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7th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop

**7th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop
Sunday, May 1st**

**Duck Fest 12:30 - 2:00pm & Duck Drop Race 2:00pm
George Wallace Park
www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com**

Take a quack at winning fantastic prizes while helping support the five Denver Public Elementary Schools located in Denver Council District 4 (Bradley, Holm, Samuels, Slavens and Southmoor). Participants can sponsor one duck for \$5 or five ducks for \$20.

The rubber ducks will drop into the water at 2pm and battle down an exciting race course. Sponsors of the first ducks to cross the finish line will win fabulous prizes including 2 round-trip Southwest Airlines, Winter Park Resort ski passes, Red Rocks concert tickets, Whole Food gift card, restaurant gift certificates, theatre tickets and much more.

Sponsoring a duck is easy. Tickets are available at any of the participating schools, Councilwoman Lehmann's office or at George Wallace Park on race day (while supplies last). You do not have to be present at the race to win.



Neighborhood Meeting on Tamarac Square

**Thursday, May 5th, 6pm
Tamarac Square**

A neighborhood meeting will be held on May 5th at the Tamarac Square Sopping Center at 7777 East Hampden Avenue (enter on the south side of Tamarac) from **6:00 – 7:30 PM** to provide information on the redevelopment of the specialty center (2 story enclosed mall) at Tamarac Square.

The proposed project will be presented and representatives of the developer will be available to answer your questions.



Tax Tidbits

In 2010, Denver Public Library (DPL) attracted more than 4 million visitors who checked out 9.3 million books and other materials, engaged in nearly 41 million online transactions, used library computers and connected to free library wireless.

Demand for library services continues to be strong, but reduction of budget support for the libraries has resulted in reduction of hours that the libraries are open. Of the 23 Denver branches, 18 are open 4 days (32 hours) per week, 4 branches are open 6 days (48 hours) a week and 1 is open 4 days a week in addition to a half day on Sunday. The Central Library is open 52 hours a week with reduced weekend hours.

For **2012**, the Denver Public Libraries are being asked to **reduce another \$2,500,000**. This reduced funding will require reduced staffing levels, cuts to the acquisitions budget and fewer hours of library service by more than 200 hours.

The executive staff and the library commission are looking at options to keep the libraries running at acceptable levels for the benefit of the citizens of Denver. The Denver taxpayers support this important service to its citizens.



Denver Recycling Program Expansion

The Denver Recycling Program will begin accepting more plastics for recycling. The city will expand its list of acceptable plastics to include rigid plastic bottles, jugs, jars, cups, trays, tubs and containers marked with a number 1 through 7.

For more information, please visit www.denvergov.org/recycling or you may call 3-1-1

Spring Coyote News

Each Coyote family group has a dominant pair who will breed once a year in the spring. You won't see any pups outside the dens until May or later. Adults (other than mom or the designated babysitter) generally don't spend a lot of time inside of the dens but stay close by.

Coyotes utilize many of the same resources that foxes do and seem to be following foxes into areas of the city. In areas that previously had foxes but now have coyotes, it's important that people be aware of the coyotes so they are prepared to respond if they see them. Escorting or following behaviors are common this time of year if you are walking with your dog so they can keep an eye on you and your dog. STILL haze them by making noise and clapping to try and chase them off. They may become more bold if they feel they are successfully chasing you away. You should not let your pets run off leash in these areas.

Even with pups the adult coyotes don't tend to show more aggression to people. They can be more aggressive to unattended dogs around den sites.

Be aware of food sources. Coyotes do like fruit, and tend to like overripe fruit best, so plants left on the ground or open compost bins can attract them. A large portion of their diet is small rodents, so it MAY be beneficial to some areas as they eat mice, voles, baby rabbits and pocket gophers. For more information, please contact Ashley DeLaup at 303-455-0785 or ashley.delaud@denvergov.org

University Hills Senior Residences

There is a tentative date to start demolition of the University Hills Baptist Church in the first part of June. We will put more details in future issues of Peggy's Pages as we receive them.

Glow Ball Golf Tournament

The Glow Ball Golf Tournament, benefitting the National MS Society, will take place on **Saturday, June 11th** at Harvard Gulch Golf Course (660 E. Iliff Ave.). Check-in will be at **8:30pm** with a shot-gun start at 9pm. It will be a 5 person scramble, \$50 per player. The price includes green fee, pizza, beverage and all of the glow ball accessories.

For more information, please contact Gregg Blew at 303-349-8680.

Hampden Heights Swim and Tennis Club



Are you and your children looking for a friendly neighborhood pool to relax at this summer? Check out the membership options at the Hampden Heights Swim and Tennis Club at www.hampdenheights.org

They are located near Hampden and Dayton in SE Denver. They also have a swim team, swim lessons, master's swim time, Family Nights, a July 4th celebration and a lot of fun! You don't have to live in Hampden Heights to belong.

Free Mulch and Compost Sale

The free mulch and compost sale will be held on **Saturday, May 7th from 8am – 3pm**. The Mulch-only site in SE Denver will be located at Veterans Park (Iowa St. & Vine St). For compost you will need to go to the Havana Nursery (10450 Smith Road).

For more information, call 720-865-6810 or visit www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles

Shred-a-thon

On **Saturday, May 14th**, the Denver District Attorney's office, in conjunction with 9news, Denver Metro Crime Stoppers and Shred-it will be hosting a Shred-a-thon. This event will be held at five separate locations in the Denver Metro area from **7am-noon**. The locations are 9 News (Speer Blvd. & Logan St), Arapahoe County Sheriff (13101 E. Broncos Pkwy), Aurora Municipal Courthouse (14999 E. Alameda), Jefferson County Sheriff (Jefferson County Parkway) and Westminster Police Dept. (9110 Yates St). You may bring up to 5 boxes of documents.



Free Walking Tours of Denver Union Station

The Denver Union Station Project Authority will be conducting free walking tours of the Denver Union Station redevelopment site this summer. The tours will be held at 4:30pm, starting on Thursday, May 19th and continuing on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month through September. The one-hour tour will depart from the main entrance on Wynkoop Street.

For more information and to reserve your spot, please visit www.denverunionstation.org

May Calendar of Events

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

May 7th 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

May 28th Memorial Day Tribute Ceremony and Parade www.denvergov.org/veterans

Sport Clips

6300 E. Hampden Ave.

Denver, Co 80237

303-753-4025

M-F 9-8, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5



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