestrians and wheelchairs have accessibility
- Go the extra step to make sure the sidewalk on your block is clear of snow so it can be accessible to all.

Check out the resources available in your neighborhood - churches and other community groups often have volunteers available to help those in need.

Sidewalks: Dust Off Your Snow Shovel!

Denver requires property owners to clear their walkways so that EVERYONE has safe access throughout the City! Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers - struggle to negotiate hazardous walkways...Do your part to make our community safe and accessible for all.

- **Homeowners:** Once snow has stopped falling, residences have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **Businesses:** Once snow has stopped falling, businesses have four (4) hours to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **Report a Problem:** Please contact Denver 3-1-1 to provide the address of unshoveled sidewalks.
- **Enforcement:** Denver performs proactive inspections in business districts, and we rely on citizen complaints to help us identify those property owners that need to be educated about sidewalk safety requirements.

When a property owner refuses to comply, Denver takes escalating legal action, which can include issuing an Administrative Citation that carries a \$150 penalty.

Snow Removal on City Owned Property

Denver Parks + Recreation removes snow on park property and select sidewalks, such as bridges and underpasses within the City. During normal snowfall, the snow will be removed as usual, including around recreation centers.

Trash & Recycling During Snow Season:

- DO shovel a path to your recycling cart and trash barrel
- DO keep these containers off patches of ice for safety
- DO make sure recycling carts and trash barrels are clear of snow
- DO put your cart and trash barrel as far in the street as possible - not behind snow banks
- DO leave a 4' space on either side of your barrel and recycling cart allowing easy access by our trucks automated arms.

Resources:

...for those who cannot shovel their sidewalks and neighbors who can not help:

- **Catholic Charities** – Karen Blacker 303-742-0823 ext 2046. She's happy to take calls and connect people as best they can to a volunteer.
- **DRCOG Area Agency on Aging** – Kelly 303-480-6787 - will make connections as best they can.
- **VOA (HandyMan Program)**– Amanda 720-264-3331 - one-time service/connections
- **Senior Resource Center** – Ann 303-235-6973 - will connect on case-by-case issues.



Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will gather information about every person living at each address in the United States. Information for the 2010 Census includes name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. Most people in the Denver Metro area will receive a Census form by U.S. Mail in March 2010. A few remote locations and harder to contact households will be contacted in person beginning in January 2010. It is important to know how to tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist.

- U.S. Census workers will have a badge (no photo), a notebook, a black Census Bureau canvas bag with white lettering, and a confidentiality notice.
- Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. If you ask, the worker should provide you with a phone number to call to verify their employment with the Census.
- Never invite anyone you don't know into your home – no matter who they say they are!
- There are only 10 questions on the official Census form.
- The Census Bureau will not ask for any financial information, such as a salary range, and will NOT ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.
- Census workers will never ask for payment or contributions of any kind.
- Census workers may contact you at your home in person or by telephone only if you are in a hard to access situation or you did not return your mail-in form. They will NOT contact you by email.

For assistance or questions related to fraud, call the Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179.

Fraud Alert: Minimize Your Exposure

One important way to prevent fraud and identity theft is to minimize all the "junk" coming in and going out of your life. Take a few minutes to remove your information from marketing lists by following these easy steps:

Sign up for the *Colorado No Call List* for both your home and cell phones at www.coloradonocall.com or 303-776-2678.

Register with the *National Do Not Call Registry* at www.ftc.gov/donotcall or by calling 1-888-382-1222. Re-register every five years.

Make direct requests for charities and companies with whom you do business to put you on their *Do Not Call Lists*. Take two steps to stop *pre-approved credit card applications*:

1. 'Opt Out' of credit reporting agencies' credit card solicitations at: **1-888-567-8688** or www.optoutprescreen.com.

2. Call your current credit card(s) customer service number(s) (on the back of the card) to 'Opt Out' of all their marketing programs, including *Convenience Checks*.

Request a free *Preferred Service Provider Freeze* by calling 1-800-922-1879 to prevent unauthorized changes to your phone service. Reduce e-mail and junk mail through the Direct Marketing Association at www.dmaconsumers.org (\$1 fee).

Need help or have a question? Call the Denver District Attorney's Fraud Line: 720-913-9196

December Calendar of Events

9News Parade of Lights

December 4th at 8pm & December 5th at 6pm; FREE. Parade will start in front of Civic Center Park and the City & County Building on Bannock Street at 14th Avenue. For the full Parade Route Map please visit www.denverparadeoflights.com.

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

December 4th. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; botanicgardens.org.

Luminarias de Santa Fe Drive

December 4th from 5:30pm to 10pm. 700 to 1000 blocks of Santa Fe Drive. A free festive holiday tradition in one of Denver's premier art district filled with carolers, dancers, Santa Claus, and much more. www.newsed.org.

Blossoms of Light

December 4th – January 3rd from 5:30pm- 10:00pm. Denver Botanic Gardens (1005 York Street). 720-865-3500; <http://www.botanicgardens.org>.

Trail of Lights

December 4th - January 3rd from 5pm- 10:30pm. *Wednesday-Sunday only.* Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton). 303-973-3705; www.botanicgardens.org.

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

December 5th. 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org.

Creative Expressions Center- 21st Annual Holiday Gala

December 5th from 7pm-10pm (Ballroom dance lesson at 6pm). Tickets: \$15 (includes appetizers and dessert bar) Cocktail attire or Uniforms. Creative Expressions Center (Tamarac Square- 7777 E Hampden Ave #233). A USO-style holiday party honoring the men and women who have dedicated their lives to support military forces at home and abroad. For more information or tickets contact CEC at 720-227-8685.

Zoo Lights

December 11th – January 3rd from 5pm- 9pm. Denver Zoo (2300 Steele Street). 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org.

34th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert

December 13th from 1pm – 2pm. FREE. Skyline Park (1825 Arapahoe Street). Tap your toes to over 400 tubes playing your favorite holiday music.

New Year's Eve Fireworks Show Downtown

December 31st at 9pm and Midnight. FREE. The two fireworks programs are identical and both are launched simultaneously from dual sites along the 16th Street Mall in Downtown Denver.

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

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