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*My office would like to wish you a joyful holiday season. We thank you for all the help and support that you have given us this past year and we look forward to working with you again this coming year.*

*There is a lot going on throughout the Denver Metro area this holiday season. We listed some events at the end of Peggy's Pages to get you into the holiday spirit. Have a great holiday season and prosperous New Year!*

-Peggy

## Dancing with Denver Stars

### Mayor's Gala Ball 2008

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

7pm- 10pm

Westin Tabor Center

1672 Lawrence Street

Denver, CO 80202



The Mayor's Gala Ball is an event for adults in the Metro Denver area to ring in the holiday season with a fun-filled evening. Dance the night away to music provided by the Dean Bushnell and a ballroom dance demonstration by Arthur Murray Dance Studios will start the evening.

Open to the Public. Tickets: \$15/advance, \$20/day of event. There will be light dessert, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and door prizes. For more information, please call Denver Parks and Recreation Department at 303-458-4868.

## Jewish Family Services of Colorado News

**Denver Human Services** now has a satellite office in the JFS office building located at 3201 South Tamarac Drive. Every Wednesday and Friday, at this office, Human Services will accept applications for Food Stamps, Medicaid, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), Old Age Pension (OAP), Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND), and other human service programs. This service is very beneficial to clients who need multiple services and for whom the trip to the main DHS office at 1200 Federal is a difficult undertaking.

**The Weinberg Food Pantry** is looking for individuals to assist in the distribution of food to hungry persons and families in the Denver community. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with a very diverse population in a highly rewarding team environment. For more information, please contact [Nancy Benyamin](mailto:Nancy.Benyamin@weinbergpantry.org) at (303) 597.5000 x369.

### DIA Performance Series: Relax Under the Big Top

Musicians, dancers and other entertainers will make Denver International Airport more festive during the busy Thanksgiving/Christmas travel season. For 17 days - from **November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8am until 5:30pm**, DIA will host its International Performance Series, featuring regional entertainment. Musicians and dancers will be presented throughout Jeppesen Terminal's Great Hall and passenger check-in areas. Airport guests and employees might be serenaded by a classical flutist, enjoy a dance to the vibrant sounds of a Brazilian quartet, or hear some of the finest Gospel or area school choirs.

### Holiday Clothe-A-Kid Program

**Clothes to Kids of Denver, Inc. (CTKD)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing new and quality used clothing to low-income, school-aged children in Denver County, free of charge in a store-like setting. With over 47,000 children in the Denver Public Schools system identified as coming from low-income families, CTKD works to supply them with clothing that makes them feel good about themselves and to help relieve their families of that extra financial burden.

With the Holiday Season and cold weather approaching, the needs for clothing are at their peak. Donations of new and quality used clothing, especially new boys and men's socks and underwear, will help CTKD clothe the needy children of Denver during this time.

If you would like to donate clothing, you can drop them off at:

**2890 S. Colorado Blvd. Unit 15-P**

(In the University Hills South Shopping Center in between the Chez Artiste Theater and Tuesday Morning)

If you have monetary donations you can send them to:

Clothes To Kids of Denver, Inc.

P.O. Box 260621

Lakewood, CO 80226-0621

For more information, please visit <http://www.clothestokidsdenver.org/>



# Citizens Emergency Response Training

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF A DISASTER HIT CLOSE TO HOME OR WORK?

Sponsored by Denver's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Denver Fire Department, and Denver Police Department this 16-hour disaster preparedness and response training will include how to plan for a disaster and teach basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. At the completion of this training, participants are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in our community.

**December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>\***

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Denver Police District #3**

1625 South University Blvd

FREE to the public (40 participants accepted)

**For More Information and Registration:** <http://www.denvergov.org/oem>; Carolyn H. Bluhm, OEM: 720.865.7600; or email, [DenverCERT@denvergov.org](mailto:DenverCERT@denvergov.org)

\*Both days are needed to receive a certificate

## Is There Money for Business & Real Estate Development?

### **Tools for Funding Business and Real Estate Development**

*A FREE Forum on Financing Options for Businesses and Developers*

The Denver Office of Economic Development invites you to a forum to learn about public/private lending programs and resources for developers, businesses & entrepreneurs.

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30-10:30 am (program begins at 9 am)**

**Invesco Field at Mile High, media room**

The room is accessible through the north loading dock area, below Gate 5. Free parking is available in Lot L, directly north of the loading dock area.

A group of organizations will provide an overview of its financing tools and offer tips on tapping into those funds. A business resource fair, featuring information from each of the panelists and other organizations, will be held following the panel discussion.

### **Registration**

The event is free, but pre-registration is required. To register, email Artamis Byars, [artamis.byars@denvergov.org](mailto:artamis.byars@denvergov.org), or call 720-913-1660.

## Name that Complex

Mayor John Hickenlooper is inviting Denver citizens to submit suggestions for naming the two central buildings of the City's new Justice Center Complex – the Detention Center and Courthouse.

Per City ordinance, public buildings can be named only for “outstanding persons who have been influential in the cultural, political, economical or social life of the community or in recognition of an individual or corporation which has contributed substantial funding for the construction of the public buildings or major component of public buildings.” Anyone can submit a naming suggestion if they provide at least 100 signatures supporting the suggestion and a reason why the building should be named after the suggested individual.

The City's Office of Human Rights and Community Relations will collect proposals through **December 10<sup>th</sup>** and submit them to the Justice Center Citizen Naming Task Force.

For more information or to submit naming suggestions, contact Anthony Aragon at 720-913-8462 for complete instructions and a petition form.

## Sweet Victory

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, following a public hearing, the Denver City Council passed the proposed language amendment to the Municipal Code to allow the keeping of **two** domestic honey bee hives as an accessory to a dwelling unit in residential zone districts with the following conditions:

- Hives must be in the rear 1/3 of the zone lot with a 5 foot setback from side and rear zone lot lines.
- Hives must be screened so bees have to fly over a 6-foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the property.
- No outdoor storage of any been paraphernalia or hive materials not being used as part of a hive is permitted.

For anyone who might be interested in taking up beekeeping, it is highly recommended that you enroll in a beekeeping course. Please contact the following places to get more information on their courses:

Denver Botanic Gardens: Contact Jo at 303-972-4952 or Liz at 303-335-8392

Denver Urban Gardens: Contact Laura at 303-292-9900

Boulder County Extension: Contact Amy at 303-678-6238 or [astolken@co.boulder.co.us](mailto:astolken@co.boulder.co.us)

If you have more questions about the ordinance please contact: our office at 303-504-5781.

## Theft from Motor Vehicles

There has been an increase in Theft from Motor Vehicle incidents. Suspects are smashing vehicle windows and stealing purses, briefcases, wallets, electronics and other items left in the vehicle. These incidents are occurring in the afternoon into the late evening during various days of the week. About 50% of the incidents are occurring on roads and alleys, 40% are occurring in parking lots and 10% at residences.

### Prevention Tips

- Lock your vehicle doors
- Arm your vehicle alarm
- Put valuable items in the trunk
- Park in a busy, well lit area



District 3 Tip Line: 720-913-1178

## Hard Times Make Easy Times for Schemers!

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey:

As we ride out the current economic hard times, don't let financial schemes make your situation even harder. With the rise of unemployment, turmoil in financial institutions, and uncertainty with investments and home mortgages, people become more vulnerable to financial scams. Here are some of the scams that are on the rise as the financial crisis worsens.

- **Transfer Money from Financial Institutions** – Scammers claiming to be from Citibank recently sent out an email advising people to transfer their money to a "safe" overseas location in case U.S. financial institutions collapse.
- **Work-at-home Schemes** – Recent work-at-home schemes set people up to lose money or even pull them into illegal businesses, posing as someone else or shipping stolen merchandise overseas.

### Typical Work-at-Home Schemes:

- *Directories or diskettes listing work-at-home opportunities*
  - *Envelope-stuffing*
  - *Processing medical insurance claims*
  - *Craft assembly*
  - *Chain letters*
  - *Merchandise middleman*
- **Credit Repair Offers** – Avoid offers from credit repair companies claiming they can save you money while requiring a payment upfront. Good financial planners need to review your records BEFORE advising you. Don't send money to credit repair companies in order for them to send that money to your creditors. Do it yourself.

Denver District Attorney's Office: 720-913-9036

## Designer/Contractor Work Fair

**Better Denver Bond Program** is having a work fair for designers, contractors and subcontractors to learn about job opportunities on bond projects, and to become aware of the requirements and processes of how to do business with the City of Denver.

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

10am- 3pm

Colorado Convention Center (Room 101-102)

# December Calendar of Events

## Denver Police Dept. Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

**December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** District 3 Police Department (1625 S. University Blvd.) The objective is to form a partnership of communication where crime prevention and crime trends can be shared with the community and the community can report on quality of life issues. For any questions, please contact Tech Tony Burkhardt, [Anthony.Burkhardt@denvergov.org](mailto:Anthony.Burkhardt@denvergov.org).

## Trail of Lights

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm- 8:30pm.** Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton). 303-973-3705; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org).

## Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

**December 5<sup>th</sup>.** 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; [botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org).

## 9News Parade of Lights

**December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm & December 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.denverparadeoflights.com).

## Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

**December 6<sup>th</sup>.** 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org).

## Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

**December 7<sup>th</sup>.** 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org).

## Colorado Christmas

**December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm.** Four Mile Historic Park (715 S. Forest St.). Experience Four Mile House decked out for the holidays, play Victorian games with Father Christmas, make your own gingerbread fantasy, sample chestnuts roasted on an open fire, string your own popcorn and cranberries for the Four Mile Tree and much more. \$7adults, \$4 seniors/students, free 5 & under \***Horse-drawn rides & food available.** 720-865-0800; [www.FourMilePark.org](http://www.FourMilePark.org).

## Zoo Lights

**December 12<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm- 9pm.** Denver Zoo (2300 Steele Street). 303-376-4800; [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org).

## Cherry Hills Vista Community Holiday Party

**December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm- 6pm.** Hillcrest Church (3000 S. Race St.). Bring your favorite board games to play and holiday treats to share (beverages provided). For more information, please contact George Gramer at 303-993-8502.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tuba Christmas Concert

**December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 2pm.** FREE. Skyline Park (16<sup>th</sup> Street & Arapahoe St.). Tap your toes to over 400 tubes playing your favorite holiday music.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminarios de Santa Fe Drive

**December 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm 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](http://www.newsed.org).

## New Year's Eve Fireworks Show Downtown

**December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9pm and Midnight.** FREE. The two fireworks programs are identical and both are launched simultaneously from dual sites along the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall in Downtown Denver. Form more information, call 303-534-6161 or visit [www.downtowndenver.com](http://www.downtowndenver.com).

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