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Welcome new mayor and councilmembers

City Council District 4
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The DenverTogether Inuguration and swearing-in ceremony will take place on July 18th and will mark the beginning of the Hancock administration and the terms of the newly elected and re-elected city council members. District 4 would like to welcome new mayor Michael Hancock and new councilmembers: Susan Shepherd, Mary Beth Susman, Albus Brooks, Chris Herndon, Robin Kniech and Debbie Ortega.



District 1 Councilwoman Susan Shepherd



District 11 Councilman Chris Herndon



District 5 Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman



Councilwoman At-Large Robin Kniech



Mayor-Elect Michael Hancock



District 8 Councilman Albus Brooks



Councilwoman At-Large Debbie Ortega

Chick-Fil-A



A zoning map amendment application has been submitted for the property at 7995, 7785, and 7777 E. Hampden.

The application requests that this property, currently zoned B-1 (which does not allow a restaurant to be

built at that location) be re-zoned to S-MX-5 mixed use zoning which allows up to 5 stories.

The applicants are planning to build a Chick-Fil-A on that site, immediately west of the Bank of the West.

The map amendment application will be heard before the Denver Planning Board on Wednesday, July 6th at 3pm. The meeting will be held at the Webb Municipal Building at 201 W. Colfax on the 4th floor in room 4.F.6.

Interested persons and organizations may express their concerns or support at this hearing.

Any questions or comments regarding this application may be directed to Deirdre Oss, Senior City Planner at 720-865-2950.

Congratulations Rosamond Park and Slices Pizza

The Huffington Post recently named Denver's Best Picnic Spots & Nearby Fare.

In honor of International Picnic Day on June 18th, The Huffington Post named their favorite places to eat al fresco in the Denver-Metro area along with nearby chow houses where you can grab tasty take-out on your way.

Winners for southeast Denver were **Rosamond Park and Slices Pizza!**

For a complete list and the entire article, please visit www.huffingtonpost.com and type in "Denver's Best Picnic Spots & Nearby Fare" in the search line.



Residential Street Sweeping



Residential streets are swept once a month from April through November. The city needs your cooperation to move your car on sweeping days. For more information, see the citywide summer street sweeping schedule at: www.denvergov.org/streetsandsidewalks and click on the street sweeping tab.

Tree Branches



It is a property owners responsibility to make sure tree branches are properly maintained.

Branches over the street and alley right-of-ways must not hang lower than 13'6" above the road surface and those hanging over sidewalks must not be lower than 8' above the sidewalk surface.

Denver Animal Shelter reduces adoption fees through July 31



The Denver Animal Shelter is reducing the cost of adoption packages to \$50 for cats, \$85 for dogs and \$5 for small animals now through July 31st.

The shelter is also offering a 2-for-1 for those who adopt an adult cat and are looking to adopt a second cat or kitten.

The Denver Animal Shelter adoption package includes the adoption fee, spay or neuter cost, vaccinations and a one-year pet license.



The Denver Animal Shelter is located at 1271 W. Bayaud Ave.

For more information, please visit: www.denveranimalshelter.org

Hampden Avenue Traffic Safety Improvements

On June 1st, Councilwoman Lehmann facilitated a small group meeting between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Hampden Avenue business owners, HOA Presidents, elected officials and local residents.

CDOT originally proposed to construct continuous raised

medians between Tamarac and Oneida along Hampden Avenue in order to reduce vehicle accidents. The business community and local residents voiced strong opposition to the continuous raised median concept.

CDOT informed the group, at the June 1st meeting, that their concerns had been heard

and they will not be moving forward with the median project.

CDOT is taking other steps to address safety concerns. Pedestrian countdown signal heads will be installed at the Tamarac and Oneida intersections. There is also discussion in lowering the speed limit.

Wabash Bridge and Trailhead Opening

The Wabash Bridge and Trailhead will open on July 1st.



Parks/Rec & Kaiser partner to offer FREE summer for teens



Thanks to Kaiser Permanente's generous donation, Denver teens, aged 13-17, will enjoy free memberships to recreations centers and pools from June 10 through August 14. This is the 3rd year that Kaiser Permanente has supported a free summer recreation program. Standard fees will continue to apply for programs and activities that typically are offered at an additional charge.

For more information, please contact Angela Casias at 720-913-0741 or Angela.Casias@denvergov.org

Tax Tidbits

Denver Wastewater Rate Change effective July 1st.

Denver Public Works Wastewater Management Division plans, constructs, operates and maintains Denver's sanitary sewer and storm drainage system. The Division maintains 1,475 miles of sanitary sewers and 750 miles of storm drainage facilities. Wastewater operates as an Enterprise Fund, meaning the cost of providing sanitary and storm service must be covered by user fees.

Denver Wastewater has been committed to controlling costs. Recent efforts have in-

cluded furlough days in 2009, 2010 and 2011; a selective hiring freeze (46 positions are currently vacant) and no salary increases in 2010.



Despite Wastewater's efforts, an increase is necessary and will take effect July 1st. The change is needed to fund operations and vital improvements to Denver's sanitary sewer and storm drainage system.

For more information on how the rate change will affect Denver residents, please visit www.DenverWastewaterRates.org or call 303-446-3500.

The *Gleaning of Denver* Project

The Denver metro area boasts abundant fruit trees and vines located in yards, alleys and public areas, yet much of the fruit is never harvested and often left to rot.

History Colorado and Slow Food Denver have partnered to begin the *Gleaning of Denver* project. This gleaning provides community members with an opportunity to pick fruit and learn how to process it.

This growing season, the project will focus on sour cherries and grapes. While exact harvest dates are determined by Mother Nature, the cherry harvest will be early July and grapes will be late August/early September.

Volunteer pickers will have an opportunity to process the harvest in Project Angel Heart's kitchen with chef Jon Emanuel.

To register your fruit tree for potential harvesting please visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F6WSPB7>

To register to pick fruit (you must be over the age of 12) please call 303-866-4686.

To register to can the fruit (there is a \$10 or \$15 fee) please call 303-866-4686.



Take Action against Elder Abuse

Elder abuse crosses all socio-economic lines, and it is estimated that two thirds of financial and other forms of abuse are inflicted by family members. The following are common signs of elder abuse and financial exploitation:

Unexplained, bilateral bruises on arms and legs, older person appears frightened in the presence of a care giver or family member, elder is coerced into signing documents or withdrawing funds, family members and others move in and seemingly take over, care giver or family member has total

control over finances, elder's power of attorney is being misused by the agent, elder 'quit claims' their house to a 'person of trust' and is forced out of the home.

Older victims are extremely reluctant to report for many reasons. Shame and embarrassment, unwillingness to report their children, fear of not being believed, and economic dependence on their abuser keeps elders from reporting or seeking help. Prevention is critical, and the following are steps older adults can take to protect themselves:

Never sign papers without first understanding why, regardless of who asks.

Treat home care workers like employees, and keep financial information locked up.

Set ground rules with family regarding their access to personal and financial accounts.

In Colorado, reporting elder abuse is urged, but not mandatory. Suspicions of abuse or exploitation should be reported to the Denver DA Fraud Hotline (720-913-9179), Denver Police Department (720-913-2000) or Denver Adult Protective Services (720-944-2994).

City Encourages Denver residents to Grasscycle



Lose the Bag and Leave the Grass Clippings on the Lawn! Mulching grass clippings rather than bagging them is the natural way to a beautiful lawn.

Why Grasscycle:

Make less trash - You can significantly reduce your spring and summer trash just by GrassCycling.

Enjoy a healthier lawn - GrassCycling is an easy way to a healthy lawn and a great way to recycle valuable nutrients for free. Clippings break down quickly and slowly release nutrients like Nitrogen back into the soil beneath your lawn.

Save water - Grass clippings left on your

lawn will shade grass roots and help keep the soil cool. Grass clippings are made up of more than 80% water so they return valuable moisture to the soil.

Reduce your work - GrassCycling can drastically reduce the time you spend on lawn care by saving you from the hassle of bagging, raking and disposing of grass clippings.

Save money - GrassCycling reduces the amount the city must spend to collect, haul and landfill grass clippings. Denver Recycles estimates that last spring and summer, Denver residents raked, bagged and hauled nearly 50,000 tons of grass clippings to the trash. If residents had left those clippings on their lawns, the city could have saved more than \$500,000 in landfill disposal fees.

Denver Parks and Recreation already GrassCycles in their daily operations at every Denver park, amounting to more than 2,500 acres of grass clippings recycled naturally each week.

For more information, please visit:
www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles

Holly Ridge Neighborhood RNO annual meeting

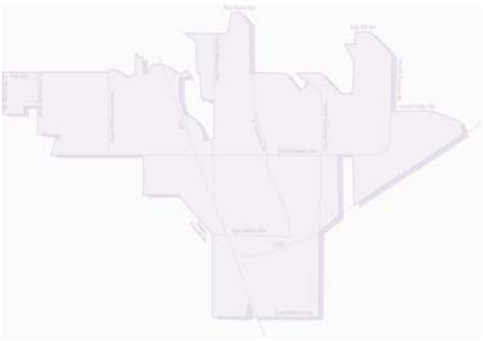
The Holly Ridge Neighborhood RNO (Registered Neighborhood Organization) will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 19th at Calvary Baptist Church (6500 East Girard Avenue, on the corner of Monaco and Hampden) from 7 to 8:30pm.

For more information, please contact:

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Please take note that effective July 18th the new City Council District 4 office phone number will be:
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July Calendar of Events

District 3 DPD Citizen Advisory Board

July 7th 6pm 1625 S. University Blvd 720-913-2677

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

July 2nd 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway 720-865-5000 www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

July 19th 1007 York Street 720-865-3500 www.botanicgardens.org

July 19th 7 - 8:30pm Holly Ridge Neighborhood annual meeting
at Calvary Baptist Church (6500 E. Girard Ave)

July 23rd 7 - 8:30pm Denver Municipal Band at Southmoor Park

July 30th noon - 4pm Hampden South Picnic at Rosamond Park

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.



District 3 Denver Police Station



Denver Art Museum