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Little Ducks Can Do Big Things

5th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop

Sunday, May 3rd

12:30pm

George Wallace Park

(NE corner of Belleview & DTC Blvd.)



Come out and show your support for our local Denver Public Schools: Holm, Bradley, Southmoor, Slavens K-8, and Samuels by participating in a rubber duck race fundraiser. **Festivities begin at 12:30 p.m.** with a Duck Fest, featuring crafts, face painting, music, and food. **The race starts at 2:00 p.m.** when the rubber ducks drop into the gulch and battle their way down an exciting race course.

Amazing prizes will be awarded to the sponsors of the first ducks to cross the finish line. Prizes include 2 round-trip Southwest airline tickets, Specialized Mountain Bicycle, Winter Park Resort passes, and much, much more. You can sponsor a duck with a \$5.00 donation or five ducks with a \$20.00 donation at George Wallace Park on race day. Ducks will be available while supplies last!

For more information, please visit our website at www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com.

Community Town Meeting

Councilwoman Lehmann would like to invite you to attend our spring

TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, May 19th

Refreshments: 6:30pm Program: 7:00pm

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(3509 S Glencoe St)

Your elected officials will update you on state and local issues

If you have any questions, please call our office at 303-504-5781

Updated Zoning Code Community Meetings

Denver is in the process of updating the City's Zoning Code. These updates will help define what our neighborhoods look like and what we envision for them. The current code's complexity makes it extremely difficult for Denver residents to navigate through its 678 pages. The new code will be more user friendly because it is changing to form based zoning with easy illustrations, graphics, and clearer standards.

Please join us at one of the following community meetings that will:

- Report on the purpose and progress of the New Zoning Code.
- Introduce the context and form-based approach.
- Demonstrate how these approaches better support Denver's adopted plans like Blueprint Denver.
- Describe how the new code will be easier to use and understand.



THE NEW ZONING CODE
PUTTING BLUEPRINT DENVER TO WORK

May 12th at 5:30pm

Denver Convention Center
Next to the Blue Bear on 14th Street

May 19th at 6:30pm

Denver School of the Arts Concert Hall
7111 Montview Blvd.

May 13th at 6:30pm

Place Middle School Auditorium
7125 Cherry Creek North Dr.

May 21 at 6:30pm

Abe Lincoln High Auditorium
2285 S. Federal Blvd.

May 14th at 6:30pm

Lake Middle School Auditorium
1820 Lowell Blvd.

For more information, please visit:

www.newcodedenver.org.

Home Renovation Bonanza

For a limited time, June 1st – 15th, Denver is issuing **FREE construction permits** to homeowners and licensed contractors making qualified home improvements or repairs to existing one and two family dwellings, which can increase the value of the home.

A variety of home improvements are covered by the Home Renovation Bonanza, including:

- Basic Interior Remodel of existing 1 or 2 Family Dwelling (existing Kitchen, Bath or Bedroom)
- Basement Remodel of existing 1 or 2 Family Dwelling
- Residential 1 or 2 Family Roof Covering Repair or Replacement
- Wall Insulation
- Replacement of water heaters
- Change out central heating and air
- Residential Photo Voltaic Systems
- Stucco or siding home exteriors

Some conditions may apply. Visit www.denvergov.com/building for more information.

DPS Regional Community Engagement Meetings

Denver Public Schools are hosting **Community Engagement Meetings** to share and discuss information regarding current schools, students, buildings, achievement, and potential new school options. They are also gathering input about the school needs in your community. All meetings are from **5:30pm to 7:30pm**.

May 6th: Montclair Recreation Center, 729 Ulster Way
May 12th: William Scheitler Recreation Center, 5031 W. 46th Ave.
May 13th: Montview Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia St.
May 20th: Slavens K-8 School, 3000 S. Clayton St.
May 28th: Florida Pitt Walker, 21601 E. 51st Pl.



For more information, please visit <http://www.dpsk12.org/> or call 720-423-3627.

The Colfax Marathon Needs Your Help

Celebrate the revitalization of America's longest continuous street - Colfax Avenue. Join Denver, Aurora, and Lakewood on **Sunday, May 17th** for the fourth annual **Denver Post Colorado Colfax Marathon**.

Come out and help volunteer! They need over 2,000 people to help plan, manage, and staff all that goes into this great community event. Work the Marathon Village in Denver's City Park, Mayor's Breakfast, hand out water to the 7,000 race day participants or help staff the start/finish line. To sign up go to <http://www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org/>

Volunteer at Bluff Lake Nature Center

Get outside, have fun, give back to your community and learn some new skills by volunteering at **Bluff Lake Nature Center**. Bluff Lake Nature Center is a unique urban wildlife refuge and outdoor classroom in east Denver. It is home to an abundance of animals and native plants, and includes a variety of native habitats.

Each year, nearly 5,000 area elementary students visit Bluff Lake as part of one of their formal education programs. Thousands of additional visitors come to Bluff Lake to enjoy a few moments of solace and connection to nature.

Bluff Lake is looking for volunteer naturalists to introduce school groups to nature as part of their elementary education programs. No experience is necessary, and all training is provided on-the-job. Bluff Lake is also looking for site stewards to lend a hand and make the habitat healthy for our wild friends. Site Stewards work closely with the Site Manager through a variety of activities, including planting native plants, removing noxious plant species, trail construction, and trash pick-up. Want to volunteer for just the summer? Join the Ambassador Team as they greet and orient visitors, answer questions, and lead activities. This is the perfect opportunity for families or those needing a flexible schedule.

Visit www.BluffLakeNatureCenter.org or call Kristin Libberton at (303)344-1282 for more information, and get started today.

Denver Police Department is Seeking Interns

The Denver Police Department is seeking college students to fill internship for credit positions within many units of the department. Students from a wide variety of fields of study are needed for intern positions including crime lab assistants, crime analysis, research projects, community relations projects, and many other types of work. Please visit www.denvergov.org for more information and a list of positions currently open. Contact Technician Joe Malouff at 720-913-6875 or Technician Mike Rappe at 720-913-6878 for more information.

Rezoning Community Meeting

Richmond American Homes of Colorado invites you to attend a Neighborhood Meeting regarding their plans for re-zoning a 6.22 acre parcel located on the **south west corner of east Jefferson Ave. and south Yosemite Street** (next to the US Post Office).

The meeting will be held at **6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 13th** in the Auditorium at **Samuels Elementary School** (3985 S.Vincennes Court). A draft proposal of plans for the property will be presented at 6:30pm, followed by a question and comment session.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Zone Map Amendment Process prior to the meeting, please contact City Planner, Deirdre Oss at (720) -865 – 2950, or via email at deirdre.oss@denvergov.org

Spring Reminders

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 and 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 or along alleys
- Appliances or furniture intended for inside use in yards or on porches
- Trash cans and Recycling containers must be stored in the garage or behind the fence, not in the front of the house.
- Accumulations of cut branches in yard
- Accumulations of dog manure in yard
- Defective or illegal fences, proper height (4' in front, 6' in sides and back for residential zones), good repair, approved material (no barbed wire, corrugated metal, or salvage materials)
- Inoperable vehicles

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' .
- 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 on the right-of-way.

Recycling Old Electronics Made Easy

As the nation has undergone a transition from analog to digital television, Waste Management (WM) is encouraging the public to recycle their old television sets, and used electronic equipment in an environmentally friendly manner.

At WM's electronics recycling (eCycling) drop-off site, located at [3730 East 48th Avenue](#), the public is welcome to drop-off old electronic equipment. To encourage consumers to recycle electronic devices, WM has partnered with Sony and LG Electronics, allowing consumers to **drop-off old Sony, LG, Zenith, or GoldStar branded electronics for FREE**. There is a nominal fee for all other brands.

Electronic materials can contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury, beryllium, and other elements that if improperly handled are dangerous to people and the environment. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 82 percent of the 2.25 million tons of old televisions, cell phones, and computer products generated in the last two years has ended up in landfills.

Call Waste Management's customer service center at 303-797-1600 for more information.

Help Re-design the Play Area at Hampden Heights Park



Denver Parks and Recreation needs your help to determine the future designs for play area at Hampden Heights Park. The playground project is part of the "Better Denver" bond program approved by City residents in 2007. Give Parks & Rec your in-put on the preliminary concept design for the playground to help them create a fun-filled playground for your neighborhood.

Go to the City of Denver's website (www.denvergov.org) under the Parks and Recreation tab to obtain more information about the project, view the preliminary concept plan and fill out a survey about the proposed plan...the direct link is <http://www.denvergov.org/PlanningandDevelopment/NewPlayAreas/tabid/432938/Default.aspx>

New Senior Residential Community in District 4

A community meeting was held on April 9th by the owners of the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel property for the purpose of presenting their plans for converting the hotel to a residential community which will cater to seniors. The project will also include some retail space on the lower level. The hotel will close December 31st, 2009 at which time work will begin on **HighPointe at Hampden**.

For more information about this project please go to the website at: www.hphampden.com

Fraud Alert: Slam the Door on Door-To-Door Con Artists

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

Traveling con artists are in metro Denver. These con artists arrive every spring with door-to-door roofing, paving and other scams, intimidating the consumers into paying thousands of dollars for poor quality work. "There is absolutely no reason to do business with people who come to your door and never let strangers in your home," says Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey.

How to Recognize Door-to-Door Con Artists

- ✓ They peddle roofing, paving, and other repair work door-to-door.
- ✓ They often prey on the elderly using friendly, high-pressure tactics.
- ✓ They may say they have material left over from a previous job, or insist they did work for you or a neighbor before.
- ✓ They quote bargain prices, but demand much more after the job is complete.

To Protect Yourself from Door-to-Door Scams

- ✓ Don't do business with door-to-door contractors – even if they promise to do the work for bargain prices.
- ✓ Get at least three bids on work, and don't always choose the lowest.
- ✓ Insist on a written contract and don't be pressured into paying more or doing additional projects.

Need help or have a question? Call the Denver District Attorney's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179

May Calendar of Events

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

May 1st. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

May 2nd. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Rubber Duck Drop

May 3rd. 12:30pm- 2:30pm. George Wallace Park (DTC Blvd. and Belleview).
www.denverrubberduckdrop.com

Town Hall Meeting: Sen. Joyce Foster Legislative Wrap-Up

May 7th at 6pm-7:30pm. Ross-University Hills Library (Second Floor Community Room) 4310 E. Amherst Ave. Joyce Foster 303-866-4875

"Fore Fire" Golf Tournament

May 8th. Green Valley Ranch Golf Course. Foursomes will be playing in a scramble tournament with 1:30 shotgun start. Participants will receive play/green fees, a light lunch, beverages and snacks throughout the course, golfer goodie bags, contest holes, hole-in-one Land Rover giveaway, happy hour/dinner provided by Sullivan's Steakhouse and awards ceremony. To register to golf, visit www.fdfd.org

24th Annual Denver Public Schools Shakespeare Festival

May 8th. Denver Center for the Performing Arts (1101 13th Street). For more information, please visit <http://shakespeare.dpsk12.org>

Cinco de Mayo Celebrate Culture Festival

May 9th & May 10th. Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway). For a complete festival event guide, please visit www.newsed.org/cinco.htm.

Cherry Hills Vista Community Association Garage Sale Fund Raiser

May 16th from 8am to 4pm. 3000 South Race (parking lot of Hillcrest Christen Church). Sale items being accepted on May 15th from 5pm to 7pm at above Church parking lot.

Denver Center for the Performing Arts FREE DAY: Quilters

May 21st. Stage Theatre at DCPA (1103 13th 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.

Darlington Fountain at City Park

May 22nd- Fountain shows will begin and continue throughout the summer. Shows will be every 5 -10 minutes from 7p.m. to 11p.m. with lighted shows starting at dusk. During the day, the fountain will change patterns every 5 minutes with short fountain shows on the hour.

Neighborhood Association Presidents- Council Meeting

May 28th at 6pm. Councilwoman Lehmann's Office (3540 S. Poplar St., Ste 102)

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

May 31st. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org

Grace Church Open House

May 31st at 12:30pm. 4905 E. Yale Ave. Grace Church is having a dedication ceremony for their new addition. There will be music, cake, refreshments and a short dedication. The community is invited.

6th Annual University Hills Neighborhood Association "Picnic with a Purpose"

June 6th from 11am- 6pm. Eisenhower Park - Shelter Picnic Area Raising Funds to Support: Helping Hands Food Bank and HCL (Holistic Community Living)

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