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June 7, 2011 Municipal Run-Off Election

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Mayoral candidates
Michael Hancock & Chris Romer

The **June 7th** Municipal Run-Off Election will be a mail ballot election.

The ballot for District 4 will include candidates for Mayor as well as Clerk and Recorder.

Voters have the option of mail-

ing back their ballots or dropping them off at a Voter Service Center.

The service center in District 4 will be located at:

Christ Community Church (8085 East Hampden Ave)

The service center will be open:

Tuesday, May 31st through Saturday, June 4th from 11am– 6pm

Monday, June 6th 11am - 6pm

Tuesday, June 7th 7am - 7pm

For more information, please visit www.denvervotes.org

Montrechez Phase II

Montrechez Phase II is located at 4545 S. Monaco Street. Richmond American Homes of Colorado, Inc. will be offering 53 single family units consisting of mainly ranch and main-floor master homes. Land development has begun with reconditioning of the soil and drilling for foundations to begin within the next couple of weeks. Construction of the model home should begin sometime in July.

University Hills Senior Residences

Asbestos abatement is under way at the University Hills Senior Residences (2775 S. Brook, the former University Hills Baptist Church). Demolition is expected to begin the week of June 13th.

Quacktacular Event

On Sunday, May 1st, my office hosted the **7th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop**, a community event to raise money for our local Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens and Southmoor.

Despite the slow economy and the cold weather on May 1st, we are excited to say that this year's fundraiser was a great success. With the help of the schools, parents, community members and local businesses, we were able to raise an incredible **\$20,000** for the schools! In addition, there were **\$10,000** in prizes donated by our amazing local businesses. I would like to thank all the wonderful businesses who made this year's event possible through their donations and sponsorships. Please help us thank these businesses through your patronage. We would also like to thank The

Denver Foundation for their continued support by serving as our fiscal agent for the past 6 years.

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Denver Art Museum

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Southeast Business Partnership
Southwest Airlines
Xcel Energy
Waste Management

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Denver Zoo
Embassy Suites
Encana Oil and Gas
kLipp
Optimist Club of Monaco South
National Western Stock Show
Sage Hospitality
24 Hour Fitness
Timbuk Toys
Whole Foods



8th Annual University Hills Neighborhood Association Festival

The UHNA and the Optimist Club's annual picnic with a purpose festival will be held on **Saturday, June 11th from 11am - 6pm** at Magna Carta Park (Colorado & Hampden).

The purpose this year is to raise money for the Optimist Club's Robert Sullivan Scholarship

Fund awarded to outstanding seniors at Thomas Jefferson High School who meet scholarship, citizenship and financial need requirements.

Those attending should bring a dish to share and your own beverages.

For more information, please visit www.uhna.com/festival or contact Randy at 720-295-0727.



Randy S. Marcove

Learn to Compost FREE classes

Denver Urban Gardens in partnership with Denver Recycles, is offering **free** classes in composting several times a month from May through October.



All public compost classes are hosted at the compost demonstration site at Gove Community Garden

(13th & Colorado Blvd.) Each class is a 2 hour, hands-on workshop. For more information or to register for a class, please visit www.dug.org/compost

Eisenhower Park Irrigation Project

The Eisenhower Park Irrigation Project has begun. The contractor, Environmental Logistics, will be installing the irrigation in two phases.

The first phase will be the complete installation of the east side of the park including a new booster pump, concrete pad, electrical feed and controller.

The contractor has 28 of the 51 zones installed on the east half of the park. The east loop will be completed and functional before moving to the west side of the park.

The east loop is expected to be completed in the beginning of June.



Eisenhower Park

Environmental Logistics will also be installing the new 2" domestic tap to the Recreation Center, water meter and electrical feed to the west booster pump.

If all goes as anticipated the project will be completed by mid-August.

BikeDenver Volunteer Courtesy Patrol

BikeDenver and Denver Parks & Recreation are teaming up to launch the Volunteer Courtesy Patrol to expand the reach of Denver's Park Ranger program. Forty volunteer bicyclists will assist Denver's Park Rangers in four of Denver's most popular spaces: the Cherry Creek Trail, South Platte Trail, City

Park and Washington Park starting June 4 until August 28.

Volunteers can be identified by their green bike jerseys. The Volunteer Courtesy Patrol Goals are: Increase the Denver Park Ranger's presence and visibility, educate trail/park users about basic safety rules & courtesies,

model safe riding behavior, assist residents/visitors by providing directions & information as well as report conflict areas and physical safety issues.

Currently there are no volunteer spots available for 2011. If you would like more information, please contact Denver Park Rangers at 303-331-4040.

The Apartments at Yale Station

The Apartments at Yale Station is a transit-oriented development consisting of 50 senior affordable housing residences located on the NW corner of I-25 and Yale Avenue.

The parking levels are complete. The majority of the ex-

terior masonry and hardy board façade are complete.

The interior finishes are currently underway. The Apartments at Yale Station is on schedule to be delivered and ready for occupancy late this summer.



Yale Station

Neighborhood Garage Sales

Cherry Point Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 11th

South of Hampden

East of I-25

Street borders are: Happy Canyon, Mansfield and Dahlia.

For more information:

hotgroth@hotmail.com



Southmoor Park Garage Sale

Saturday, June 11th

South of Hampden

West of I-25

Street borders are: Monaco, Quebec and Princeton

For more information:

www.speha.org

Denver Public Library Community Meeting

The Denver Public Library will be hosting a series of community meetings regarding the budget situation at six locations throughout the city.

These discussions will provide community members with background about the City's budget situation, the Library's current and future

funding options, and provide an opportunity for small group discussions of how the Library should be funded in the future.

There will be a community meeting held at Ross-University Hills Branch Library (4310 E Amherst Ave) on **Saturday, June 4th 10am - noon.**

For more information, please visit www.denverlibrary.org/budget-meetings.



Ross-University Library

RTD's New Commuter Rail Car



You are invited to visit the model of RTD's new commuter rail car, which will start operating on the East Rail Line, Gold Line and Northwest Rail initial segment in 2016.

May 31 - June 18, 2011: Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm at Denver Union Station (1701 Wynkoop).

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who manufactures this train?

Hyundai RotemUSA, a leading rail-car manufacturer that has produced more than 15,000 electrical and diesel railcars.

Why do you use two cars? RTD will use married pairs for the East Rail Line, Gold Line and the initial segment of the Northwest Rail. Married pairs are more cost effective to use and allow a better use of

space and an operating cab is not needed at each end of each car.

Why not use light rail vehicles?

The freight railroads whose corridors we are sharing require RTD to use heavier commuter rail cars that comply with Federal Railroad Administration safety.

For more information, please visit www.rtd-fastracks.com

Food Producing Animals in the City of Denver

On **June 13th**, the Denver City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Denver Zoning Code and the Animal Code to change the current allowances for Food Producing Animals (FPAs). Food Producing Animals include fowl (chickens, ducks) that produce eggs, and dwarf goats that produce milk.



Backyard Chickens & Coop

Denver currently allows FPAs in all zone districts as an accessory (secondary) use to a primary resi-

dential use with an application for a Zoning Permit with Informational Notice (“ZPIN”), providing a written notice to registered neighborhood organizations and posting a sign on the property informing the public that a permit has been requested. In addition, an applicant must also notify abutting homeowners and request letters of support. The Denver Zoning Administrator decides whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the permit application.

The proposed Denver Zoning Code amendment would:

Change the zoning review process for keeping Food Producing Animals by allowing a maximum of 8 chickens or ducks (no roosters or drakes) and 2 dwarf female goats without a ZPIN process, similar to how Denver’s zoning rules allow its residents to keep dogs, cats and domestic honeybees.

a. A restricted livestock or fowl license would be required.

b. There would be minimum standards for structures and land area provided for these animals. There must be at least 15 feet from any structure containing a dwelling unit on abutting properties. Adequate fencing shall be provided to contain the animals. Animal noise will be controlled similar to how barking dogs are controlled.

c. If a resident does not follow the required zoning standards, the City can issue a notice of violation and work with the resident to correct any problems. The city may take more formal action for abatement if problems are not corrected in a timely manner.

For more information regarding the proposed changes go to

www.denvergov.org/citycouncil

www.denverbackyardfarms.org

Property Maintenance

Spring is here, the grass is growing and so are the weeds and other vegetation.

We would like to remind you that property maintenance is important to our residents. Neighborhood inspectors will be enforcing these codes. Non-compliance is subject to a fine.

The following are regulated and not allowed by the city:

Unattended vegetation over 6" in height (grass or weeds)

Accumulations of rubbish in yards

Appliances or furniture intended for inside use in yards or on porches

Accumulations of cut branches

Accumulations of dog manure

Defective or illegal fences, proper height (4' in front, 6' in sides and

back for residential zones). Fences must be in good repair with approved materials (no barbed wire, corrugated metal, or salvage materials)

Trash cans and Recycling containers must not be stored in the front of the house or on the street or driveway.

For the safety of pedestrians and motorists on your streets and sidewalks, the following regulations apply to your trees and tree limbs:

Tree limbs extending over the streets must be at least 13'6" above the street surface.

Plant growth cannot extend over the sidewalk. It must be cut back to the property line.

Low limbs over the sidewalk must be

a minimum height of 8' above the sidewalk surface.

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 in the right-of-way.

Please call 3-1-1 to report violations



Tamarac Square Update

On May 5th, representatives of Developers Diversified Realty Corp., owners of the Tamarac Square Shopping Center property (7777 E. Hampden Ave) shared their plans for the future of the center.

The main building of the Tamarac Square shopping center is scheduled to be demolished this summer. In its place, **Target** will build a regular sized Target store (not a super Target) of about 135,300 square feet. To provide you with some perspective, the square footage of the current 2 story enclosed mall and Old Chicago and Applebee's restaurants are close to 160,000 square feet. Target will be selling general mer-

chandise, which will include a small amount of food (frozen, dry goods, etc). It will not sell fresh produce, meat, seafood or other items that you would normally find at a grocery store.

The Ace Hardware store will move back to the strip along Tamarac. The Bank of The West, Benihana, and the Jewish Family Services will remain in their current locations.

Current zoning allows the development as planned so there will not be a public hearing.

The building of the Chick-fil-A, to be located just west of The Bank of the

West, does require a zoning change. The ordinance is currently going through the Council legislative process and the final reading and public hearing will take place on Monday, July 11th. If you want to speak at the public hearing, you have to sign up by 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers on the 4th floor of the City and County Building, 1437 Bannock.



Hampden Avenue Safety Improvement Project Update

On April 7th, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in coordination with Denver City Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, hosted a public meeting regarding a proposed safety improvement project on Hampden Avenue between Tamarac Drive and Oneida Way.

Since that meeting, CDOT staff has been working with the City of Den-

ver to develop some alternative solutions and has been discussing options with individual businesses that could be most impacted. A small working group of businesses and neighborhood leaders will be meeting in June to discuss additional alternatives and options to the proposed plan.

Following this small group meeting, there will be another community meeting to share recommendations from the working group and gather your feedback. At this point, no decisions have been made. We are working hard to find a solution that balances the need to improve safety with the needs of businesses and residents along the corridor.

First Tee of Denver

The First Tee of Denver, a junior golf program for children ages 4 and older, will be offering more than 80 different classes at five locations: Aqua Golf, City Park, Kennedy, Wellshire and Willis Case. For more information and to register for classes beginning June 13th, please visit www.thefirstteeofdenver.com

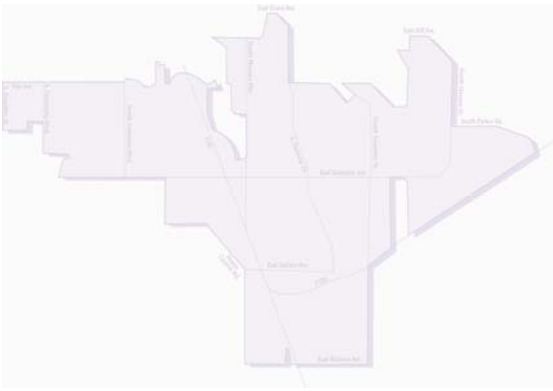


Denver Public Library Book Sale

Don't miss the Denver Public Library's 36th Annual Gigantic Used Book Sale. Over 70,000 items will be available, including children's books, nonfiction & fiction books, along with CDs, DVDs and books on tape - all at bargain prices starting at only \$.50. The book sale will be at the Central Library (10 W. 14th Ave) North Lawn from Thurs. June 9th through Sat. June 11th from 10am - 4pm and Sun. June 12th from 10am—1pm. For more information, please visit www.denverlibrary.org or call 720-865-2050.



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June Calendar of Events

District 3 DPD Citizen Advisory Board

June 2nd 6pm 1625 S. University Blvd 720-913-2677

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

June 4th 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway 720-865-5000 www.denverartmuseum.org

June 4th Denver Public Library community mtg at Ross-University Hills branch

June 7th Municipal Run-Off Election

June 11th 8th Annual University Hills Neighborhood Association Festival

June 11th Cherry Point Community Garage Sale

June 11th Southmoor Park Garage Sale

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