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## Important Zoning Issue!



The City Council's Blueprint Denver Committee will meet in Room 451 on the fourth floor of the City & County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, on **Wednesday March 8, 2006**, at 1:30. Part of the agenda will be consideration of a proposed zoning language amendment regarding telecommunications towers, antennas and support facilities for public safety agencies, such as the Police and Fire departments, for emergency response communications.

The Denver Electronic Engineering Bureau, pursuing the zoning amendment, is responsible for providing radio communications for the City of Denver and backup emergency radio services to some surrounding jurisdictions. The existing communications system is inadequate. In some areas of the City, radio communication is unreliable, and in some buildings, the system simply does not work, exposing residents responders to great danger. To address these problems, six new communications towers will replace the single existing tower. Five towers will be sited on existing buildings. In order to provide optimal communication and safety, a site near I-25 and Hampden requires a 200-foot tower. Zoning restrictions currently limit telecommunications towers to 90 feet, which is suitable for cell phone service providers. However, public safety agencies need taller facilities in order to provide reliable communications.

This committee hearing is only one step in the zoning amendment process. A public hearing will be held on the bill's second reading at a general meeting of the City Council. If you need more specific information about the committee meeting, please contact Gretchen Williams at the City Council Office, [Gretchen.Williams@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:Gretchen.Williams@ci.denver.co.us), or 720-865-9341. Comcast subscribers can view the committee meeting live on Denver's Channel 8.

## Denver Neighbors Building Solutions



This spring, Mayor Hickenlooper will launch a new public input initiative called Partnership Denver: Neighbors Building Solutions. This series of community forums seeks to find solutions to neighborhood concerns by building partnerships between the city, neighborhoods, non-profits and businesses, with the aim of creating lasting solutions for neighborhood issues.

**The Southeast Denver meeting will take place at on Wednesday, March 22, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Temple Sinai, located at 3509 S. Glencoe Street.**

Participants will use interactive key-pad technology to facilitate discussions and provide real-time data gathering and feedback, similar to the Denver Listens public feedback series in 2004. Mayor Hickenlooper, City Council members, and members of the Mayor's Cabinet will be in attendance.

**Residents interested in participating are asked to make a reservation by calling 720-865-9074 or visiting <http://www.denvergov.org/PartnershipDenver/>.**

## Party Precinct Caucuses

The political process starts at the precinct caucus. If you are a Colorado voter affiliated with a political party for at least two months and a resident of your precinct for 30 days, you may participate in your party's precinct caucus. The purpose of the caucus is to elect committee people to represent the party, select delegates to the county assemblies and vote on a party platform. All party caucuses will be held in the evening of **Tuesday, March 21, 2006**.

For information on the time and place of your precinct caucus call:

**The Denver Election Commission at: 720-913-8683**

Or visit your party's website:

**Denver Democratic Party: [www.denverdems.org](http://www.denverdems.org)**

**Denver Republican Party: [www.denvergop.org](http://www.denvergop.org)**

## New Parks Sponsorship Policy Unveiled

The Denver Department of Parks and Recreation will host an informational meeting discussing recently implemented departmental policies on Gifts, Naming & Sponsorships. The policies were developed to allow Denver Parks and Recreation to accept resources and develop partnerships with donors and sponsors, without compromising the integrity of our city's superior park system. The meeting will take place:

**Thursday, March 9, 2006**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

District 3 Police Station

1625 South University Blvd.

## Your Free Credit Report – Get It!

Everyone in the US is entitled to get free copies of their credit reports from the three major credit bureaus each year. Getting your credit report is as important a guard against ID theft as is checking your account statements.

But use caution when getting your free credit report as some websites and telemarketers are tricking people into paying. Never respond to an e-mail or telephone offer for a free credit report - you may be linked to a bogus site or a crook trying to steal Social Security Numbers. Don't search for the web site by typing in "Free Credit Report" - you may get a site where you'll be baited with a free report but have to buy credit report monitoring or a credit score. If you're asked for your credit card number, it's not free!

The website **[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)** is the **ONLY** authorized online source to get a free credit report under federal law. [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) is secure, easy to use and free. You can also get your free credit report by telephone by calling 877-322-8228.

Follow these tips if using the web site:

- Watch the spelling if you type in the web address - many bogus sites are just one letter away from the official site.
- For maximum benefit, space out your three free reports over the year; this will allow you to see changes that occur over time.
- Print or download your credit report(s) immediately; you may not be able to gain access again for free later.
- After getting your report, quit your browser so no one else can access it.

*Sent on behalf of the Denver District Attorney's Office. The Denver District Attorney's Office offers monthly Fraud Alerts which can be viewed on the DA website, [www.denverda.org](http://www.denverda.org).*

## Denver Water Residential Rebate Program

Denver Water is pleased to offer five rebates for residential customers who are purchasing high water-use appliances or adding efficiency to automatic irrigation systems. The rebates will be available all year, for purchases made between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2006.

High-Efficiency Clothes Washers -- \$200 Rebate  
High-Efficiency Toilets -- \$125  
Low-Flow Toilets -- \$25  
ET Controllers -- \$150  
Rain Sensors -- \$25

The rebate program has strict eligibility requirements and only applies to certain models. Rebates are available to Denver Water's treated water customers only. Read the rebate rules and application details carefully. For more information visit:

[http://www.denverwater.org/cons\\_xeriscape/conservation/indoorrebates2006.html](http://www.denverwater.org/cons_xeriscape/conservation/indoorrebates2006.html)

## Pay Annual Storm Drainage Bills Online

The Department of Public Works, Wastewater Management announces that you have the option to pay your annual storm drainage bill online at [www.denvergov.org/stormpay](http://www.denvergov.org/stormpay).

This is the first online payment application in the City that posts customers' payments immediately (in real-time) to their accounts inside the City network, ensuring customers' credit card information is totally secure and private. This innovation is part of the City's ongoing effort to streamline business practices.

## Wash Park Profile Now Online

The Washington Park Profile is pleased to announce the launch of its new web site:  
[www.washparkprofile.com](http://www.washparkprofile.com)

On-line readers will find much of the material included in our print edition, as well as special features including: Links to elected officials, government agencies, neighborhood groups, neighborhood restaurants and other businesses and much more. The *Washington Park Profile* on-line edition will also include additional photographic news coverage and up-to-date news reports to supplement the regular monthly print edition.

## Customer Service Improvements at DHS

The Denver Department of Human Services (DHS) has created a centralized Customer Service Division to improve assistance to clients. Beginning February 27, clients calling DHS will reach a professional customer service representative who are capable of accessing information clients need. This move will ensure greater responsiveness to clients and will allow caseworkers to spend more of time working on client cases.

The Customer Service Division may be contacted at Denver Human Services' general phone number: 720-944-3666. Out-of-town callers may dial 1-866-418-4974. Customer service representatives are available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on business days. Staff members are available who speak Spanish and Russian. Tele-interpreters are available for callers who speak other languages.

## A Fond Farewell...

We are very sorry to announce that Bethany Gravell (Beth), Aide to Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, is leaving the District 4 office.

Over the past 2 1/2 half years, Bethany has provided our constituents with excellent service on many issues ranging from parks and T-REX concerns to zoning violations and pot holes. She is responsible for creating and editing "Peggy's Pages," our monthly online newsletter.

We are especially proud to recognize Bethany as a recipient of Denver's 5281 Award for 2005. The 5281 Awards program recognizes city employees who have exemplified the city's goals which include making Denver a better place to live and work, providing outstanding customer service to Denver residents, living within our means and creating new private sector jobs.

Bethany was selected for her outstanding work organizing the 2005 Denver Duck Derby, sponsored by Councilwoman Lehmann, to benefit the five Denver public elementary schools in Council District 4. Over \$6000 was raised to help these schools and their students. It was an exemplary effort in city, school, and community cooperation.

We will miss Beth's energy and enthusiasm in our office and wish her well in her new position. She will continue to work with our office and is already busy organizing the 2006 Duck Derby, which will be held May 7th. Thank You Beth!

## ...And a Warm Welcome!

Councilwoman Lehmann is please to introduce Sunni Rodgers, the newest member of the District 4 staff. Sunni comes to the District 4 office with a wealth of diverse experience. A graduate of DePauw University in Indiana with a B.A. in Psychology, Sunni served as a volunteer with Peace Corps for 2 ½ years in Ghana, West Africa. Closer to home, she has worked and volunteered with organizations including Colorado Nonprofit Development Center, Rape Assistance and Awareness Program, Colorado AIDS Project and Lutheran Family Services.

“I’m honored to have this opportunity to work for District 4 and Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann,” says Sunni. “I grew up in Southmoor Park, so I hold District 4 close to my heart. Throughout my life, I have seen District 4 grow and mature and am excited to assist you with any concerns you might have for the future of our community.” Welcome to the team Sunni!

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