

Denver City Council District 4

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Election Ballots DUE November 3rd



Your mail-in ballot must be returned to the Elections Division by **November 3rd**.

Ballot drop-off locations & times:

- **The Denver Elections Division** – 3888 E. Mexico Ave. There is a drive-thru drop-off lane in front of the Denver Elections Division building.
- **Wellington Webb Building** –201 W. Colfax Ave. inside the building atrium

**8am – 6pm on October 31st and November 2nd
7am – 7pm on Election Day, November 3rd**

For more information visit www.denervotes.org or call 3-1-1

Neighborhood Meetings

Hampden Heights Civic Association

Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm.

Calvary Baptist Church

6500 E. Girard Ave.

(Hampden and Monaco)

<http://www.hampdenheights.org/>

University Hills Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm

Schlessman YMCA - Senior Center

3901 East Yale Avenue

Free Paper Shred Day

November 18th

11am- 2pm

AM First Bank

5201 S. Yosemite St., Greenwood Village, CO

(half block south of the Belleview & Yosemite intersection)

For more information, please call 720-529-5646

http://www.amfirstbank.com/co_index.htm

Proposed New Zoning Code Public Listening Sessions

Denver's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Department has been working on a complete revision of Denver's zoning code. Denver's current zoning code is 53 years old. Incremental changes over the years have made it complicated, inconsistent, and cumbersome. The proposed code creates more zoning options. It attempts to match zoning designations to current land patterns. It uses city planning documents to guide changes. It includes sample drawings of allowed structures within each zoning designation and changes terminology to describe neighborhoods.

Thousands of citizens have helped shape the first and second drafts of the New Zoning Code. A third draft is being completed that will be published on www.newcodedenver.org for community review and comment.

Do you have questions about the New Code? Zoning Code Team members from CPD will be available to answer questions from the general public during their **New Code "Office Hours"** on **Tuesday, November 10th from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, November 12th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the **Wellington E. Webb Building**, 201 West Colfax Ave. Check the New Code Denver Website after November 1st for the exact room location.

The City is holding two public listening sessions to hear your thoughts on the third draft. Both meetings will be held at the **Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave., on the 4th floor conference rooms 4G2/4F6.**

Wednesday, November 18th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm
(Sign-up to speak between 5 pm and 5:30pm)

Thursday, November 19th from 12:30pm - 3:30pm
(Sign-up to speak between 12 noon and 12:30pm)

- The sessions will be held in a public hearing format. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes and one opportunity to comment or ask a question over the course of the two listening sessions.
- Input will be used to inform the final draft code to be released in December.
- Adoption of the New Zoning Code is planned for February 2010.

How does this affect southeast Denver? In our council district, little will change. Council District 4 is primarily a single-family-housing district. The old "R-1" and "R-O" designations will be renamed and further refined by creating categories of lot size. The advantage for residents who want to preserve the character of their existing neighborhood is that designation of lot size prevents lot assemblage and crowding of residences on the smaller lots. From a day-to-day perspective, there is no expected change in allowed usage of the property. According to the CPD staff, current townhome, apartment designations, and most commercial areas will remain, just with different names. All Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) will stay the same.

To see the draft code and maps of how the new proposal would affect your neighborhood or business, go to www.newcodedenver.org. Please examine the proposed code and please let the city planners and me know what you think.

Rake, Reuse, & Recycle

If you cannot compost or mulch all your leaves in your yard or garden, consider participating in this year's **LEAFDROP** 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 1st, 8th, and 15th from 10am- 4pm

- **Southeast: South High School (Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.)**
- *East Central:* Cranmer Park (3rd Ave. & Clermont St.)
- *Northwest:* Sloan's Lake Park (17th Ave. & Sheridan Blvd.)
- *Southwest:* John F. Kennedy High School (Newland St. & Brown Pl.)
- *Northeast:* Smiley Middle School (26th Ave. & Holly St.)

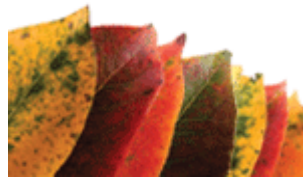
WEEKDAY Drop-Off Locations: October 5th - December 4th from 7am- 2:30pm (except holidays)

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

* Denver Residents only*

* Weekday LEAFDROP's must be in tied or secured bags *

* Make sure your leaves are free of branches or other wastes *



Nominations for Mayor's Award for Excellence

Mayor John W. Hickenlooper, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs are looking for nominations for the annual **Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts**. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to the arts in the City and County of Denver.

Nominations may be for:

- Individual artists, other individuals or collaboratives
- Educators and educational institutions
- Service and/or support to the arts

Note: Self-nominations are welcome.

Nominating takes only three simple steps:

- Description of the nominee's projects, activities or service, including when these efforts took place. (May submit up to two pages)
- Statement as to why the nominee's contribution to the arts is significant and lasting. (May submit up to one page)
- Supplemental materials – letters, brochures, etc. (May submit up to four pieces)

To submit your nomination or for more information, visit www.DenverGov.org/MayorsAwards

Mayor's Design Awards

You're invited to the **Mayor's Design Awards** presentation on **Thursday, November 12th** from **6pm to 7pm** at the **L2 Arts & Culture Center** (1477 Columbine St.). A reception will follow from 7pm to 8pm. Please RSVP at www.DenverGov.Org/MDA.

The Mayor's Design Awards showcases well designed small projects throughout our neighborhoods. This annual tradition of recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to good design in the City and County of Denver was begun by Mayor Hickenlooper in 2005, and Community Planning and Development has played a vital role in coordinating this initiative.

Engines off! Denver Anti-Idling Program Reminder

Did you know that idling for just 1 minute produces as much carbon monoxide as smoking 3 packs of cigarettes? Did you know that in the Denver metro region idling is responsible for 40,000 tons of air pollution a year and over 400,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually?

For environmental and safety reasons, remember **not leave your vehicle running in your garage or driveway to warm it up during the fall and winter time.**



Idling your vehicle can also be quite **damaging for the environment.**

Here are some common misconceptions about idling:

- Myth: An engine should be warmed up before driving
- Reality: While the engine must be warmed up, idling is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle. For cars with fuel injection (almost all vehicles built since the late 1980s) idling for even 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting the engine, and it is only necessary to warm the engine up for 30 seconds before driving away, even on the coldest winter days.
- Myth: Idling is good for your engine
- Reality: An idling engine is not operating at its peak temperature, which means that fuel does not undergo complete combustion. This leaves fuel residue that can deposit on the spark plugs and increase fuel consumption by up to 5%. Also, water condensation in the exhaust system can reduce the life of the exhaust system.

Not only is idling bad for your car, and bad for our air quality, it's also against the City and County of Denver Municipal Code (Chapter 4, Section 4-43). This **limits idling to 5 minutes per hour** with exceptions for cold temperatures (less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit), emergency equipment and auxiliary power equipment. Persons reported for violating this ordinance will be sent a letter informing them of the ordinance and potential penalties. If the situation is excessive or repetitive an inspector will investigate. To report a violation, call 3-1-1 and ask to speak with Environmental Health.

While we all love a warm car, this behavior invites car thieves and the number of **stolen vehicles** increases during this time. Last year, hundreds of people had their vehicles' stolen while they were left running unattended.

DENVER 2 for 1 TIX

VISIT DENVER and the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs are pleased to announce the new **DENVER 2 for 1 TIX** program. This free program gives you great savings on last-minute tickets to music, theater, museums and much more throughout the Denver metro area.

Visit <http://www.denver.org/events/2for1tix> to see the weekly discounts or to sign up to receive weekly 2 for 1 ticket alerts.

Got TJ Times?

Know more about what is going on at Thomas Jefferson High School! Sign up for **TJ Times**, a weekly email sent out to all TJ families and friends of TJ. If you would like to receive one of TJ's strongest communication tools, please contact Scott Lessard at Scott_Lessard@dpsk12.org. Also check out TJ's award winning newspaper online at: <http://www.tjjournal.com/>

Support TJ by shopping at the **Annual Craft Fair** on November 21st from 9am- 4pm.



Denver Water Reminder

Denver Water wants to remind you of ways to keep pipes from freezing this winter season:

- Keep open cabinet doors leading to exposed pipes (such as access doors for sinks), so that household air can warm them. The natural flow of warmer air will help combat many problems.
- If you have an attached garage, keep its doors shut. Occasionally, plumbing is routed through this unheated space, leaving it vulnerable to winter's worst.
- Crack a faucet farthest from the place where your water enters the house. A very slow drip will keep water molecules moving, reducing the chance that pipes will freeze. Place a bucket underneath the faucet so the water can be saved for other household uses.
- Keep your thermostat set above 65 degrees when leaving your house or business for several days.
- Insulate pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before. Pipes close to exterior walls or in unheated basements or crawlspaces can be wrapped with pieces of insulation. Don't overlook pipes near windows, which can quickly freeze. For particularly difficult pipes, consult a professional on how to select and apply heat tape.
- Know the location of your water shut-off switch and test it regularly. If a pipe breaks, you won't want to have to find it then or, worse, wait for someone to arrive at your place to find it for you. In most single-family homes, the shut-off valve is in the basement or the crawlspace, on a wall facing the street.

More tips are available on Denver Water's Web site, www.denverwater.org, or by calling (303) 893-2444.

November Calendar of Events

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

November 2nd. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org.

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

November 6th. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd. 303-973-3705.

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

November 7th. 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Zoo FREE DAY

November 8th. 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org

Denver Zoo FREE DAY

November 11th. 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org

2nd Annual Holiday Sale

November 14th – January 9th. Textile Tactile Arts Center (Tamarac Square- 7777 East Hampden Ave., Ste #114). Great Gift Idea classes: ReMaking Sweaters, ReMaking Tees, Beaded Buttons, Chenille Scarves, Needlefelting, Fabric Painting, Felted Bags & Purses, Felted Jewelry, Beginning Knitting, Beaded Beautie Dolls.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

November 22nd. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org.

May Library Community Craft/Gift Show

November 28th & 29th. May Library (1471 S Parker Rd). The community craft / gift show will also have a silent auction. All table fees and silent auction monies will go to the library.

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit www.Denver365.com, the online comprehensive event calendar or www.thescen3.org for SCFD Tier III events.

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