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## Be a Part of the Democratic System

Denver's Election Division is currently recruiting **Election Judges for the August primary and November general election**. Election Judges will be compensated \$100 per day. To apply for a position as a Judge, please complete the application and return it to the Election Division. To download an application, please follow one of the following links:

[www.denvergov.org/Portals/564/documents/FINAL%20-%202008%20Judge%20App%20W\\_Supplement.pdf](http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/564/documents/FINAL%20-%202008%20Judge%20App%20W_Supplement.pdf)

[www.denvergov.org/Election\\_Commission](http://www.denvergov.org/Election_Commission)

For general questions, please call the Elections Division at 720-913-VOTE(8683)

## Wabash Bridge Meeting

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, a community meeting was held to discuss a proposed bridge which would connect Iliff to Yale Ave. via Wabash Street, crossing the Cherry Creek. Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann welcomed approximately 150 attendees to the meeting. Facilitator Elizabeth Suarez, from Community Mediation Concepts, conducted the meeting which was divided into two parts:

1. Kelly Brough, Mayor Hickenlooper's Chief of Staff provided an overview of the project, including background & history of the bridge. Bill Vidal, Manager of Public Works and Brian Mitchell, Public Works Traffic Engineer, discussed the traffic study results.
2. Discussion: Participants were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the City representatives.

At the end of the evening, participants were asked to complete a survey to help guide the City in their decisions regarding the proposed bridge.

**For the meeting notes, background on the bridge, and to take the survey, please go to our website at: [www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict4](http://www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict4).**

## Free Tax Preparation for Low-Income Families

The Denver Asset Building Coalition (DABC) prepares basic federal and State of Colorado income tax returns free of charge for individuals of low to moderate income (earning less than \$40,000 a year). If interested, individuals should bring the following: Social Security number cards or ITIN cards for all family members; all W-2, 1099 and/or other income forms; information for all deductions and credits if available; bank account and routing number, if seeking a direct deposit; your spouse, if filing jointly; a copy of last year's tax return if available.

### Denver Tax SuperSites

#### **King Trimble Center**

2980 Curtis Street

Denver, CO 80205

Open through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

***Mondays and Wednesdays: 6pm - 8pm***

Saturdays: 9am - 12pm (*March Only*)/ 9:00am-3pm (*April Only*)

Open Tax Day - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 9am - 5pm

#### **Emily Griffith Opportunity School**

1250 Welton Street, Room 327 (3rd Floor)

Denver, CO 80204

Open through April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

***Tuesdays and Thursdays: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm***

*Closed on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>*

Please check the website for future times and for more information, [www.DenverABC.org](http://www.DenverABC.org).

## Don't Let Tax-Time Become Scam-Time

As you begin working over-time to complete your annual tax return – be assured that crafty thieves are working over-time as well to obtain your personal information for their own financial benefit.

The Internal Revenue Service wants consumers to be aware of the many ways thieves are trying to steal your personal and financial information.

- **Phony IRS e-mails** which lure victims into providing personal information. The subject line of the email says: IRS NOTIFICATION. The email claims that a tax refund is due and requests that the taxpayer fax the attached form or click on a link to submit personal information directly to the IRS. ***The IRS does not use email to contact taxpayers!***
- **Fictitious Bank Correspondence and Phony Forms** are being mailed to taxpayers claiming to be from the taxpayer's bank stating that "records are being updated" in an attempt to "exempt" the taxpayer from reporting interest or having interest paid on the bank account. The attached phony forms request personal information and data which allows the thieves to gain access to the victim's identity.

**Need help or have a question? Call the Denver DA Fraud Line: 720-913-9179**

## Disposal of CFL Light Bulbs

**Compact Florescent Light Bulbs (CFL)** use up to 75 percent less energy, fit in standard sockets, cost less than \$3 a bulb, and can last up to 5-10 years depending on usage.

Being responsible with energy usage doesn't stop with buying and using CFL's in your home. As CFL's continue to become more popular and frequently used, we want to make sure you know how to properly dispose of them. The reason is because CFL's contain a small amount of mercury, just like computers, clothes irons, and batteries.

When CFL's do finally wear out, please dispose of them through **Denver's FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program (HHW)**. Do not throw them in the trash. Eligible residents can call 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587) to make a collection appointment. Residents are permitted one collection per year, not to exceed 125 pounds, with a minimum of three different materials before calling for a pickup.

If you are worried about the bulb breaking while in storage or in transit to the HHW facility, store them in a sealed container or zip lock bag so the mercury will be contained. If the bulb does break, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm> to learn how to properly clean up and store spilled mercury.

CLF fun fact to consider when choosing wattage: CFL's use about one quarter of the wattage as standard light bulbs. To replace a 100-watt bulb, buy a 26-watt CFL.

## How Do We Make Denver the #1 Child and Youth Friendly City in the Nation?

This is the question **Denver's Child & Youth Friendly City Initiative** is striving to answer. The Initiative is working with key stakeholders from around Denver to make our city a great place for children & youth to live. By forming a broad-based coalition of public and private partners, they aim to unify and strengthen Denver's efforts to provide healthy, safe, and caring environments for young people, and, by extension, all residents of Denver. This Initiative will not only benefit Denver's children and families, but will also help the city attract and retain the workforce essential to the city's long-term well-being.

The group has recently started a *Community Wide Conversation* to determine what makes, or will make, Denver a child and youth friendly city. They are currently gathering 10,000 Voices of children and adults, facilitating more than 100 Conversations on the topic, and collecting information and data from existing resources to begin to answer this question.

Over 6000 Denver residents have joined the conversation. **Make sure your Voice is heard.** Be a part of the conversation! Visit [www.partoftheconversation.org](http://www.partoftheconversation.org) to add your voice and to **find out more about this effort.**



## Colfax is Calling All Runners/Walkers



Come celebrate with Denver, Aurora, and Lakewood on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** for the **3<sup>rd</sup> annual Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon**. The Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon is a wonderful way to celebrate one of our city's unique assets and the revitalization of America's longest continuous street — Colfax Avenue.

This year's route has been restaged in response to comments from runners in last year's race. The course will highlight interesting historic sites along Colfax and views of the majestic Rocky Mountains. A one-mile fun run/walk event will be held in conjunction with the marathon on Saturday, May 17, for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Training programs are available for different age groups that include nutrition and training tips.

For those who want to participate but aren't up to running, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. To sign up as a marathon participant, register a relay team, volunteer, or to learn more about the race, visit [www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org](http://www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org).

## Nooner Tours at DAM

Need a break from your day? The Denver Art Museum "Nooner Tours" are back. Stop by during your lunch break for a 30 minute Nooner Tour of the museum. Every Wednesday and Friday at noon, Nooners explore a variety of topics, like Clyfford Still (March 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>). Nooners are included with general admission.

For more information, please contact DAM at [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org) or call 720-865-5000.

## Submissions for Cinemocracy Film Festival

Building upon the Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee's Call to Democracy effort, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) and Denver Film Society (DFS) are pleased to announce the creation and launch of the *Cinemocracy Film Festival*, an open source film festival to coincide with the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The Host Committee, DOCA, and DFS invite citizens of the world to speak out and share ideas on what democracy is (or isn't) through the creation of short films. All films submitted via free upload will be judged by the online public and the top 10 will be screened at a free public event in Denver during the week of Aug. 25-28. Additionally, the winning film will be screened as part of the official program of the 31st *Starz Denver Film Festival* (November 13-23).

**Submitted films can be up to five minutes long and can be uploaded from March 1 through July 15 to [www.denverfilm.org/cinemocracy](http://www.denverfilm.org/cinemocracy). Voting will remain open until Aug. 1.**

Info at a Glance:

- 2008 *Cinemocracy Film Festival* addresses the topic of "How do you define Democracy?"
- Top-ranked films will be publicly screened in Denver during the week of the 2008 Democratic National Convention (August 25-28).
- For submission guidelines and official rules, visit [www.denverfilm.org/cinemocracy](http://www.denverfilm.org/cinemocracy).

# Building Creative Businesses Expo

On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs will present its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Building Creative Businesses Expo*. The program will be held at the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 W. Colfax Avenue, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The building opens at 9:00am.



The *Building Creative Businesses Expo* offers Denver's creative community (e.g., artists, filmmakers, dancers, graphic designers, musicians, etc.) a "one-stop" opportunity to learn about the various City, non-profit, and for-profit resources available and skill-building workshops to help grow and stabilize creative businesses.

In response to growing demand for the program, participants may now register for workshops online at [www.regonline.com/BCBE](http://www.regonline.com/BCBE). Participants may choose to attend up to three workshops out of more than 40 offerings. Registration fee is \$5.

## March Calendar of Events

### Denver Art Museum

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

### Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.** 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; [botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org)

### Jazzfest Denver 2008

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Donald R. Seawell Grand Ballroom in the DCPA. [www.jazzfestdenver.com](http://www.jazzfestdenver.com)

### Denver Center for the Performing Arts FREE DAY

#### Gee's Band

**Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** (ticket office opens at 4:30pm). Space Theatre at DCPA (1103 13<sup>th</sup> St.) 303-893-4000. No reservations; box office opens 2 hours before performance; one ticket per person; first-come first-served; no children under 6 years old.

### Denver Parks and Recreation Outdoor Winter Hut Trip

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> -Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.** An overnight backcountry adventure to Walter's Cabin (one of Colorado 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Huts). \$225 per person includes transportation, lodging, meals, guided tours, snowshoes and other necessary gear. For more information or to register, call 303-370-6668 or email [outdoor.recreation@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:outdoor.recreation@ci.denver.co.us).

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am- 2pm.** Parade Route: South on Blake Street to 17th Street; turn west to Union Station; turn north on Wynkoop; and end behind Coors Field.

### Denver Botanic Gardens

**Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.** 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver March PowWow

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.** \$6/Day; \$15/3 day; Free/children & 60+. Denver Coliseum (4600 Humboldt Street). For more information call 303-934-8045 or visit [www.denvermarchpowwow.org](http://www.denvermarchpowwow.org).

## Save the Date

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop**  
**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**George Wallace Park**  
**12:30pm- 3pm**

Ticket sales are starting soon! Adopt your duck starting March 15<sup>th</sup> at Whole Foods Tamarac, any of the participating schools (Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens K-8, and Southmoor), or the day of the race.

For any questions or for more information, please visit our website at [www.denverrubberduckdrop.com](http://www.denverrubberduckdrop.com) or call our office at 303-504-5781.



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