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All City agencies will be closed on Thursday, January 1st and Monday, January 19th in observation of New Years Day and MLK Day.

Please note that your trash and recycling services will be delayed one day.

District 4 Bond Project Update

There are several projects underway or are planned for 2009 that are being funded with the Better Denver Bond Money, voted for by the public in 2007.

DTC Parkway

Portions of DTC Parkway between Belleview and I-225 have been replaced with new segments of concrete.



Yosemite Wall: Installation of panels complete

Replacement of safety wall and painting of the wall along Yosemite between Oxford and Kenyon has been underway since November. Approximately 188 of the existing ceramic hollow brick panels have been replaced with reinforced pre-cast concrete panels.

Currently a base coat, which acts as a primer, is being applied. When the weather is warmer, a second coat of stain will be applied that more closely matches the existing brick color.

Thank you to the Cherry Creek Townhome homeowner's who have been very supportive during this project by allowing equipment to be stored in the parking areas while the project was underway.

New Restrooms: Bible Park and Rosamond Park

Denver Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce that Bible Park and Rosamond Park are each slated to receive a new restroom. The location for the restroom will follow the guidelines set forth in the Restroom Master Plan and input from park users and staff. The attractive, functional and durable building design is prototypical based on the design guidelines developed for the master plan.

Site design will occur early next year and construction is proposed for later in 2009/early 2010. The restroom building cost is budgeted at \$230,000 and site development and utilities are projected to be about \$60,000.

Recycle Your Tree After the Holidays. Jan. 5th – 16th



Denver Recycles' annual **Treecycle** program will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees this holiday season. The Christmas trees are ground into mulch, which is made available free to Denver residents in the spring at the "Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale." Treecycle helps Denver avoid using landfill space, paying disposal fees and allows the City to provide residents with a valuable resource, mulch made from used Christmas trees.

Recycling your tree is easy!

1. **Remove all tinsel and decorations** from your Christmas tree. **Christmas trees only.**
2. **Manual & Barrel customers** set your tree out on your normal trash collection day near your normal set-out location during the two week period starting January 5th. **Dumpster customers** set your tree out for collection on January 5th or January 12th and it will be collected during that week.
3. Be sure your tree is **set out by 7am** and **at least 4 feet away** from any containers, bags, dumpsters or other obstacles.
4. **Do not** place trees in dumpsters or carts.

For more information about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs call **3-1-1** or visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Pipes Frozen?

Record low temperatures have property owners asking what they should do about water pipes on their property. To avoid the expense and inconvenience of frozen, broken water pipes, Denver Water has some tips to get ahead of cold-weather plumbing breaks.

To keep your pipes from freezing, Denver Water recommends the following:

- Keep open cabinet doors leading to exposed pipes (such as access doors for sinks), so that household air can warm them. The natural flow of warmer air will help combat many problems.
- If you have an attached garage, keep its doors shut.
- Crack a faucet farthest from the place where your water enters the house. A very slow drip will keep water molecules moving, reducing the chance that pipes will freeze. Place a bucket underneath the faucet so the water can be saved for other household uses.
- Keep your thermostat set above 65 degrees when leaving your house for several days.
- Insulate pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before.
- Know the location of your water shut-off switch and test it regularly.

If you think a pipe has already frozen, do the following:

- Don't wait for nature to take its course: Thaw the pipe as soon as possible or call a plumber for help.
- If you do it yourself, shut off the water or test the shut-off valve. You don't want water suddenly gushing from the pipe when it thaws.
- Remember: When thawing things, slower is better.
- A hair dryer trained at the frozen area of the pipe is appropriate. A blow torch is not. Pipes warmed too fast may break anyway.

More tips are available on Denver Water's Web site, www.denverwater.org, or by calling (303) 893-2444.

Denver's Snow Removal Plan

The city of Denver has expanded its snow removal plan to provide the best service to our residents during this winter's major snow events (A major snow event occurs when 12 inches or more of snow falls between November 15th and March 15th, accompanied by freezing temperatures).

In addition to plowing main streets, the city will deploy many light plows (pick-up trucks mounted with plows) to clear residential or neighborhood streets.

How you can help:

For your safety and the safety of others, homeowners are required to clear their walkways **within 24 hours of a snow storm**. Businesses and apartment building owners are required to clear walkways within **four hours after snow stops falling**

- Check on elderly or disabled neighbors-offer them a hand with shoveling
- Go the extra step to make sure the sidewalk on your block is clear of snow so it can be accessible to all
- Give snow plows room to work and, if possible, park off-street until they've cleared your block
- Be sure trash and recycling containers are visible: Keep them off patches of ice for safety.

ICING IN THE CURB AND GUTTERS

Although Denver's climate is such that we frequently have sunshine and warmer temperatures after a snowstorm to melt the snow quickly, occasionally we experience an extended cold-spell or a period where the daytime temperatures are insufficient to cause the snow to entirely melt and find its way to a storm drain.

Other factors that lead to partial melting and ice accumulation in the gutter and street are vehicles that compact the snow in the street and the shadow of trees and structures.



You can be pro-active to help prevent icing:

Property owners can apply de-icing materials to the sidewalks in advance of forecasted snowstorms. Placing de-icing materials on the pavement before the storm makes snow and ice accumulation less likely and removal much easier. In addition, **do not push snow into the streets as** it will exacerbate ice formation in shaded areas. Instead place removed snow on lawn areas or move to a sunny location where it can melt (as long as it does not create other safety hazards by doing so). If you have an accumulation of ice in the gutter please contact 3-1-1 to request ice-blading.

For details on Denver's snow removal plan, go to www.denvergov.org/Street_Maintenance

Ruby Hill Rail Yard Opens



Returning for its third year and scheduled to open on January 17th (weather permitting), **Ruby Hill Rail Yard** brings the excitement and energy of skiing and snowboarding to Denver. Opening day will feature demonstrations by Winter Park athletes, live music and guest appearances by KTCL 93.3, giveaways and free snowboard lessons for local youth interested in trying a new sport or fine tuning their already learned techniques.

New this year, Denver Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Christy Sports to provide **Free** ski and snowboard rental every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 pm. – 8 pm. and every Saturday from noon – 8 pm.

Returning for the second year is *Jibbin' for the Kids*. Every Tuesday and Wednesday from January 27th through the end of February, Snowsport Outreach Society (SOS) and Denver Parks and Recreation's outdoor recreation team will provide lessons to local teens. Lighting and generators will be at the park every evening until 9 p.m., facilitating evening access for youth and parents who want to come with the children after work.

Ruby Hill Park is located off of South Platte River Drive and West Florida Avenue. The Rail Yard is **FREE** and is open every day from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call Denver 311 or visit www.denvergov.org/rubyhillrailyard.

Ruby Hill Rail Yard is made possible by the generous support of Winter Park Resort, Burton Snowboards, Christy Sports, Johnson Controls, S.O.S., 93.3 KTCL and Wahoo's Fish Tacos.

Fraud Advisory

It has been brought to our attention by local consumers, the Better Business Bureau in Denver and the Colorado State Attorney General's Office that a company called Colorado Corporate Compliance (CCC) is using misleading scare tactics to lure companies into hiring its professional services.

Companies are reporting that they have received an official looking document titled "Annual Minutes Disclosure Statement." The document, though unclear in its actual intent, offers to provide the writing of corporate documents, in particular meeting minutes, for \$150. It cites a portion of a California State record reporting code, which addresses the requirement for a corporation to keep adequate records. However, CCC does not point out that the section of the code quoted apparently only applies to nonprofit religious organizations. The correct procedure for filing corporate documents in the state of Colorado can be found on The Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.co.us.

The document, which is attached, uses misleading tactics such as:

- It bears an official looking seal.
- A Corporation Disclosure Act clause is cited.
- Each document appears individually dated.
- The service offered is vaguely worded.

Burglary Prevention Tips

Although home burglaries may seem random in occurrence, they actually involve a selection process. The burglar's selection process is simple. Choose an unoccupied home with the easiest access, the greatest amount of cover, and with the best escape routes. Help minimize your risk by making your home unattractive to potential burglars.

Doors and Locks

- Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, knob-in-lock set with a dead-latch mechanism
- Use a heavy-duty, four-screw, strike plate with 3-inch screws to penetrate into a wooden door frame
- Use a wide-angle 160° peephole mounted no higher than 58 inches

These tips below have been provided by CrimeDoctor.com: This is an excellent website/resource that offers many more tips on keeping your home, your family, and your neighborhood safe.

If you are interested in setting up Neighborhood Watch in your own neighborhood, please contact one of the Community Resource Officers at Denver Police Department- District 3; Technician Cari Jimenez, or Technician Tony Burkhardt 720-913-1300.

FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving on the *volunteer* **FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee** (CAC). The Board of Directors recently expanded the CAC from eleven to seventeen members and will appoint six additional members in March 2009.

The FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee advises the District on matters relating to the implementation of the voter-approved FasTracks Plan. CAC appointments are made to ensure a broad representation of stakeholder interests, to achieve diversity, and to provide geographical representation within the district. Selection criteria considered by the nominating committee will include, but not be limited to, residency within the Regional Transportation District, a demonstrated interest in public transit and/or the FasTracks Plan, previous community service, experience in working with local jurisdictions on regional issues and professional expertise.

Committee Application Process:

To apply, submit a one-page letter to Roger Sherman, RTD FasTracks Team, 1560 Broadway, Suite 650, Denver, CO 80202; emailed to roger.sherman@rtd-fastracks.com; faxed to 303-592-5460. The letter and supporting materials should be received by close of business **Friday, January 30th** and should include: (1) a brief statement of interest in serving on the committee, (2) specific qualifications for serving on the committee, (3) highlights of related experience and expertise, (4) a resume, if available.

To receive more information, please contact Roger Sherman at (303) 299-6918 or at roger.sherman@rtd-fastracks.com.

January Calendar of Events

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

January 2nd. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

January 3rd. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Children's Museum of Denver FREE Night

January 6th from 4 pm- 8 pm. 2121 Children's Museum Dr. Target sponsors a free night for playtime with special story times and more! 303-433-7444; www.cmdenver.org.

Denver Zoo

January 10th. 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

January 11th. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org.

Denver Parks and Recreation Genessee Park "Snowshoeing 101"

January 13th from 8am- 4:30pm. Cost: \$20. An introduction to snowshoeing. Needed gear will be provided, along with basic instruction and helpful tips to make your experience more enjoyable. Bring a lunch, hot cocoa will be provided. For more information and to register, please call Denver Outdoor Recreation at 303-370-6669.

Denver Center for the Performing Arts FREE DAY

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January 15th. Ricketson Theatre at DCPA (1103 13th St.). No reservations; box office opens 2 hours before performance; one ticket per person; first-come first-served; no children under 6 years old. For more information on times, please call 303-893-4000 or visit www.denvercenter.org.

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

January 19th. 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; www.botanicgardens.org

Citizens Emergency Response Training

January 24 & January 31 from 8am- 5pm. People House (3035 West 25th Ave). A FREE 16-hour disaster preparedness and response training that includes how to plan for a disaster and 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. This training is open to the public. *Both days needed to receive a certificate.* For more information and registration:

<http://www.denvergov.org/oem>; 720.865.7600; or email, DenverCERT@denvergov.org.

Denver Parks and Recreation

Deer Mountain Hike (Rocky Mountain National Park- West Side)

January 28th from 7:30am- 5pm. Cost: \$20. Rocky Mountain National Park is spectacular any time of year, but is particularly magical in winter. Explore the lower portion of the Deer Mountain trail, which features super views and moderate climb. For more information and to register, please call Denver Outdoor Recreation at 303-370-6669.

**Diane, Sunni, and I
would like to wish
you a very Happy
New Year!**



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