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### May 30<sup>th</sup>: Public Meeting

**A+ Denver** would like to invite you to come and learn more about A+ Denver and to **discuss the criteria drafted to guide decisions on Denver Public School closure and realignment.**

Join fellow community members on **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Temple Sinai (3509 S. Glencoe St.) from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.** For more information, please visit [www.aplusdenver.org](http://www.aplusdenver.org)

## Ducks Drop Big for Local Schools



On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, my office hosted the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop**, a community event to raise money for our local Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley International, Samuels, Slavens K-8, and Southmoor. Despite the threatening weather, 2000 rubber ducks were dropped into Goldsmith Gulch at George Wallace Park, and raced for fabulous prizes.

This year's event was a huge success, raising \$15,000 for our schools. We had approximately 300 people attend the race and over 50 local businesses helped to sponsor and donate prizes.

I would like to thank all the community members and local businesses who made this year's event the most successful one yet. Please help us thank these businesses through your patronage.

### Platinum: Denver Public Works Wastewater Operations and Qwest

**Gold:** Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Four Points by Sheridan, Southwest Airlines, The Kenney Group, Whole Foods Market at Tamarac

**Silver:** Bicycle Village, McDonalds, Subway (Tiffany Plaza), and Winter Park Resort

**Bronze:** AIMCO, Deep Rock Water, Denver Theaters & Arenas, Lowe's of Greenwood Village, Sage Hospitality Resources, Wells Fargo Bank, Core Companies Inc., David J. Cole & Associates, Columbine Realty Inc., Michael Hancock, Ace Hardware (Tamarac Square), The Avenue Theater, Bagel Deli, Beau Jo's Pizza Restaurant, The Bookies, Butterfly Pavilion, Casa Bonita, Cherry Creek Shopping Center, Children's Museum of Denver, Comedy Works, Darcy's Bistro & Pub, Dave & Busters, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Municipal Golf Courses, Denver Zoo, Denver Art Museum, The Denver Outlaws, Disney, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Elitch Gardens, The Fresh Fish Co., Happy Canyon Flowers, Kroenke Sports Enterprises (Denver Rapids), Landmark Theatres, Neighborhood Flix Cinema & Café, New York Deli News, Old Chicago Tamarac, Old Spaghetti Factory, Omaha Steaks, On The Border, Piccolo's Italian & Mexican, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Timbuk Toys, Trattoria Stella, Twist & Shout Records, Wahoo's Fish Taco, The Wildlife Experience, and Yanni's Greek Taverna.



## A Message from Mayor John Hickenlooper...

Dear Neighbors:

The Infrastructure Priorities Task Force (IPTF), with over 100 citizens, has worked the last six months examining and prioritizing the short and long term capital facilities and infrastructure needs of the City. Hundreds of citizens participated in community meetings late last fall. Dozens of community groups have also invited Task Force leadership to attend and present at member gatherings. Your feedback has been invaluable.

The Executive Committee of the Task Force began to meet regularly in April to discuss the recommendations of the finance subcommittee, subject matter subcommittees, and City staff. The Executive Committee expects to meet regularly until they reach final recommendations in the summer.

The challenge for the Executive Committee will be to refine and prioritize the list of projects, knowing that there are more requests than available funds. The primary area of emphasis will be deferred maintenance and on-going maintenance issues. Public feedback will be critical at the upcoming community meetings.

We will hold five open houses to get reactions to the work of the IPTF:

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-8:30 pm (SE)**  
***District 3 Police Station; Community Room; 1625 S. University Blvd.***

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-8:30 pm (NW)**  
*St. Anthony Central Hospital; Auditorium A; 4231 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.*

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-8:30 pm (NE)**  
*Montbello Recreation Center; Multi-purpose Room; 15555 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave.*

**Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-8:30 pm (SW)**  
*Brentwood United Methodist Church; 1899 S. Irving St.*

**Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-8:30 pm (C)**  
*National Jewish Hospital; Rooms 103, 104, 105; 1400 Jackson St.*

Your input as a Denver resident is extremely important for this effort. Please go to the Website [www.denverinfrastructure.org](http://www.denverinfrastructure.org) to find out about the work, leave comments, and register to receive updates on IPTF activities.

Thank you for your interest and involvement. We are grateful to all the citizens who are donating their time, energy and expertise to this important process.

We look forward to you input on these critical issues.



# Hunger Awareness Day- June 5th

Applebee's and Chipotle are asking you, the public, to help support **Food Bank of the Rockies** on Hunger Awareness Day. Both restaurants are stepping up and offering customers who bring in food donations great discounts.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>** Bring in 3 cans of food to any of the 16 Denver **Applebee's** locations and receive a certificate for \$3 off you next visit at Applebee's. To find a location close to you, visit: [www.applebees.com](http://www.applebees.com).

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Bring in a food donation to any of the 63 Front Range **Chipotle** locations and receive a FREE burrito. To find a location near you, please visit [www.chipotle.com](http://www.chipotle.com).

## Neighborhood Conference: Strengthening Our Communities, Block by Block

Fellow neighbors and community organizations host a day of communitywide networking and neighborhood leadership on **Saturday, June 9, 2007, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at West High School, 951 Elati St.**

The agenda includes presentations by local and national leaders on community building, workshops to address specific issues facing neighborhoods, large group decision-making to define what strong neighborhoods look like and effective strategies to promote them, and opportunities for networking.

The day-long conference will help promote a shared vision for Denver's diverse neighborhood and how that vision can lead to action on a block-by-block basis. This conference is for anyone interested in:

- Learning about the exciting things neighborhood associations and other organizations are doing to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.
- Hearing how the City and County of Denver is engaging residents in projects and plans for building community.
- Seeing practical tools and examples for how to address a wide range of pressing issues.
- Networking with other neighbors, groups and City officials.

In order to accommodate participants appropriately, please **register by June 1, 2007**. To register or for more information, please contact Amber Callender at 720-865-9051 or via e-mail at [Amber.Callender@denvergov.org](mailto:Amber.Callender@denvergov.org).

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 9, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** West High School, 951 Elati St.

**TO REGISTER:** Contact Amber Callender by June 1 at 720-865-9051 or via e-mail at [Amber.Callender@denvergov.org](mailto:Amber.Callender@denvergov.org).

# Neighborhood Reminder

The grass is growing along with weeds and other vegetation. We would like to remind you that property maintenance is important to the residents of Denver. The city has several regulations which help to enhance the look of your neighborhood and your property. Denver enforces the following codes:

The following are regulated and **not allowed by the city:**

- Unattended vegetation over 6" in height (grass or weeds)
- Accumulations of cut branches in yard
- Trash cans and Recycling containers must be stored in the garage or behind the fence, not in the front of the house.
- Inoperable vehicles
- Accumulations of rubbish in yards or along alleys
- Appliances or furniture intended for inside use in yards or on porches
- Accumulations of dog manure in yard
- Defective or illegal fences, proper height (4' in front, 6' in sides and back for residential zones), good repair, approved material (no barbed wire, corrugated metal, or salvage materials)
- Residential parking areas and driveways must be gravel, roadbase, asphalt, or concrete. No parking allowed on lawns or unsurfaced areas

Non-compliance can result in a fine. Fines began at \$150 for the first offense and can go up to \$999 for repeated offenses.

**The following regulations apply to your trees and tree limbs: Many of these rules are for the safety of pedestrians and motorists on your streets and sidewalks.**

- Low limbs extending over surfaces of streets, alleys, or street signs must be at least 13'6" above the surface of the street or alley
- Plant growth cannot extend into the alley or over the sidewalk. It must be cut back to the property line
- Low limbs over the sidewalk must be a minimum height of 8'
- Trees or shrubs blocking the line of sight at an intersection or blocking signs must be trimmed so they don't obstruct views
- Trees with dead or broken limbs over 2" in diameter must be pruned or removed
- Dead, diseased or dangerous trees (trees with extensive deadwood) must be removed
- Licensed tree companies must perform tree work on the right-of-way

For future questions or concerns, please contact Neighborhood Inspection Services at 720-865-3200.

## Denver Parks & Recreation's Summer Programs

### Spring into Health

Please join Denver Parks and Recreation for the Annual Health Fair for Adults at the Botanic Gardens. Experience the latest in exercise trends, health screenings, and join an invigorating fitness walk through the blooming Botanic Gardens! For more information call 303.458.4868.

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 1:00pm, Botanic Gardens (909 York Street), \$5 for pre-registration or \$10 at the door**

## Pools Open at Recreation Centers

Denver Parks and Recreation's sixteen outdoor pools will open **Monday, June 4** with a variety of summer swimming activities for people of all ages and abilities. For as little as \$8.75/Denver youth residents, ages 2 – 17, \$37.50/Adults, and \$16.25/Senior/special populations can purchase a 3-month recreation membership which includes unlimited access to all 29 recreation centers and 16 outdoor pools.

At most of the outdoor pools, open swimming will be available from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm every day of the week, with some centers extending into evening hours. These hours will continue for the summer season, until August 18. For more information visit your local Recreation Center: Eisenhower Rec Center (4300 E. Dartmouth Ave.) and Cook Park Rec Center (7100 Cherry Creek Dr. S.)

## Wild About Denver

Denver Parks and Recreation will inaugurate its new "*Wild About Denver*" naturalist programs this summer with free community programs in three of the city's Natural Areas: Bear Creek Park, Hentzell Park, and Parkfield Park. Each program will have a different theme and will introduce people to a bit of what is still "wild" in their own neighborhoods.

### Wildflowers at Dusk

**A wildflower walk w/ naturalist Jim Borland**  
**Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**  
**Paul A. Hentzell Park**  
**East Yale Ave., West of S. Havana St.**

### Wild in the City

A Denver Zoo program w/ live "city" animals  
**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**  
**Bear Creek Park**  
**W. Kenyon Rd. to Bear Creek Parking lot**

### Water Pond Secrets

Pond fun for kids w/ Front Range Earthforce biologists  
**Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am**  
**Parkfield Park**  
**East 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave., east of Chambers Rd.**

## Movies in the Parks

**FREE** movies for the whole family

6/15 Green Valley Ranch  
*Pursuit of Happyness*

**6/16 Cook Park**  
***Madagascar***

**6/22 Four Mile House**  
***City Slickers***

6/23 Sloan's Lake  
*Indian Jones*

6/29 Green Valley Ranch  
*Charlotte's Web*

6/30 Skyline  
*Superman Returns*

7/14 Washington Park  
*Hitch*

7/20 Cheeseman  
*Finding Neverland*

7/27 Argo Park  
*Open Season*

7/28 Skyline  
*Over the Hedge*

8/3 Green Valley Ranch  
*Akeelah and the Bee*

8/4 Harvey Park  
*Indian Jones and the Temple of Doom*

8/10 Southwest Park  
*Goonies*

8/11 Skyline  
*Curious George*

8/18 Berkeley  
*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*

8/18 Skyline  
*Happy Feet*

**For more information call: 720-913-0765**

# June Calendar of Events

## Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705

## Capitol Hill People's Fair

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 10am to 8pm. FREE. Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway)

## Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009

## Colorado Renaissance Festival

June 9<sup>th</sup>- June 29<sup>th</sup>. Weekends from 10am to 6pm. \$17.95/Adults, \$8.00/Children. Larkspur, CO: Located off Interstate 25 at exit 173, halfway between Denver and Colorado Springs.

## Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. 1005 York St. 720-865-3500

## Greek Festival

Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Fri.-Sat.: 11am- 11pm, Sun.: 11am- 8pm. \$1/Adults (\$3 after 9:00pm), Free/Seniors & Children under 12. Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral (4610 East Alameda Avenue). Celebrate Greek culture and heritage with an authentic Greek marketplace (jewelry & crafts), food, dancing, and live music.

## Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sat.: 11am to 6pm, Sun.: 11am to 4pm. FREE. Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (1947 Lawrence St.). There will be demonstrations on bonsai, shodo (calligraphy), ikebana (flower arrangement), and chanoyu (the tea ceremony). Also, a variety of Asian-themed arts and crafts, textiles, and other unique merchandise will be for sale.

## Denver PrideFest

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sat.: 11am to 5pm, Sun.: 10am to 5pm. FREE. Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway). **PrideFest Parade** will start Sunday at 9:30am in Cheeseman Park and will proceed down Colfax Ave. to Civic Center Park. Denver's PrideFest is a celebration of community and culture with live music, dancing, food, art, children's activities, booths on social causes & health awareness.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual La Piazza dell'Arte

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sat.: 10am to 8pm, Sun.: 11am to 6pm. FREE. Larimer Square (1430 Larimer). The event will feature professional, amateur, and student artists who transform the street into a museum of bright and colorful chalk art images.

## Colorado Railroad Museum FREE DAY

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 17155 W. 44<sup>th</sup>; Golden, CO 80402. 800-365-6263

## Buds to Blooms Garden Tour: Perennial Flower Tour

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. 9am to 12pm. \$15/Adults, \$7/Youth & Seniors. Denver Parks and Recreation will teach you park history and let you explore the flower beds at Sunken Gardens Park, Skyline Park, Centennial Gardens, City & County Building, and Confluence Park. For more information or to sign up for the tour, please call 720-913-0700.

## A Message from Public Works: How to Reduce the Possibility of Flooding

### How to reduce the possibility of flooding on your street during a storm

- A challenge that complicates efforts to clear storm sewers is the overturning of purple recycling bins and black trash bins (also known as “black barrels”) as a result of the intense weather conditions. The contents of the bins ultimately end up in the storm sewers, often congesting and obstructing the water flow.
- **To assist our efforts in clearing the storm sewers, we ask that residents move their recycling and trash bins away from the curbside during heavy rainfall and/or windy conditions.**

To report localized flooding on residential streets or major intersections in Denver, please call 311.

## Town Meeting Next Fall

Due to the May elections, we will not have a spring Town Meeting. Our next Town Meeting will be in the fall of 2007. We look forward to seeing you then.

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