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Spring Town Meeting

Join Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann for the District 4 Town Meeting on **Monday, May 8th at 6p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church** (northeast corner of Hampden and Monaco).

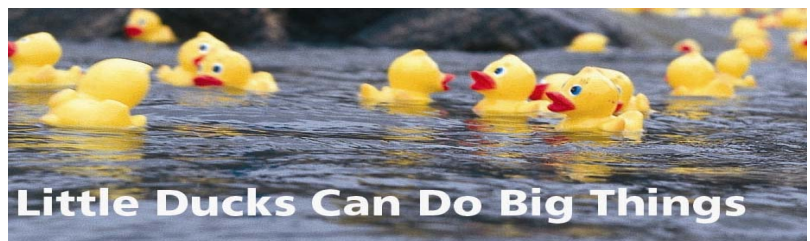
Congresswoman Diana DeGette will be the featured speaker, along with Denver Public School's Superintendent **Michael Bennet**, and acting District 3 Police Commander, Lt. **James Cosgrove**. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Refreshments will be served at 5:30 and the program will start promptly at 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Denver Duck Derby

Get excited! The Denver Duck Derby is just around the corner. Come on down and help support Southeast Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley, Holm, Samuels, Slavens, and Southmoor. The 2nd Annual Denver Duck Derby will take place on **Sunday, May 7th at George Wallace Park** (N.E. juncture of Belleview and DTC Blvd.) from **12pm-4pm**.

3,000 adopted ducks will plunge into Goldsmith Gulch for the chance to win these fabulous prizes: Round-trip airfare for two on Frontier Airlines, Whole Foods gift certificates, 4 day passes to Winter Park, Fuji Mountain Bicycle, Red Rocks concert tickets, And much, much more



You still have time to adopt a duck. It's easy, just go to any of the participating schools, Whole Foods at Tamarac, or adopt a duck the day of the race at Wallace Park. You can adopt one duck for \$5 or five for \$20. Hurry and get your ducks today while supplies last!

In addition, to the excitement of watching the race, there will be a **Duck Fest**. The Duck Fest will feature music, food, and fun interactive environmental exhibits. The Audubon Society, The Children's Museum, Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Denver Recycle, Denver Wastewater Management Division, Denver Zoo, and Environmental Learning for Kids will have hands-on exhibits to entertain the whole family.

For more information, please visit our website at www.denverduckderby.com or call the office at 303-504-5781.

Safety Telecommunication Tower

On **May 18th at 7pm at Bethany Lutheran Church** (Hampden & Dahlia) the Emergency Communications Task Force will report findings of their search for alternative solutions and locations for a proposed safety telecommunications tower in southeast Denver. If you or anyone you know is interested in this issue, we welcome you to join us at this town meeting.

Pesticide Registry

With summer right around the corner, Denver Parks and Recreation is busy preparing the parks for our enjoyment. In order to keep our parks beautiful, Denver sprays pesticides during the spring. Those who are concerned about the health risks are now encouraged to sign up for a pesticide notification registry. Residents who register will be notified by Denver Parks and Recreation 24-hours before the dept. applies pesticides for up to three parks. Denver Parks and Recreation will also post warnings of outdoor pesticide application for a period of at least 24-hours after the application. During the spraying, Denver Parks and Recreation remind us to take precautions such as closing windows and keeping children or pets away from the sprayed areas.

To register for this free service, please call 720-865-5417 or send an email to Sharon.Armijo@ci.denver.co.us including your full name, street address and zip code, telephone number, email address, and the full name of the park(s) for which notification is requested (max. 3)

Neighborhood Street Sweeping

Don't get caught with a ticket...

Denver Public Works is starting their monthly neighborhood street sweeping program. The sweeping service is provided to the public April through November. Make sure to look for your street's sweeping schedule which is posted on white and red signs located on each block. Additional information on the city-wide sweeping schedule can be found at www.denvergov.org/street_maintenance

22nd Annual Shakespeare Festival

Come join Denver Public School students and teachers for the **22nd Annual Shakespeare Festival on Friday, May 12, 2006 from 10:00am to 3:45pm**. Festivities begin at 10:00am in the Skyline Park (North of the Tower). Denver Public Schools Superintendent, Michael Bennett, will be the Grand Marshal at the Opening Ceremonies at 10:00am, followed by the Festival Parade to The Denver Performing Arts Center Galleria. Stages will be located in the Galleria and Sculpture Park.



Shakespeare

Make a Difference...Become a Mentor

Denver Public School's Superintendent, Michael Bennet, Board of Education President, Theresa Pena, and Manual High School are looking for volunteers to help make a difference in their students' lives. Manual High School will be closing at the end of the school year and they need volunteers to become mentors for students. "As you can imagine, the decision to close Manual for one year has been enormously worrisome for Manual's students. With encouragement and guidance, mentors can promote resiliency and support academic success for Manual High School students," said Superintendent Michael Bennet. Mentors are needed through October 2006 to assist students in their transition to a new school next year.

To become a mentor, complete the brief online form at www.dpsk12.org/mentors or call Denver Public Schools at 720-423-3221.



Strategic Transportation Plan Meeting

Are you interested in knowing about **Denver's Strategic Transportation Plan (STP)**? If so, please join the City and County of Denver on **Tuesday, May 9th**, in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Webb Municipal Building (201 W. Colfax Ave.), from **5:30 to 7:00 PM**. This meeting is designed to educate the public on transportation strategies and build support among stakeholders. There will be a short presentation summarizing the initial findings for the next five areas of study: Hampden, Speer, Leetsdale, East Colfax, Brighton Blvd., and DIA. There will also be work stations that allow the community to identify current transportation concerns in the remaining areas to be studied (southwest, northeast, and much of central Denver).

Citizen Advisory Board

Denver Police Department District Three is hosting a **Citizen Advisory Board Meeting on May 3, 2006 at 6:00 PM**, in the Community Room at 1625 S. University Blvd .



The goal of this meeting is to meet with the neighborhood organization representatives on a monthly basis. The objective is to form a partnership of communication where crime prevention and crime trends can be shared with the community and the community can report on quality of life issues.

For any questions, please contact Sgt. Kevin Bray at 720-913-1163 or e-mail address: BrayK@ci.denver.co.us

Denver Parks and Recreation Calendar

Full Moon Hiking and Hot Cocoa – Monday, May 15th from 3pm-9pm

Take a look at nature in a “whole new light”. Join Outdoor Recreation for a night with professional outdoor staff. The hike is \$15 per adult, which includes transportation, trained guides, and hot cocoa. The guides will discuss topics related to the moon and night sky, as well as wildlife that are out at night.

Adult Hikes- 8am-5pm (\$15 per person)

- May 1st Green Mountain Park (4.5 mile loop)
- May 8th Hall Ranch (6 miles)
- May 22nd Apex Park (4.5 miles)



“Buds to Blooms” garden tours:

Denver Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce a new garden tour series. Participants will acquire useful gardening tips from horticultural experts. Buds to Blooms will walk participants through the life-cycle of Denver’s beautiful gardens, starting with this month’s open house:

City Greenhouse Tour- Saturday, May 6th from 10am-12pm

This is a *free* tour that provides participants with an opportunity to view all of the plants and flowers in one location before distribution the following week to Denver parks.

Watch for more information throughout the summer on upcoming Buds to Blooms tours. If you would like to register for any of the tours, please call 720-913-0700. Upcoming tours will cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for children (5-12 years old).

Celebrate Healthy Living with the annual “Spring into Health” event on Wednesday, June 7th from 10am-1pm at the Denver Botanic Gardens (909 York St.). Register now through May 31st (space is limited) to learn the latest exercise trends, receive health screenings, and take a fitness walk through the gardens. There will be featured sessions on Tai Chi, Traditional Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, while Heritage Massage School will provide free chair massages.

A registration fee of \$5 includes admission, sessions, canvas bag, and a snack pack. Registration forms are located at all Denver Parks and Recreation Centers or for more information contact Highland Senior Center at 303-458-4868

Denver’s Plan to End Homelessness

Denver’s Road Home has launched a new website, www.denversroadhome.org regarding their progress with the *Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness*. The website is designed to inform, educate and interface with members of the public, private, and non-profit sectors as well as with the homeless in Denver. You will be able to read news articles, review upcoming funding opportunities, and access other important information related to Denver’s Road Home.

Denver District Attorney's Fraud Alert!

Just in time for tax refund season, con artists have mailed out counterfeit copies of U.S. Treasury checks. Denver area banks are reporting an increase in these phony checks. The checks are usually for a large sum of money and indicate they are for an *Overtax Refund*.

A letter accompanying one check stated, "Upon receiving the check, quickly deposit it into your bank account. The check will clear within 24 hours and tomorrow morning I will send you the details you will need to make the funds available to me. Remember that 10% of this amount will be kept by you for your services and assistance."

This check will *not* clear, as it is a counterfeit check. If you deposit the check and withdraw funds against it, you may be held responsible for the loss – and it could be for several thousands of dollars. Before cashing your tax refund check, make sure it is for the amount for which you claimed. If your bank informs you that a check is counterfeit – believe them and do not deposit the check!

If you are expecting a tax refund, it is always best to have the refund applied to your bank account electronically rather than have a check sent through the mail. During tax season, beware of phony e-mails and telephone calls as well that may claim to be from the IRS. One recent fraudulent e-mail stated you have a refund coming and asks that you click on a link to verify your Social Security Number. If you do this, you have just sent your SSN to a crook!

For more information contact CASE Partnerships, Denver District Attorney's Office; 201 W. Colfax, Dept. 801; Denver, CO 80202; LLC@denverda.org; 720-913-9178.

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