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Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Park People will host a forum for Denver mayoral candidates on **Wednesday, January 26th from 5:30-7pm** at Denver Botanic Gardens Mitchell Hall located at 1007 York Street.

The forum will be moderated by 9News Political Reporter Adam Schrager. The forum will focus on Denver's parks, recreation resources, open space and the City's urban forest.

The event is free and open to the public, thanks to the donation of meeting space by the Botanic Gardens. Reservations are not required. All candidates who have filed to run for Denver Mayor in the 2011 election are invited to participate and present their vision for the future of Denver's parks, recreation resources and tree canopy.

To date, the following individuals have completed their applications to be a candidate for mayor:

Carol Boigon
Paul Noel Fiorino
Michael Keith Forrester
Michael B. Hancock
Dwight Eisen Henson
Doug Linkhart
Danny F. Lopez
James Mejia
Chris Romer
Kenneth R. Simpson
Theresa Spahn
Thomas Andrew Wolf
Eric Jon Zinn



Registered Neighborhood Organization re-registration

Neighborhood Organizations wishing to re-register with the city of Denver, as required each year by ordinance, may do so at this time.

Please note that re-registration is conditional upon meeting the ordinance requirement that all groups “shall hold meetings at which all members may vote, not less than once in each calendar year. A list of those attending the annual meeting shall be kept, and at least twelve (12) members must be in attendance at said annual meeting.”

If there have been no changes in the information required and your group has met the minimum meeting requirement, you may re-register through an email to Julius.zsako@denvergov.org requesting continued registration for your organization in the coming year. Deadline for re-registration is **January 31, 2011**.

Persons wishing to register a new organization may do so by contacting Julius Zsako at the email listed above or by calling 720-865-2969.

RTD Fare Increase effective Jan. 1st for more information visit www.rtd-denver.com

Trees need water during dry winter

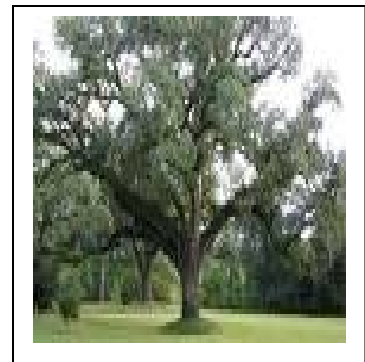
Without proper watering, dry winter weather could harm trees. Denver Water has teamed up with Colorado State University Extension and the Green Industries of Colorado (GreenCo) to remind homeowners to water trees to maintain optimal health and to avoid potential damage to these valuable shade providers.

CSU Horticulturist Carl Wilson advises to water trees from October through April when weather is dry. “This winter is certainly dry, with only an inch of precipitation since October in Denver,” said Wilson. “Warm temperatures and drying winds have taken moisture out of the soil, so watering now will benefit your trees, particularly those that have been recently planted.”

Use these tips to keep your trees healthy:

- Water only when the temperature is above 40 degrees
- Water only when there is no snow on the ground
- During prolonged dry periods, water once or twice a month
- Use 10 gallons of water for each inch of the tree’s diameter

Caring for trees this winter will save our shade for the future. For more specifics on tree watering, visit www.greenco.org or the Conservation page at www.denverwater.org



Denver Public Library temporary closure

The Denver Public Library (DPL) is in the process of moving to a new Integrated Library System. While we recognize the major disruption this change will have in the short-term, the CARL system is no longer a viable option. The new system will provide enhanced functionality, reporting and improve services for our customers. All libraries will be closed from **January 27th through February 2nd** to complete the migration. DPL will re-open to the public on February 3rd.

Treecycle 2011

Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management will be collecting Christmas trees (no artificial or flocked) for recycling January 3rd through January 14th. Recycling is as easy as can be:

Remove all decorations and tree stand

Place your tree out for recycling on your normal trash day

You may reclaim free mulch made from your tree on Saturday, May 7, 2011

For more information about Treecycle, visit www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles or call 3-1-1

Fraud Alert – Cyber Scams

Be careful of what you post on social networking sites. Although these sites are a resourceful way of keeping family/friends informed, much of what is posted reveals the kind of information criminals are looking for in order to carry out more sophisticated and personal scams. Never share details about upcoming trips, birthdates, addresses or children's names. Be mindful that photos might reveal too much background information such as street names or license plates. Change your passwords often. Don't become a victim. Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179

Recycle Right: Paperboard

Paperboard is a sturdy, paper material that is lighter and thinner than corrugated cardboard. Many consumer food boxes and cartons are made using paperboards. Food boxes such as cereal, cracker, pasta, multi-pack soda cans and cake boxes are all made using paperboard. Other paperboard items include tissue and office supply boxes, toothpaste and bar soap boxes and over-the-counter medicine bottle boxes.

Paperboard also includes items such as paper tubes from paper towels, toilet paper and wrapping paper. Even refrigerated food boxes (butter, cheese, frozen foods) that are not heavily coated in plastic or foil, clothing inserts and the paper backing that can be detached from plastic packaging for things like children's toys and packs of pens are all made from recyclable paperboard.

When recycling paper board boxes be sure to remove plastic bags, plastic windows and plastic film from boxes. Paper egg cartons can also be recycled, but not plastic or Styrofoam cartons.

For more information on materials accepted in the Denver Recycles Program, visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call 3-1-1



ParkSmart Denver Cards

ParkSmart Denver Cards make parking at Denver's new Smart Meters easy. The pre-loaded, credit card sized plastic cards can be used at any of the 4,200 Smart Meters recently installed by Public Works in Downtown Denver and Cherry Creek. ParkSmart Denver Cards are available at metro area King Soopers stores, The Wellington Webb Bldg, Wastewater Management, Downtown Denver Partnership and both Tattered Covered locations. For more information, please visit www.ParkSmartDenver.com

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

- Lock your vehicle
- Arm your vehicles alarm system upon leaving your vehicle
- Hide any items such as purses, laptops, wallets, cell phones and GPS units in the trunk or under the seat
- Park your vehicle in a well lit area
- Call the police if you see suspicious parties lurking around parking lots or looking into vehicles

If you have any information or leads in regards to motor vehicle thefts, please call the Denver Police Department District 3 Tip Line at 720-913-1178

Public Works keeps residents informed on Snow Removal Plans

Denver Public Works wants to keep residents informed of its snow removal strategies in real-time. DenverSnowPlan.com provides information on de-icing strategies, snow plow deployment information when snow is falling, and insight into how Public Works responds to forecasts.

Under the "Current Status" tab, citizens can view the most up-to-date information. The website also provides links to Denver road conditions, weather and traffic updates.



Citizen Oversight Board is looking for potential Board Members

The function of the Citizen Oversight Board is to assess the effectiveness of the Independent Monitor's office and make policy level recommendations regarding discipline, use of force and other policies, address rules, hiring, training, community relations and the complaint process.

The Deadline for applications is January 7th. For further information, please contact Suzan Moore, Director, Boards and Commissions at suzan.moore@denvergov.org or 720-865-9034.

January Calendar of Events

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

January 1st 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

January 17th 1007 York Street, 720-865-3500; www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

January 9th & 31st 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org.

Denver Police Department, District 3 Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

January 6th 6pm 1625 S. University Blvd. 720-913-1300; www.denvergov.org/police

Denver Zoo FREE DAY

January 8th & 24th 2300 Steele St. 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit www.Denver365.com, the online comprehensive event calendar or www.thescen3.org for SCFD Tier III events

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