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**All City agencies will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observation of MLK Day.**

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

## RNO/HOA Open Registration

Open registration for Neighborhood Organizations and Home Owner Associations will be **available until January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Our office continues to stress the importance of registering with the city due to Denver's growth and development.

**Registered neighborhood organizations receive notification of applications for rezoning, liquor and cabaret licenses, noise variances, and other important matters.**

Deadline for registration is **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. All groups can register at:  
[http://www.denvergov.org/Neighborhood\\_Response/Registration/tabid/391287/Default.aspx](http://www.denvergov.org/Neighborhood_Response/Registration/tabid/391287/Default.aspx)

**Previously registered groups must re-register each year**

## Southmoor Station Plan on Hold

A message from Denver's Community Planning and Development Office:

Several months after the planning process began for the area around the Southmoor Light Rail Station, the Planning Department was made aware of a long standing development agreement between the Southmoor Park East Homeowners Association and Gart Properties (aka Contalp LLC) for the site generally described as the movie theater and surface parking area. This development agreement establishes a specific path for how the site could redevelop. Since this is a large portion of the proposed planning area and the agreement carries stronger weight than a city plan, we feel that a new plan for that area could not be implemented due to the development agreement.

**Therefore, to move forward with the station planning process, there would need to be agreement from both parties to re-open the agreement and consider changes.**

Due to this situation, the city planning process for the area is on hold until, or if, both parties have that conversation and changes are made to the agreement.

We will keep you informed about the status of the Southmoor Station Plan and any future meetings. We hope this e-mail finds everyone well and excited for a new year! Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

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## Treecycle

**December 31<sup>st</sup>- January 11<sup>th</sup>**



Denver Recycles' annual **Treecycle** program will be recycling thousands of Christmas trees into mulch again this holiday season. Denver Recycles grinds the Christmas trees into valuable mulch, which is made available FREE to Denver residents in the springs **Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale**.

Have your tree **set out by 7am** at your normal trash location (at least 4 feet away from any containers, bags, or dumpsters). Remove all tinsel and decorations. No artificial or flocked trees, tree stands or trees in plastic bags.

For more information about **Treecycle** and other Denver Recycles programs visit [www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles) or call 720-865-6810.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crime Summit

Denver Police District Three is pleased to announce the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Three Crime Summit** that will be taking place on **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008** from **8:00am to 4:00 pm** at the **District 3 Police Station, 1625 S. University Blvd**. The Crime Summit is a time for all of the community members and leaders to come together to get involved in proactive approach against crime.

The summit includes a day long conference which includes speakers from the crime lab, traffic operations, nuisance abatement, sex assaults, the gang unit, and vice narcotics. At the end of the day they will take some time to get together with individual neighborhoods and discuss specific issues and work towards formulating plans to solve the issues.

Also this year they will be introducing a youth crime summit on the same day. Students from the area high schools and middle schools will be in attendance and have their own discussion regarding crime. They will have speakers from the graffiti unit, computer crimes, and the gang unit and also vice narcotics.

Space is limited so please RSVP to Toni Mahr at [toni.mahr@denvergov.org](mailto:toni.mahr@denvergov.org) or 720-913-1178.

# Winter Reminders

## Sidewalk Safety



Sidewalks are to be shoveled after each snowstorm by the adjacent property owner. Businesses must clear walkways within 4 hours after a snowfall. **Residential properties have 24 hours.** Watch for adjacent snow melting that creates puddles that later freeze. It may help to place common ice melt products, cat litter or sand on icy spots to provide traction. If you have a concern in your neighborhood, call Neighborhood Inspection Services at 720-865-3200 or call 311.

## Auto Theft Prevention

With wintertime approaching, it becomes more and more tempting to warm up your vehicle in the morning and leave it running while unattended. This activity results in a large portion of the auto thefts throughout the city. The Denver Police Department would like to remind you that not only does this practice make a vehicle easy prey for a thief, it is an infraction of the law and you can be ticketed.

# Xcel News

## Help Keep Your Neighborhood Lit

Good street lighting is an important part of your community. Xcel Energy owns and maintains most of the streetlights, responding to outages and installing new lamps and poles when needed. Xcel crews look for broken and burned out or flickering lights, but aren't able to find them all. You can help Xcel keep your neighborhood well lit by notifying them of malfunctioning lights. To report an outage, go to [www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting](http://www.xcelenergy.com/streetlighting) or call **1-800-895-4999**. Please provide them with as much information as possible to locate the pole (nearest street address, cross street, directional position of the pole, etc.). If possible, please include the 13-digit facility tag number listed on the street light pole.

## Free Home Energy Workshops

Xcel Energy is offering **free** presentations on home energy efficiency in the Denver metro area now through April 1, 2008. The workshops offer practical advice from certified energy auditors. The workshops are great for HOAs, neighborhood groups, service clubs, church groups and other community gatherings. Please feel free to distribute this information through newsletters and websites.

The hour-long workshops help homeowners learn how to reduce energy bills and increase comfort. The information includes low-cost and no cost tips, plus for larger investments, which to consider first and which will yield the greatest benefit. To schedule a workshop, call **303-294-2476**.

## New Year's Resolution Solution

Need an affordable solution to that fitness New Year's resolution? Denver Parks and Recreation (P+R) is offering **three months free with a six-month membership purchase**. P+R has 29 centers throughout the City that offers a wide variety of amenities, including fitness centers, indoor and outdoor pools, gyms, and racquetball courts. They also offer a large selection of programs in the areas of fitness, aquatics, sports, social enrichment, arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, and special events.

New Year's Resolution Solution memberships can be purchased at any recreation center and are available January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 - January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Memberships are universal, allowing accessing to all 29 centers. This offer may be purchased for use at a later date for people who may already have an existing membership. For a complete list of recreation centers or for more information, visit [www.denvergov.org/recreation](http://www.denvergov.org/recreation) or call City Services at 311.

## Ride the Ruby Hill Rail Yard

Returning for its second year, Ruby Hill Rail Yard brings the excitement and energy of skiing and snowboarding to Denver with a one-of-its-kind ski and rider urban rail yard. Scheduled to open on January 19<sup>th</sup>, **Ruby Hill Rail Yard** will feature six rails of varying configurations and levels of advancement. The rail yard will be open through the end of February 2008 with weather permitting.

Opening day will feature demonstrations by Winter Park athletes and free snowboard equipment and lessons for local youth interested in trying a new sport or fine tuning their already learned techniques. Every Monday from January 28 through February 18 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Snowsport Outreach Society will partner with Denver Parks and Recreation's outdoor recreation team to provide lessons and snowboarding equipment to local teens.

Ruby Hill Park is located off of South Platte River Drive and West Florida Avenue. The Rail Yard will be open every day from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call Denver 311 or visit the Web site [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org) and click on Parks and Recreation.

## Hang Up on Phone Fraud

Telemarketing fraud is a serious problem – and it appears to be growing as our population ages. If you receive a call telling you are winner, remember:

- Ignore all mail and phone solicitations for foreign lottery promotions
- In both the U.S. and Canada, it's illegal to play a foreign lottery
- Don't send any money for taxes, fees, or other charges
- Don't give out your credit card and bank account numbers
- If you respond to just one foreign lottery or fraudulent sweepstakes offer, you've opened the door to many more bogus offers
- If you want to get rid of a bothersome telemarketer, give them the **Denver DA Fraud Line – 720-913-9178!**

For more information go to [www.denverda.org](http://www.denverda.org) and click on Consumer Alerts.

## DUG Seed Applications Available

Don't miss out on your chance to order **FREE vegetable seeds and transplants** from **Denver Urban Gardens**. Applications are now available to Denver residents who meet low to moderate income guidelines. Applications can be picked up at 35 distribution centers throughout Denver.

### Southeast Denver pick-up sites:

Cook Park Recreation Center: 7100 Cherry Creek Dr. South. 303-692-5659

Eisenhower Recreation Center: 4300 E. Dartmouth Ave. 303-692-5650



**The application deadline is Monday, February 4, 2008.** Seeds will be delivered to centers in March and transplants in May. To locate the distribution center nearest you, call Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) at 303-292-9900 or visit their website, [www.dug.org](http://www.dug.org).

The Free Seeds and Transplants Program is funded by a grant from the City of Denver Housing and Neighborhood Development Services, and is operated by DUG, a nonprofit organization.

## 2008 Golf Fee Increase

In order for the city of Denver to continue to provide the most affordable golf courses, keep pace with increased expenses, and fund a long list of deferred capital projects, a green fee increase has been approved by Denver City Council. Fees are the Golf Enterprise Fund's only source of revenue. Implementation date is scheduled for **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**. Below is a listing of all increases:

Fee Category	Current	2008	Change
Weekend – 18 holes	\$27	\$31	\$4
Weekday – 9 holes	\$13	\$14	\$1
Weekend – 9 holes	\$15	\$16	\$1
Senior – 18 holes	\$15	\$18	\$3
Senior – 9 holes	\$8	\$9	\$1
Junior – 18 holes	\$12	\$13	\$1
Junior – 9 holes	\$7	\$8	\$1
Par 3 – Harvard – Sr/Jr	\$5	\$6	\$1

## Save the Date



### **OPEN HOUSE** **Council District 4 Office**

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102**  
**4-7PM**

Please join us in our new office space to share a bit of refreshments and conversation.

# January Calendar of Events

## Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

## Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

## Children's Museum of Denver FREE Night

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm- 8pm. 2121 Children's Museum Dr. Target sponsors a night open to the public for playtime with special story times and more! 303-433-7444; [www.cmdenver.org](http://www.cmdenver.org)

## Denver Center for the Performing Arts FREE DAY *Our House*

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (ticket office opens at 4:30pm). Space Theatre at DCPA (1103 13<sup>th</sup> St.) 303-893-4000. No reservations; box office opens 2 hours before performance; one ticket per person; first-come first-served; no children under 6 years old.

## Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

## Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> annual MLK Parade

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am in City Park (17<sup>th</sup> & Esplanade) and marching to Civic Center. This year we will collect old cellular phones and non-perishable food. We will have the phones refurbished and donated to battered woman shelters. The food will be donated to local food banks! For more information please call 720-971-1329 or [Vern.howard@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:Vern.howard@ci.denver.co.us) or [vernlh@comcast.net](mailto:vernlh@comcast.net).

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