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Ducks, Sun, and *Fundraising* Proves to be a Success

We are happy to report that the **Second Annual Denver Duck Derby**, sponsored by Councilwoman Lehmann, was a huge success. Over 2,800 ducks were adopted and entered into the race, and approximately 500 people attended the event. This year we will give Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens, and Southmoor Elementary over \$2,000 each to use for projects important to their school. This money will help fill gaps that have been created due to DPS budget cuts.

The Denver Duck Derby was a wonderful opportunity for the schools and community to come together, relax, and enjoy a beautiful day at George Wallace Park, while raising funds for our schools.

We would like to recognize and give our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors who so graciously donated to this year's Denver Duck Derby. Please visit these establishments to show your thanks.

Our **Platinum** sponsor, **Whole Foods Market at Tamarac**, went above and beyond by donating 3,000 rubber ducks, a \$500 gift certificate prize, and supplying food for spectators at the race. Thank you Whole Foods Market for continuing to give back to our community and supporting a truly unique and fun event for the children.

Gold: DTC/Meridian Business Center and Shea Homes Foundation, Frontier Airlines, Denver Wastewater Management Division

Silver: Bicycle Village, Foster, Graham, Milstein & Calisher, LLP, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Wells Fargo

Bronze: Comcast, CRL Associates, Kroenke Sports Enterprises, Six Flags at Elitch Gardens, Winter Park Resort

Supporting: Ace Hardware at Tamarac, Beau Jo's Pizza, The Bookies, Denver Botanic Gardens, The Butterfly Pavilion, Cherry Creek Mall, Colorado Athletic Club Monaco, Columbine Realty Inc., Comedy Works, David J. Cole and Associates, Deep Rock Water, Denver Golf, Denver Parks and Recreation, Denver Zoo, Duffey's Bakery & Cafe, Fresh Fish Company, Four Points Sheraton Southeast, McCormick and Schmick's, Metro Kitchen & Bar, New York Deli News, Old Chicago, Quizno's Subs, Red Rocks Amphitheater, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Timbuk Toys, Twist and Shout, Welchert & Britz, Yanni's: A Greek Taverna.



Vote Centers: Changing the Way Denver Votes

Beginning with the August 8, 2006 primary election, the City of Denver will implement a new way of voting. **Vote Centers will replace the traditional precinct polling places.**

Federal regulations are requiring Denver to meet new election site specifications that are compliant with the Help America Vote Act and Americans with Disabilities Act. With the help of grants from the federal government, the Denver Election Commission will be purchasing new voting machines to meet these requirements.

What is a Vote Center?

- A Vote Center is a polling place open to any voter from any precinct in the City and County of Denver.
- Denver will have 47 Vote Centers located conveniently throughout the city instead of 292 polling places. A Vote Center will have 8 to 20 voting machines. Each Center will be wired for internet and computer accessibility.
- Vote Centers will have well-trained staff, customer service specialists, and election judge supervision, making it easy to cast your ballot.
- All Vote Centers will be compliant with the Help America Vote Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Absentee Voting and **Early Voting** will continue to be a convenient way for Denver voters to cast their ballot. Applications to request an absentee ballot have been mailed to all eligible voters. If you wish to receive an absentee ballot, send this application to the Denver Election Commission as soon as possible. **Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot.**

Early Voting will take place 10 days before the August 8 election and 15 days before the November 7 election.

VOTE CENTERS in the southeast area include:

Hampden Library	9755 East Girard Ave.
Calvary Baptist Church	6500 E. Girard Ave.
Eisenhower Park Recreation Center	4300 E. Dartmouth
Cook Park Recreation Center	7100 Cherry Creek Drive South
Syracuse Plaza	4333 S. Syracuse St.
District 3 Police Station	1625 S. University Blvd.
Harvard Gulch	550 E. Iliff Ave.



For more information contact the Denver Election Commission 720-913-8683

3-1-1: Denver's New Customer Service System



In **July**, the City of Denver will initiate a 3-1-1 customer service call system for the citizens of Denver. People in Denver will be able to call one number to get information or submit requests for city services such as Neighborhood Inspection Services, pothole repair, or locations of election sites. It will include a tracking system so each customer will be able to track the progress of their request. Constituents will also be able to contact the call center through www.DenverGov.org/311.

Parks and People Partnership Training

Denver Parks and Recreation have put together a **Parks and People Partnership** training course for those citizens who are interested in helping evaluate Denver's park system. If you are interesting, there is a mandatory one hour training session which explains the park evaluation process and you can pick which park to evaluate.

The next training will be at **Cook Park Recreation Center on Saturday, June 3rd from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.** If you are interested in the Partnership, please contact Raeann Gagne at 720-913-0668. If you can't make this meeting, don't worry, the next course will be at the Mokery in the Montclair neighborhood on Thursday, July 13th from 7 P.M to 8 P.M.

Bike to Work Day

June 28th is Colorado's Bike to Work Day! With gas prices rising, why not step out of the car and take the challenge to ride your bike to work? Last year there were over 18,000 people who participated and saved Denver over 268,000 miles of vehicle traffic. Let's make this year bigger and better. Many companies throughout the city have volunteered to be a breakfast stop, providing breakfast and safety advice if you are having technical problems.

Go to <http://www.drcog.org/btwd2006> and register. There are prizes to win, so don't forget to register!



Summer Time with Denver Parks + Recreation

Wondering what to do with the kids this summer? Enroll them in Denver Parks and Recreation's **Summer Camp** and **Summer in the Parks 2006** program which offers fun and enriching activities at several locations throughout the city. These programs will provide field trips, arts & culture, outdoor adventure, sports fitness, and lots of fun.

Camp dates are from June 5th to July 28th and are designed for children ages 6 to 12 years old. Please register before June 6th. For more information, please visit www.denvergov.org/recreation or call 720-913-0693.

Emergency Telecommunication Report

Early this year, the City of Denver's technology team proposed an upgraded radio system to improve communications among police, firemen, and emergency response vehicles in the metro area. The current emergency radio system is outdated and there are several areas in the city where there are "dead zones" which have no coverage, creating potential hazards for Denver's public safety personnel and citizens.

To accomplish this upgrade, six new communication towers are required, five of which will use existing facilities around Denver. The sixth recommended site called for construction of a new 200 foot tower in the Hillcrest neighborhood at the Denver Water Board site.

Following a community meeting where many citizens and neighborhood groups expressed concerns about the location of the proposed tower, an Emergency Telecommunications Facilities Task Force was formed. This Task Force, consisting of representatives of neighborhood organizations, Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, and key city personnel, met several times to review options for alternative sites.

The Task Force unanimously recommended the following:

1. Approving a 6-Site Emergency Communications System using two roof-top antennas on the Four Points Sheraton (Hampden and I-25) instead of the 200 foot tower in the Hillcrest area.
2. Enhancing the 6-site communications coverage with additional in-building communications systems in 3 buildings that would have been covered by the Hillcrest site.
3. Approving an amendment to an existing city ordinance which requires that "emergency telecommunications" facilities (towers and antennas, etc) must meet the same neighborhood notice provisions, setback, design and other requirements that apply to all other telecommunication's facilities, except that emergency antennas may rise 20 feet above a structure instead of only 14 feet.

These recommendations were presented at a community meeting on May 18th and received a favorable response from those in attendance. A public hearing on the proposed amendment regarding emergency telecommunications facilities will be held at the City Council Meeting on June 12th at 5:30 P.M.

Something to do 365 Days of the Year



Want something fun to do this weekend, but not sure what is going on? The Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau have launched www.denver365.com, the premier year-round guide to what's going on in Metro Denver. You will find an endless array of activities for all 365 days. Discover festivals, special events, films, free events, or look into what the Denver Museum for Science and Nature has to offer.

Congratulations to Councilwoman Lehmann!

On Friday, May 23rd, at the Southeast Business Partnership's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon Program, Councilwoman Lehmann was presented with an award for Outstanding Contributions to Economic Development. Councilwoman Lehmann played a key role in creating a successful partnership within the T-REX project, bringing business leaders and elected officials together. The Coalition works together to ensure that T-REX is a well managed project, promoting successful business and employment opportunities in the Southeast Denver area. Congratulation Councilwoman Lehmann!

Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Denver Police Department District Three is hosting their monthly **Citizen Advisory Board Meeting on June 7th at 6 P.M. in the community room** at the District Three station (1625 S. University Blvd.).

The Advisory Board's goal is to meet with the neighborhood organization representatives on a monthly basis, 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 Sgt. Kevin Bray at 720-913-1163 or e-mail address: BrayK@ci.denver.co.us

Civic Center Farmer's Market



Summer is here and that means fresh fruit, vegetables, gourmet food, and handmade products at Denver's wonderful Farmer's Markets. This year, **Civic Center Park, in Downtown Denver, is hosting a Farmer's Market from June 14 through September 27 on Wednesdays from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** at the plaza between the Voorhies Memorial and the Greek Theatre (Civic Center Park is located between the City and County Building and the State Capitol on Lincoln Blvd.).

Presented by Civic Center Conservancy and produced by Tri-County Farmer's Markets, the Civic Center Park Farmer's Market will include over 30 vendors selling a variety of Colorado products. Local restaurants will cook on-site, providing visitors with a complete lunchtime dining experience in an old-fashioned harvest market environment.

There will be more than food and fun at the Civic Center Farmer's Market. Other activities include **People Speak**, an area for public dialogue where people may express their opinions about issues of the day, complete with a "soapbox". Also, ArtsStreet, another partner organization, will be creating a two-mile **Sports-Health-Wellness-International Goodwill mural** during selected Farmer's Markets. This mural is in support of the UNESCO Decade of the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence among children of the World (2001-2010).

For additional information about Civic Center Farmer's Market or Civic Center Conservancy, call 303-312-4286 or visit www.denverccc.org (available after June 5, 2006).

3rd Annual Denver Housing Fair

The City and County of Denver, Housing and Neighborhood Development, and the Office of Economic Development are sponsoring the **3rd Annual Denver Housing Fair on June 5th from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the Webb Municipal Building**. This event is *free* to the public and will help you uncover everything you need to know to make your home buying experience as simple as possible. There will be information about down payment assistance loans, floor plans on a variety of housing options (apartments, single family, townhomes, and lofts), details on buying your first home, and much more. For more information contact Stephanie Inderwisen at 720-913-1546

Summer with the Denver Public Library

Join the Denver Public Library from **June 5 through July 18 at the Downtown Denver Central Library** for their new series of events and classes (all programs, classes and events of Fresh City Life are *free* and open to the public). Enjoy their fun summer film series, performance pieces, Comedy 101, photography, and Laugh + Learn + Eat classes.

For a schedule of events, please visit <http://denverlibrary.org/fresh> or pick up a brochure at one of our branch library locations.

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