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A Swimming Success



On Sunday, May 3rd, my office hosted the **5th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop**, a community event to raise money for our local Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Southmoor, and Slavens K-8.

Despite the uncertain economy, we are excited to say that this year's fundraiser was a great success. All 3000 ducks were sponsored and raced for over \$8000 in prizes donated by our amazing local businesses. With the help of the schools, parents, community members, and local business we were able to raise an astonishing \$18,000 for the schools!

I would like to thank all the wonderful local businesses who made this year's event possible through their donations and sponsorship. Please help us thank these businesses through your patronage.

Gold Sponsors: Four Points by Sheraton, Goldsmith Metropolitan District, Southwest Airlines

Silver Sponsors: Bicycle Village, Comcast Cable, Denver Art Museum, The City & County of Denver, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, McDonalds, The Kenney Group, Quacker Gift Shop, Shea Homes Foundation, Subway, Wal-Mart, Whole Foods, Winter Park Resort

Bronze Sponsors: Ace Hardware, Applebee's, Baker Street Pub & Grill, Bruno's Italian Bistro, Butterfly Pavilion, Children's Museum of Denver, Chipotle, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Comedy Works, CRL Associates, Darcy's Bistro & Pub, David Cole & Ass., Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Center for Performing Arts, Denver Municipal Golf Courses, Denver Nuggets, Denver Outlaws, Denver Parks & Recreation, Denver Theaters & Arenas (Red Rocks), Denver Zoo, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Elitch Gardens, Embassy Suites, Enstrom's Almond Toffee, Foster Graham Milstein & Claisher, Fresh Fish Company, Funtastic Fun, La Fogata Mexican Restaurant, McCormick & Schmick's, Molly Brown House Museum, New York Deli News, Noodles & Company, Old Chicago, Optimist Club Monaco, Origins, Pasquini's, Piccolo's, Sage Hospitality Resources, Snow Mountain Ranch, Southeast Business Partnership, Starbucks Coffee, Tattered Cover Bookstore, The Avenue Theater, The Bookies Bookstore, The Kenney Group, The Pachner Group, The Wizard's Chest, Timbuk Toys, DU Pioneer Hockey, Wahoo's Fish Taco, Yanni's Greek Taverna

Thank you to The Denver Foundation for their continued support by serving as our fiscal agent for the past four years.

Create Denver Open House

Please join our office, Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, and Tamarac Square Mall for an open house to learn about an exciting creative space opportunity at *Tamarac Square* and the *Create Denver* initiative, including the new Creative Space Agent Web site.

Thursday, June 11th

5 – 7pm

Tamarac Square

7777 E Hampden Ave

Enter at south end of the mall by the Starbucks

Free Parking

Refreshments courtesy of participating Tamarac Square restaurants

RSVP requested by June 8th to doca@denvergov.org.

Program

- 5:30 Welcome by Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann
- 5:45 Create Denver, Ginger White Brunetti
- 6:00 Dianne Denholm, TACtile Textile Art Center and tenant
- 6:15 Presentation by Margie Munoz, Tamarac Square
- 6:30 Tour of available space in Tamarac Square



One Book, One Denver

One Book, One Denver is a citywide book club. The goal of the program is to cultivate a culture of reading in Denver, with objectives to build community and stimulate people to read.

This year, citizens will be selecting the book for *One Book, One Denver* instead of Mayor Hickenlooper. Citizens will have the opportunity to vote on their choice of 27 books. **Vote June 1st to 15th at www.OneBookOneVote.org** (e-mail address is needed).

Denver Water Summer Watering Rules

Denver Water's Summer Water Use rules begin May 1st and continue until Oct. 1st. Watering your lawn two days a week should be sufficient most of the summer. If needed, water a third day during extreme heat or dry periods. If your lawn looks healthy, try watering two minutes less per zone.

- There are no assigned watering days
- Never water more than three days a week
- Watering is NOT allowed between **10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
- Visit denverwater.org for other rules and exceptions to watering rules (such as [vegetable gardens](#))

This summer Denver Water will continue to enforce its watering rules. If you see water waste in one of Denver's parks, call 3-1-1. To report waste elsewhere, call Denver Water at 303-628-6343.

Mile High United Way Community Conversations



Mile High United Way would like to invite you to join a community conversation that will discuss how they can partner more effectively throughout metro Denver area, help strategize on how best to move forward their community impact plan, and gather input regarding the development of a new funding allocation process.

Each conversation will last approximately two (2) hours and will be limited to the first 100 responders for each session. For questions or to RSVP please contact Dale Flanders at 303-561-2333 or dale.flanders@unitedwaydenver.org

First Round

June 2nd from 3-5pm, Southwest Improvement Council, 1000 S. Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80219

June 3rd from 6-8pm, Community College of Aurora (Student Center), 16000 E. Centre Tech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011

June 4th from 8:30– 10:30am, Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling St., Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033

Second Round

June 9th from 6-8pm; **June 10th** from 3-5pm; or **June 11th** from 8:30-10:30am
Mile High United Way, 2505 18th St., Denver, CO 80211

Vehicle Registration Fees Increase

A new law passed this year, Colorado Senate Bill 09-108, requires owners of motor vehicles registered on or after June 1st, 2009 to make a timely payment or face late fees of \$25 for every month past the grace period (one month) up to a maximum of \$100.

This fee is assessed in addition to renewal fees and also applies to temporary permits. The new late fees apply to expired registrations, temporary permits, and vehicle owners who move to Colorado from out of state and do not register their vehicles within 90 days of residency. Fees are programmed without override and waiver by agent.

In addition to increasing late fees, Senate Bill 09-108 increases the amount of registration fees. Increased fees become effective on July 1st. Below illustrates the fee increase schedule:

2,000 lbs&Under	\$22.50 (2009-2010); \$25.75 (2010- 2011)
2,001 - 5,000 lbs	\$32.00 (2009-2010); \$36.50 (2010-2011)
5,001 - 16,000 lbs	\$39.50 (2009-2010); \$45.25 (2010-2011)
16,001 lbs and over	\$55.00 (2009-2010); \$63.00 (2010- 2011)

Note that these amounts are in addition to registration fees already assessed

For more information on the new bill visit www.leg.state.co.us. For more information about hours and locations or other services offered by Denver Motor Vehicle, please visit www.denvergov.org/motorvehicle. To renew online visit www.colorado.gov/renewplates

Microchip Your Cat for Free

Offer is good every Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30pm at the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter or any participating shelter or veterinarian (visit <http://chipyourcat.com/locations.html> for locations).

No appointment necessary. Cats must be in a box or carrier. You must live in one of the six county metro districts of Adams County, Arapahoe County, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas County and Jefferson County. **Offer ends September 24, 2009.**

Jefferson Ave. and Yosemite St. Rezoning

Richmond American Homes of Colorado held a neighborhood meeting on April 27th. The purpose of the meeting was to inform surrounding property owners about the proposed plans for re-zoning the property located at the SW corner of Jefferson Ave and Yosemite St. The applicant is proposing to rezone this 6.22 acre parcel from B-2 and O-1 to R-1.

Although there are no definite plans for the property at this point, the applicant has indicated that they are planning to build single family homes.

Fraud Alert! Know About Sweepstakes

- ✓ **Don't Pay to Win**
Buying magazines and other products does not increase your chances of winning. Never pay taxes or fees to receive your winnings.
- ✓ **Participating in Prize Promotions Will Put Your Name on Lists**
Con artists buy and sell leads on people who play sweepstakes. If you play, your name may appear on "sucker" or "mooch" lists and you'll be targeted for fraud. To reduce your risk for fraud, stop playing sweepstakes and don't talk to telemarketers – it's that simple!
- ✓ **Reduce Sweepstakes and Other Junk Mail/E-mail**
Send a letter to: Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512, (see additional attachment) or register online at: www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html.
- ✓ **Don't Play Canadian and Out-of-State Lotteries**
It's illegal under federal law to sell and purchase foreign lotteries in the U.S. It is also illegal to sell and purchase lottery products over state lines.
- ✓ **Don't Fall for Mailings or Callers That Appear Official**
Promoters use mailings with pseudo government logos and official looking statements to persuade you that the promotions are legitimate. Telemarketers will lie and claim to be a government official or attorney as well.
- ✓ **Keep Credit Card, Bank and Personal Information to Yourself**
Never give your credit card number, bank account information, or social security number to anyone who calls or e-mails you, especially if it is to verify your eligibility or to "deposit" your winnings into your account.

For assistance call the Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179

Wild About Denver?

Come explore nature in Denver Parks. All programs are FREE to the public. Please register at 303-455-1623. Space is limited. Most programs involve walking, ask if stroller accessible. Summer and Fall Programs include:

Wild in the City-Denver Zoo

June 9th, 6pm, Westerly Creek Park
Picnic area Martin Luther King Blvd & Beeler Ave

Busy Beaver

June 23rd, 6pm, Bear Creek Park
S. Raleigh under 285 to parking lot

Wild in the City-Denver Zoo

July 7th, 6pm, Bear Creek Park
S. Raleigh under 285 to parking lot

Prairie Dogs

July 21st, 6pm, Rosamond Park
Parking lot, E. Quincy and S. Tamarac Ave

Wild in the City-Denver Zoo

August 12th, 6pm, Parkfield Natural Area
Montebello Rec Center, E.53rd Ave & Chambers Rd

Busy Beaver

August 25th, 6pm, Westerly Creek
Picnic area Martin Luther King Blvd & Beeler Ave

Grasses of the Prairie

September 8th, 6pm, Babi Yar Park
E. Yale Ave west of S. Havana St

Prairie Dogs

September 22nd, 6pm, John F. Kennedy Park
Back Parking lot, S. Kenton St, south of Dartmouth

For the Birds

October 6th, 6pm, Bear Creek Park
S. Raleigh under 285 to parking lot

Coyotes in the City

October 20th, 6pm, Eisenhower Park
Eisenhower Rec Center, 4300 E Dartmouth Ave

Movies in the Parks Series

Denver Parks and Recreation is hosting its fourth season of FREE Movies in the Parks. With inflatable screens over 24 ft wide, coupled with a high quality sound systems, the movie viewing experience is one-of-a-kind. Each movie will include free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Other concessions will also be available for purchase.

Saturday, June 13	Skyline Park	Babe, G
Friday, June 19	Cheesman Park	The Princess Bride, PG
Saturday, June 27	Skyline Park	E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, PG
Saturday, July 11	Skyline Park	Spiderman, PG-13
Friday, July 17	Fred Thomas Park	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, PG
Saturday, July 18	Skyline Park	Iron Giant, PG
Friday, July 31	Barnum	Kung Fu Panda, PG
Saturday, August 1	Skyline Park	Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, G
Friday, August 7	Cheesman Park	Jurassic Park, PG-13
Saturday, August 8	Skyline Park	The Wizard of Oz, G



For a complete list of park addresses or more information, visit www.denvergov.org/parksandrec

June Calendar of Events

Free Concert for Children

June 5th at 6pm. Washington Park (500 S. Downing. NW corner). Frontier Insurance is proud to present *Bonnie Phipps & The Elastic Band*. For more information visit www.bonniehipps.com

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

June 5th. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

June 6th. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Capital Hill People's Fair

June 6th- 7th. Sat: 10am to 8pm; Sun.: 10am-7pm. FREE. Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway). Please contact CodyGalloway@chundenver.org to sign up to volunteer.

6th Annual La Piazza dell'Arte

June 6th-7th. Sat.: 10am-10pm & Sun.: 10am- 7pm. 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.

University Hills Neighborhood Picnic

June 6th from 11am - 6 pm. Eisenhower Park (4000 E Dartmouth Ave). <http://uhna.com/picnic.htm>. The Denver Municipal Jazz Band will play from 3-4pm.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

June 10th. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org

Denver Housing Authority Home Ownership Fair

June 13th. PPA Center (2105 Decatur St). Designed to provide guidance, support and resources for both prospective and current homeowners in the Denver area. The Fair will cover Prospective Home Buyers, Current Home Owners, and Home Owners in Delinquency or Foreclosure. For more info call 303-654-2526.

Greek Festival

June 19th- 21st. 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. For more information call 303-388-9314.

Cherry Blossom Festival

June 27th- 28th. FREE. Between Lawrence & Larimer and 19th & 20th Streets. 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

June 27th- 28th. Sat. 11am- 8pm; Sun. 10am- 6pm. FREE. Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway). **PrideFest Parade** will start Sunday at 9:30am in Cheesman Park and will proceed down Colfax Ave. to Civic Center Park. Denver's PrideFest is a celebration of the local gay and lesbian community and culture. There will be live music, dancing, food, art, and booths on social causes & health awareness.