

Denver City Council District 4

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Our office would like to personally thank each one of you for being a great neighbor, working together, and having immense patience throughout this unusual winter. We know the multiple snow storms have created difficult conditions throughout city streets. Please be assured that Public Work employees are working overtime to try and relieve the current situation and get the streets cleared.

Due to constituent and City Council frustration with the lack of information on snow removal schedules and progress, Denver City Council members have had several meetings with Mayor John Hickenlooper and Bill Vidal, the Manager of Public Works. In response, a daily plowing schedule was created so that citizens will have an idea of where the plows are planning to go that day. To view today's plowing schedule and proposed upcoming schedules (weather permitting), please go to "SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL UPDATE" on Denver's website, www.denvergov.org.

We will continue to work with Public Works and the Mayor's office to make sure that they are aware of Council District 4's concerns. Thanks once again for your patience and understanding.

- Peggy

A Message from the Office of Mayor Hickenlooper

You and your communities have experienced an incredible series of storms. The storm on December 21st was one of the top twelve snowstorms Denver has had in the past 60 years. Of those twelve storms, only this and one other were within the coldest months of December and January, and as you know, the persistent cold temperatures have kept us from our usual rapid melt. All told, 58" of snow fell in the months of December and January. We're just a little over a month into the winter season, and have had few days with temperatures above freezing.

Through these six storms in as many weeks, and entering the 7th, we want to thank you for your patience, feedback, and cooperation. Public Works is working hard to address all areas of concern as efficiently as possible. Removing several inches of compacted snow and ice is a monumental task, and we have all available equipment and able bodies at work. You can check the current location of these crews at www.denvergov.org "Snow and Ice Removal Update" (on the right). The information is updated daily Monday through Friday.

Many of you have volunteered countless hours assisting neighbors in need with shoveling and other tasks, and we thank you for your commitment to those who need it most. As we continue on with freezing temperatures, we urge you to check on elderly or disabled neighbors, pets and family members to ensure that they have heat, food, and medications. Even with light snow accumulation, these neighbors will surely need assistance making their sidewalks passable once again, and we encourage you to do all you can to help.

Those most vulnerable to the bitter cold are our homeless. If anyone comes across a homeless person or persons that need assistance, they can contact the **Denver Outreach Collaborative (DOC)** in the following manner: **6 a.m. to 10 p.m.—(303) 285-5258 (if you reach voicemail, call (720) 629-2007). Please use 911 for any emergencies, and 311 for all other information.**

Sidewalk Safety



A safety message from Neighborhood Inspection Services...

Residents and businesses need to clear a safe path on sidewalks located adjacent to your property for children going to school, neighbors headed to the bus stop to get to work, and letter carriers bringing us our mail. Please pitch in to help elderly and mobility impaired neighbors who are having difficulty with the unusually large amounts of snow we have had this winter.

Property Owners don't have to remove all the snow, just a safe path. Please don't put snow onto the street as passing vehicles will splash it back onto your sidewalk. The sooner you clear a path after each snowfall, the better. As people walk on the snow it will compact and may turn into ice. The frequent freeze and thaw cycles we experience in Denver often cause icy conditions on previously shoveled sidewalks. Common ice melt products should be used to combat the ice.

If you encounter a problem property in your neighborhood, please call 3-1-1 with the exact location. A Neighborhood Inspection Services staff member will visit the property and educate the responsible party about Denver Sidewalk Safety requirements.

Denver Infrastructure Priorities

As many of you know, the Infrastructure Priorities Task Force (IPTF) was established to thoroughly examine and prioritize the short and long-term capital facilities and infrastructure needs of the City in the areas of Public Works, Cultural Facilities, Community Planning and Development, Human Services, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and Municipal Buildings. Many of you participated in community meetings late last fall where you heard about the important work of these subcommittees. Now each of the above subcommittees has completed and submitted draft reports and recommendations to the Executive Committee of the IPTF. The Executive Committee, after gathering additional public input, will put together their recommendation for presentation to the Mayor and Council.

Rather than approach Denver voters every few years with immediate needs, the Task Force is working to engage the community in proactively evaluating and prioritizing citywide infrastructure priorities – both short and long-term – in hopes of preparing a forward-looking, comprehensive, and prudent fiscal package. **It is critical that your input and priorities are part of the discussion.** City staff will work diligently with the Task Force to ensure that costing of projects submitted by the subcommittees is rigorous.

Many of you and your organizations have devoted time and attention towards engaging with members of the Task Force, and again, your participation moving forward is essential. We hope you'll continue to visit the **interactive website** devoted to the work of the Task Force at www.denverinfrastructure.org. We'll keep you informed of community meetings and other ways to be involved.

Thank you for your interest and involvement. We are grateful to all of the citizens who are donating their time, energy, and expertise to this important process.

1st Urban Ski and Snowboard Rail Yard



Winter Park Resort and Denver Parks and Recreation have joined together to bring the first-ever skier and rider urban rail yard to Denver's Ruby Hill Park. **Ruby Hill Rail Yard** is designed to fit into Denver's urban recreation needs as well as Winter Park Resort's multicultural youth initiatives.

This is a **FREE** rail park to all Denver's youth, as well as a home to future freeride events. Ruby Hill Rail Yard is expected to last through the end of February, weather permitting.

Ruby Hill Park is located between West Florida & Jewell Avenues and between South Platte River Drive & Quivas Street. Ruby Hill Rail Yard will be open from **5 a.m. – 11 p.m.** For more information about Winter Park Resort, please visit www.winterparkresort.com or call (970) 726-1564.

2nd Annual In Good Company Conference

On Thursday, **February 22nd** the SBA and NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) will host its second **In Good Company - Strategies & Tactics for Entrepreneurial Women conference**.

In Good Company – Strategies and Tactics for Entrepreneurial Women is the only conference designed to focus specifically on Colorado women business owners. You won't want to miss this full day of educational workshops, keynote presentations, networking, and access to business resources!

In Good Company is co-presented by the Denver Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO-Denver) and the Colorado District Office of the Small Business Administration (SBA).

In Good Company offers information and resources to foster your entrepreneurial spirit and help you grow and develop your business. Conference activities are designed for business owners in all phases of business—from start-ups to multi-million dollar enterprises.

For more information or to register, visit our web site at: <http://www.nawbodenver.com/ingoodcompany/>

A promotional graphic for the In Good Company Conference. It features logos for NAWBO Denver and SBA, with the text 'presents...'. Below the logos are three Polaroid-style photos of women. To the right is the 'In Good Company' logo with a stylized figure holding a sun. Text below the photos reads 'Thursday, February 22, 2007', 'Adam's Mark Hotel - Denver, Colorado', and 'Visit www.NAWBODenver.com/InGoodCompany for details and to register!'. A yellow starburst in the bottom right corner says 'Early Bird Price ONLY \$14.9 Through 1/26/07'.

A Fresh Look for the City

As of January 19th, 2007, Denver launched a new Web site in an effort to improve customer access to information on the Web. Along with a completely fresh look and an easy to use navigation system, the new site features a new search engine and real-time news feeds to keep users informed of current government issues and community initiatives.

Check out Denver's new look at www.denvergov.org. Also, while you are surfing the site, please feel free to visit Council District 4's website, www.denvergov.org/councildistrict4. We appreciate any feedback and comments on information we can add/change/delete to help make your search easier.



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Fraud Alert!

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey...

Top 10 Ways to Prevent Fraud in 2007

10. Don't withdraw or wire money at the suggestion of a stranger who claims you've won the lottery, claims to have found a lot of money, or requests to help distribute money to a charity.
9. Only hire licensed contractors that you've checked out with the Better Business Bureau, and never do business with door-to-door contractors or those asking for money in advance.
8. Have Social Security and other benefit checks direct deposited in your account; mail checks inside the P.O. or bank online; have new boxes of checks sent to your bank rather to your home; use a cross-cut shredder.
7. Don't keep your purse, checkbook, laptop computer or other identifying info in your car and, keep your car locked at all times.
6. Don't carry your Social Security card or checkbook in public, and keep your wallet in a hidden or secure pouch – not your purse.
5. Get your free credit report every year from all 3 credit bureaus (www.annualcreditreport.com or 1-877-322-8228) and consider putting a Security Freeze on your credit file (info at www.denverda.org.)
4. Never sign legal papers, make an investment, or sign mortgage documents without reading and understanding what you're signing – no matter how much you know or trust someone. Get a second or third opinion from a banker, attorney, CPA or other trusted advisor.
3. Choose your Power of Attorney with care and set up a system of checks and balances so no one person has complete control.
2. Don't talk to strangers on the phone, at your door, or on the street.
1. If in doubt, call the Denver DA's Fraud Line – and talk to a live person!

**For assistance call the
DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179**

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February Calendar of Events

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

Friday, February 2nd from 9am-5pm. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Road; Littleton, CO 80128; 303-973-3705

Target FREE 1st Tuesday Night @ the Children's Museum

Starting Tuesday, February 6th from 4pm- 8pm come play for FREE at the Children's Museum of Denver (2121 Children's Museum Drive) every first Tuesday of each month. For more information, please call 303-433-7444.

Ballads, Bugs, and Ballet

Sunday, February 11th from 2pm- 4pm. \$7 per person. Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast (I-25 & Hampden). Kids and Parents are welcome to come and experience interactive youth education programs offered by the Central City Opera, the Butterfly Pavilion, and Ballet Nouveau Colorado. For more information, call 303-292-6700.

Colorado Railroad Museum FREE day

Sunday, February 11th from 9am-5pm. 17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden, CO; 303-279-4591

Denver Museum of Nature and Science FREE day

Sunday, February 11th from 9am- 5pm. 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO; 303-322-7009

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE Day

Monday, February 19th from 9am- 5pm. 1005 York Street, Denver, CO; 720-865-3500

Denver Restaurant Week

February 24th-March 2nd, 2007. A seven-day celebration of the culinary scene in Denver. Over 140 participating restaurants will offer a multi-course dinner for the fixed price of \$52.80 for two, or \$26.40 for one (not including tax or gratuity). It's a wonderful opportunity to visit some of Denver's classic restaurants. For more information, please visit: <http://www.denverrestaurantweek.com/>

Buffalo Bill's Birthday Celebration

Sunday, February 25th, 2007 from 12pm- 3pm. Celebrate Buffalo Bill's 160th birthday at the Buffalo Bill Grave & Museum. 987 1/2 Lookout Mountain Road Golden, CO 80401; 303-526-0744; <http://www.buffalobill.org/>

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