

Denver City Council District 4

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November 7th: VOTE and Make a Difference

Our office would like to remind all constituents to **VOTE** in the November 7th Election. This is a very important election with 14 ballot initiatives and several state candidates up for election.

Early Voting

Webb Municipal Building (201 W. Colfax Ave.)
October 30th - **November 3rd** from 10am- 6pm

Athmar, Montbello, Montclair, & Scheitler Recreation Centers
District Three Police Station
October 30th - **November 3rd** from 10am- 6pm



Vote Centers

November 7th, 7am- 7pm

Southeast Vote Center Location

Augustana Lutheran
5000 E. Alameda Ave.

District 3 Police Station
1625 S. University Blvd

Syracuse Plaza
4333 S. Syracuse St.

Calvary Baptist Church
6500 E. Girard Ave.

Eisenhower Rec Center
4300 E. Dartmouth Ave.

Univ. Park Methodist Church
2180 S. University Blvd.

Calvary Presbyterian Church
1420 S. Holly St.

Hampden Library
9755 E. Girard Ave.

Washington Park Rec Center
701 S. Franklin St.

Cherry Creek Community Church
3739 E. 4th Ave.

Heritage Club
2020 S. Monroe St.

Windsor Gardens Auditorium
597 S. Clinton St.

Church of the Risen Christ
3060 S. Monaco Pkwy

Cook Park Rec Center
7100 Cherry Creek Drive South

*Absentee Voting ballots can be dropped off at all Early Vote Centers or at any Vote Center the day of the election!

* All registered voters can vote at ANY of the 55 Vote Center sites

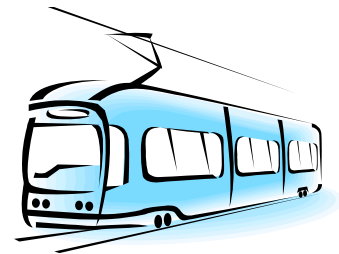
Visit www.denvergov.org/Election_Commission, for a listing of all *Vote Center Locations*.
For more information, please call the Denver Election Commission at 720-913-8683.

T-REX is Open for Business

We are excited to announce that the Southeast Light Rail will be celebrating its **GRAND OPENING on Friday, November 17th**. Please join us at 10:30am at the Lincoln Light Rail Station (I-25 and Lincoln Ave.) for an official ribbon cutting along with several fun-filled activities. You can also partake in opening festivities from Noon- 3pm at the Colorado Station that will include food, live music, and other activities. On Saturday, November 18th, there will be station parties throughout the Southeast Light Rail line with plenty of fun and entertainment for you and your family! Council District 4 station parties are listed below. All station parties are FREE and open to the public.

Rides on the Southeast Corridor will be **FREE on Friday, November 17th after 10am and all day on Saturday, November 18th**. Come and experience 19 miles of new Light Rail service and 13 New Light Rail stations.

Our office would like to thank everyone for their involvement in creating the Southeast T-REX project. Without the incredible T-REX team and constituents' help, we would not have been able to complete such an impressive project that will put Denver on the map.



Get on Board, It's Time to Party!

Join Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann as we celebrate the opening of the Southeast Light Rail on Saturday, November 18th, from 10 am to 2 pm at **Southmoor, Yale, and Dayton Stations**.

Catch the train at **Southmoor Station** as we mark the opening with a family friendly celebration. Sponsored by **The District at Southmoor Station**, the party will feature a balloon artist, bouncy castle, and a train themed exhibit from the Children's Museum. Neighborhood restaurants will be providing food, and KOOL 105 will entertain us with music. *The Wildlife Experience* will have a children's activity, along with hot chocolate & coffee for everyone. We will be awarding door prizes throughout the day so look for your chance to enter to win something from several Southmoor businesses, along with a gift basket from *Carrabba's Italian Grill*.

Yale Station will be offering fun for everyone: Food from Schlotzky's, India Oven, and Duffy Rolls, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided from local churches, Grace United Methodist and University Hills Baptist. There will be music from Mix 100, a special senior coffee seating area, a balloon artist, Big Air Jumper for the kids, and more!

The City of Aurora is sponsoring a celebration at **Dayton Station**. They are planning a beach theme with kid's activities, live music from the Pan Jumbies, free food samples from Honey Smoked Fish Co, Daniel's of Paris, and wonderful gift bags.

Get in the holiday spirit by bringing a non-perishable food item for local food banks in the 9Cares food bank network. Arapahoe, Dayton, Dry Creek, Lincoln, Nine-Mile, Orchard, Southmoor, and Yale stations are participating in the food drive.

If you would like to volunteer to help with at the parties, please contact Katie White at 303.504.5781

Holiday Reminders from DPD

The holiday season is quickly approaching and the **Denver Police Department** is dedicated to ensuring that you have a happy and safe holiday season....

The countdown of shopping days will begin very soon and when you go shopping there are some very important things to keep in mind. It is not uncommon for shoppers to make several purchases throughout a shopping day and leave packages in their cars. It is absolutely essential that your **holiday gifts are placed in the trunk** where they can be secured and out of sight. Criminals know that during the holiday shopping rush consumers commonly make several trips to their cars and leave their packages inside. This makes cars that are parked inside parking garages an easy target especially if criminal can look inside your vehicle and see what packages you have purchased.

It is also important to make sure that your houses are secure because burglars know that around the holidays many houses are filled with new merchandise. In order to make your house safe, be sure that **all your windows and doors are locked** and you have some **exterior illumination** to ward off potential burglars. One of the biggest and sometimes easiest theft deterrent options is to illuminate the outside of your houses. This can be done by a light that is left on all the time or one that is attached to a motion sensor. Be sure that when installing a motion light that you have it set to stay on for a long time once the motion sensor is tripped.



"Puffer" Time Again

The temperature outside is going to get colder and unfortunately we will suffer the pain of getting into cold cars. Many drivers will be tempted to break the law and be "PUFFERS" (**puffer** *n. an automobile left unattended and running in cold weather*). Last year hundreds of people had their vehicles' stolen while they were left running unattended. The Denver Police Department is strongly encouraging the citizens of Denver not to become "Puffers". It doesn't matter if you lock the doors while the car warms-up you are still a "Puffer". Puffers contribute to a large number of auto thefts. Motorists believe that just because they lock the doors while they're away from their vehicle that they are not at risk of having their car stolen. That's a bad assumption. By the time they could get out of the house or the store a thief can break the window and be gone. It only takes a matter of seconds, not minutes!

All the officers of the Denver Police Department want wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.



One Book One Denver



Denver's Mayor, John Hickenlooper, recently announced *The Milagro Beanfield War* by John Nichols as the 2006 pick for Denver's One Book One Denver program.

"The vision of *One Book, One Denver* is to not only promote the reading of great literature and the introspection that inspires, but to also strengthen our connectivity through a shared community experience and dialogue," said Mayor Hickenlooper. The One Book One Denver program was started in 2004 as a collaborative project between Denver's Office of Cultural Affairs, The Denver Public Library, and several community supporters and partners.

If you are interested in joining Denver in reading *The Milagro Beanfield War*, copies will be available at all Denver Public Library branches. You can also purchase a copy at local bookstores including Barnes and Noble, The Bookies, Borders, Tattered Cover, and Cultural Legacy.

There are several scheduled events, such as book discussions, dramatic readings, and workshops for *The Milagro Beanfield War*. Please visit www.denvergov.org/onebook for a complete schedule of events. Also, don't forget to pick up a resource guide for this year's book, which can be found at any Denver Public Library location or at local bookstores. You can also download the information from www.denvergov.org/onebook.

The Reading Police

On October 11, 2006 the Denver Police Department launched their new program, **Reading Police**, at Whiteman Elementary. District Three Police Commander, Tracy Keese, and other District Three Police Officers spent their morning reading and interacting with the Whiteman students. Commander Keese developed the program because of the direct link between literacy levels and youth/adult crime and incarceration. The program was designed with the intent to not only help teach the students to read, but to create a relationship between the students and the officers.

The Denver Police Department is teaming up with Denver Public Schools, Friends of Kids in Crisis, and Dr. Julie Marchiol of Ascent Health Center to bring the program to Whiteman, Lowry, Fallis, Holm, and Bradley Elementary Schools.

Tips for Disposal of Broken Tree Branches

After the last couple weeks, Denver has experienced some wet and heavy snowstorms. Here are some tips/suggestions and city regulations for branch pickup and disposal.

Please follow these guidelines in order for branches to be cleared safely and expediently:

- * Individual branches must not be larger than 4 in. in diameter and no longer than 4 ft. in length.
- * Branches must be tied and bundled together with sturdy material (rope, twine, duct tape, etc.) and each bundle of branches must weigh 50 pounds or less
- * Place no more than 10 bundles of branches out for collection, per week
- * Place tied and bundled branches in your regular trash collection area and at least 4 feet from trash receptacles (dumpsters and barrels.)

Infrastructure Priorities Task Force Community Forum

In 2005 the Mayor's first Infrastructure Task Force identified that the City was deferring capital repair and replacement of its major assets--parks; city buildings including fire stations and recreation centers; and the City's transportation infrastructure (streets, curb and gutter, traffic signals and traffic signs). This build-up has resulted from several factors: using our bonding capacity in the past decade to build new projects, a growth in the amount of infrastructure that needs to be cared for; aging of the City's assets, and a decrease in the buying power of the capital replacement annual revenues.

In response to this problem, the Mayor has formed a new Task Force to look at how we can change the way the City plans for and funds capital repairs and replacements for what we already have, as well as identify how we will fund current and future capital needs for the City. This Task Force will look into Denver's short and long-term infrastructure needs and will create a strategy for the future, including a bond issue and a plan for annual capital funding.

Denver's Mayor and City Council are hosting several Community Forums to get Denver's residents involved and informed about the Task Force's work. The forums will provide information about the process, improvement projects being considered, and other information about the Task Force and subcommittees. We hope you can attend one of last two Community Forum sessions to learn more about the Task Force, ask questions, and discuss ideas:

Wednesday, November 1st
7pm- 8:30pm
Juan Diego
2830 Lawrence

Thursday, November 2nd
7pm- 8:30pm
Eisenhower Recreation Center
4300 E. Dartmouth Ave.

There will be other forums in future months to update citizens on the progress of the Task Force. Meanwhile, you can go to <http://www.denverinfrastructure.org/> to learn more about this important effort.

Rake, Reuse & Recycle

Denver Recycles is encouraging residents to recycle their leaves instead of sending them to the city dump. Recycling ideas include mixing the leaves into your garden, putting them in your compost, or mulching them throughout your yard using a lawnmower. By recycling your leaves, you will add nutrients and help retain moisture to your lawn/garden.

If you cannot reuse your leaves in your yard or garden, consider participating in this year's **LEAFDROPP** program. When you drop your leaves off at designated sites, Denver Recycles will turn those leaves, along with Christmas trees from the Treecycle program, into compost. For more information please call 720-865-6810 or visit www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles

Sunday Drop-Off Locations: November 5th and 12th from 10am- 4pm

Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park (17th Ave. @ Sheridan Blvd.)
Southwest: John F. Kennedy High School (Newland St. & Brown Pl.)
East Central: Cranmer Park (3rd Ave. & Clermont St.)

Weekday Drop-Off Locations: October- December 4th from 7am- 2:30pm

Havana Nursery (10450 Smith Rd., just south of I-70 and Havana)
Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station (Quebec St. & Cherry Creek Dr. S.)



- * Weekday LEAFDROPP's must be in tied or secured bags
- * Make sure your leaves are free of branches or other wastes

November Calendar of Events

Citizen Advisory Board

Denver Police Department, District Three
Wednesday, November 1st at 6pm
1625 S. University Blvd., Conference Room

Infrastructure Task Force Community Forum

Thursday, November 2nd from 7pm- 8:30pm.
Eisenhower Recreation Center (4300 E. Dartmouth Ave.)

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 7th from 7am- 7pm

Denver Parks and Recreation Hot Springs Trip

Wednesday, November 15th from 8am- 5pm. Hot Sulphur Springs. \$15
For more information call 303-370-6668 or visit www.denvergov.org/recreation

Civic Center Redevelopment Forum, Hosted by The Park People

Wednesday, November 15th from 5:30pm- 7:30pm.
Colorado History Museum (1300 Broadway)

One Book One Denver: An Evening of *Milagros* w/ John Nichols

Monday, November 13th at 7pm. FREE
West High School (951 Elati St.)

Southeast Light Rail Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

Friday, November 17th at 10am- 2pm
Lincoln Light Rail Station (I-25 & Lincoln Ave.)

Southeast Light Rail Station Parties

Saturday, November 18th from 10am- 2pm. FREE

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