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## Election Information

On **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** you will have the opportunity to vote for your President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressional Representative, Legislative Representatives, Judges, and on 14 initiated & 4 referred ballot issues, in addition to a Denver Public Schools bond question.

For detailed information about each ballot issue, refer to the State's ballot information pamphlet which is mailed to each registered voter, The League of Women Voters of Colorado website, [www.lwvcolorado.org](http://www.lwvcolorado.org), or the Legislative Council's website, [www.leg.state.co.us](http://www.leg.state.co.us).

There are several voting options in this election: mail-in ballot, voting early at one of the 13 designated early voting sites (see below), or at your assigned precinct polling place on Election Day. For more information on these options, please go to [www.denervotes.org](http://www.denervotes.org) or call 3-1-1.

### Important Dates

*October 6<sup>th</sup>* - Last day to register for the November General Election  
*October 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, & October 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>* - Early Voting  
*October 28<sup>th</sup>* - Last day to apply for mail-in ballot (mailed to you)  
*October 31<sup>st</sup>* - Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot (pick-up)  
*November 4<sup>th</sup>* - General Election

### Early Voting and Mail-in Ballot Drop-off

October 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> & - October 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>; 11am- 7pm



Vote early at **ANY** one of 13 locations throughout the city:

<b>Barnum Recreation Center</b>	360 Hooker Street
<b>Christ Church United Methodist Church</b>	690 Colorado Boulevard
<b>Denver Elections Division</b>	<b>3888 East Mexico Avenue</b>
<b>Harvey Park Recreation Center</b>	2120 South Tennyson Way
<b>Harvard Gulch Recreation Center</b>	550 East Iliff Avenue
<b>Hiawatha Davis Jr. Recreation Center</b>	3334 Holly Street
<b>Manual High School</b>	1700 East 28th Avenue
<b>Montbello Recreation Center</b>	15555 East 53rd Avenue
<b>Montclair Recreation Center</b>	729 Ulster Way
<b>Rude Park Recreation Center</b>	2855 West Holden Place
<b>Scheitler Recreation Center</b>	5031 West 46th Avenue
<b>Tamarac Square Mall</b>	<b>7777 East Hampden Avenue (East Entrance)</b>
<b>Webb Municipal Office Building</b>	201 West Colfax Avenue

### **Voters Need to Make Sure Their Information is Current**

Denver voters who have recently moved need to verify their new address information with the Elections Division. This information is important for mail-in ballot voters and for correct polling place information.

**The deadline to register to vote or change an address is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Voters can verify their address information or download a voter registration form at [www.denervotes.org](http://www.denervotes.org). The form can be returned by fax to 720-913-8600, scanned and emailed to [voterregistration@denvergov.org](mailto:voterregistration@denvergov.org), or mailed to 3888 E. Mexico Ave. Denver, CO 80210.

Voters needing more information can visit the Denver Elections Division website at [www.denervotes.org](http://www.denervotes.org) or call 3-1-1.

### **Be a Denver Election Poll Worker**

Be a part of the election process and work at the polls. Two thousand Election Day poll workers are needed to help with an anticipated record voter turnout this year. Spanish bilingual (must be English-proficient) and Republican poll workers are especially in need.

Poll workers check in voters, verify voter identification, and generally assist voters in casting their ballots. Election Day poll workers are paid \$100 for each Election Day they work, plus \$20 for attending a required training session. If you are selected to be a supervisor you can earn up to \$210. For more information on how to become a poll worker visit [www.denervotes.org](http://www.denervotes.org) or call 3-1-1.

## Candidate Forums on Channel 8

The League of Women Voters of Denver and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation are sponsoring several Candidate Forums and an Issues Forum to provide valuable information for voters in advance of the General Election in November. Each Forum will be taped at Denver 8 TV, located at 8269 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. **The forums and will be played on Denver 8 TV on several occasions prior to the Election and voters can view these programs online at [www.denvergov.org/denver8tv](http://www.denvergov.org/denver8tv).** For questions, contact Karen Cuthbertson at [AthmarAtLarge@ecentral.com](mailto:AthmarAtLarge@ecentral.com).

**You are invited to attend these Forum tapings.** During the Issues Forum, audience members will submit questions to the Moderator, to be answered by both a supporter and an opponent of the Issue.

#### **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** (look online for the repeat)

6:00 pm - State Senate District 35, Joyce Foster and Bob Lane

7:00 pm - State Representative District 2, Mark Ferrandino and Thomas C. 'Doc' Miller

8:00 pm - State Representative District 3, Anne McGihon and Paul Linton

#### **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** (look online for the repeat)

7:00 pm - State Representative District 5, Joel Judd and J.J. Swiontek

#### **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:00 pm - State Representative District 6, Lois Court and Joshua Sharf

7:00 pm - State Representative District 9, Joe Miklosi and James Landauer

8:00 pm - RTD Board District A, Laura Yribi, John Maslanik, and Bill James

#### **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am- Amendments 47, 49, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, Referendum O, and DPS Bond Issue

## Public Meeting: Living With Urban Coyotes

Please join us for a Community Meeting with information and a discussion about coyotes in our urban community. This year there has been a noticeable coyote presence throughout District 4. The evening will include a panel of wildlife experts who will present information and answer questions on how to live with urban coyotes.

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**Holm Elementary Auditorium**  
**3185 S. Willow Street**



If you have questions about the meeting please contact Councilwoman Lehmann's Office at 303-504-5781. This meeting is sponsored by: The Mayor's Office, Dept. of Parks and Recreation (Natural Areas Program), and Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann's Office.

## Domestic Honey Beekeeping

Councilwoman Lehmann is sponsoring a zoning code language amendment based on constituent interest to allow up to two bee hives (apiaries) in residential and main street zone districts. The amendment would allow hives in the rear 1/3 of the zone lot with a 5-foot setback from side and rear lot lines. Hives must be screened so bees have to fly over a 6-foot barrier before leaving the property.

The proposal is being made to allow domestic honey beekeeping, with reasonable requirements, in consideration of neighbors. Honey bees are an important, but fragile, part of our ecosystem. Bees are critical pollinators of urban gardens and agriculture (1/3 of our food supply is pollinated by bees). Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), a mysterious and potentially catastrophic ecological phenomenon, has been reducing the bee population to dangerous levels.

This **language amendment** has been heard and approved by the Denver Planning Board and is scheduled to come before the Denver City Council Blueprint Committee on October 8<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing at the City Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Council meetings start at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the City and County Building at 1437 Bannock Street. You will be able to sign-up at this time if you wish to speak to this issue.

Please send your written comments by e-mail to [Gretchen.Williams@denvergov.org](mailto:Gretchen.Williams@denvergov.org) or Mail them to City Council c/o Gretchen Williams at 1437 Bannock, room 451, Denver, CO 80202. These comments will be available for Council members review prior to the public hearing.

## Dictionary Drive Benefits DPS Students

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), a network of registered Denver neighborhood organizations, Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive is asking for your help. The Dollar Dictionary Drive is a program that gives a free dictionary and thesaurus to every third-grader in Denver Public Schools.

Due to the downturn in the general economy and a reduced contribution from a long-term very generous donor, 2008 is the first time since the Drive began in 1995 that INC is facing a serious financial shortfall for this project. Any financial contribution that you, your associates, or your constituents might be able to give to the Dollar Dictionary Drive would be greatly appreciated by INC and the thousands of third graders it serves.

Please may checks payable to "INC Dollar Dictionary Drive" and send to PO Box 18347, Denver, CO 80218. Donations may also be made online at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/inc); click on "Dollar Dictionary Committee" to be linked to a secure website.

## The Blue and You

Denver 8 TV, the city's Municipal Access Television channel, is now hosting the Denver Police Department's public safety TV show ***The Blue and You*** on its Denver 8 Online video archives site. Each month the program highlights community safety and activities from the Denver Police Department with this month's edition taking viewers on a fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of the Denver Police Department's activities during the **Democratic National Convention**.

The program is a staple of the Denver 8 TV programming lineup. Now the show can be viewed by anyone, anytime, at their own convenience via the Internet. By visiting the Denver 8 TV website at [www.DenverGov.org/Denver8TV](http://www.DenverGov.org/Denver8TV) users can easily find direct links to the video stream of the program. Additionally, there is also a full description of the current edition.

Now anyone can learn about how the Denver Police Department works with the community, both on web and on Denver 8 TV

## Crime Prevention

Denver District Three Police would like to inform you that it's the time of year when criminal offenses seem to increase. We are quickly approaching the holiday season and with this comes opportunities for criminals to commit crimes. You are reminded to stay vigilant during this time of year and report any suspicious activities to the police. To report a crime call Denver District Three Police Station at 720-913-1300.

### ***Crime Prevention Information:***

- Lock your vehicle and keep any valuables out of sight
  - Put packages in your trunk
  - Close your garage door at night
- Make your home look occupied if leaving for vacations or business and have your neighbors pick up your newspaper or any flyers left at your home.
- Lock your home and arm your alarm when you leave your home for any amount of time.

## How to Avoid Mortgage Fraud in These Tough Times

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

### WHAT TO DO:

- **Get referrals for real estate and mortgage professionals when you want to buy or sell a home.** And once you do, check out their licenses with regulatory agencies.
- **Do your own research into what other homes in the neighborhood have sold for.** Also, look into recent tax assessments of neighborhood homes.
- **Beware of “no money down” loans.** These are gimmicks.
- **Don’t let anyone (i.e., a realtor, mortgage broker) talk you into making a false statement on your loan application,** like overstating your income or lying about where your down payment is coming from.
- **Never sign a blank document or a document containing blank lines.** If you don’t understand what you’re signing, get an attorney who can review the documents for you.

### If you are currently experiencing financial difficulties:

- Be cautious of companies or individuals that claim they can eliminate your debt if you pay an up-front fee – it is a scam!
- If you are facing foreclosure, don’t fall for any of the fraud schemes, including the one where a perpetrator convinces a homeowner to sign over the house deed “temporarily”—for a fee, of course.
- Contact your lender before your situation gets too bad. They will most likely be willing to help you work out a solution before you lose your home.

Reported incidents of mortgage fraud in the U.S. have increased by 42% in the first quarter of 2008 from a year ago (Mortgage Asset Research Institute).

## Halloween Costume Drive



*Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast* associates will join in the fun of giving back to the community as they offer a “costume closet” where the community can drop off new costumes to be donated to the *Kunsberg School* at National Jewish Medical and Research Center. An innovative twist on the popular Christmas toy drive, the Halloween Costume Drive will tap into Four Points’ commitment to spreading the word of Simple Pleasures<sup>SM</sup> and the brand’s core values of fun, giving comfort and making people smile.

**New, unwrapped costumes** may be dropped off at **Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast**, 6363 East Hampden Avenue, or **Starbucks** located at the intersection of Hampden and Locust, from **September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information on the Halloween Costume Drive, contact Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast at (303) 758-7000 or visit online [www.FOURPOINTS.com](http://www.FOURPOINTS.com).

**Kunsberg School** at National Jewish Medical and Research Center is a unique day school program for kindergarten through eighth-grade students whose chronic illnesses may prohibit their attendance in a normal public school. Students receive individual and structured education programs to assist them in achieving academic and physical excellence, and prepare them to become independent, self reliant and responsible.

# One Book, One Denver

Mayor John Hickenlooper and the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs have announced the 2008 **One Book, One Denver** selection as *The Thin Man*, a classic detective story by author Dashiell Hammett. One Book, One Denver is Mayor Hickenlooper's citywide book club, building community through the shared experience of reading the same book. Denver citizens are encouraged to participate in the program by reading the book and attending related events. Copies of *The Thin Man* are available at all Denver Public Library branches, as well as local booksellers. A resource guide and glossary of terms are available at [www.denvergov.org/onebook](http://www.denvergov.org/onebook).

## Free Public Events

**One Book, Many Films**, presented by University of Colorado Denver and Denver Film Society at the Starz Film Center (900 Auraria Parkway)

Tuesdays, 7:00PM

- October 7<sup>th</sup> Charade
- October 14<sup>th</sup> L.A. Confidential
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Chinatown
- October 28<sup>th</sup> The Thin Man



**Two Thin Discussions**, presented by Colorado Humanities and Center for the Book University of Colorado Denver, King Center Recital Hall (855 Lawrence Way)

6:30-7:30PM

- Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Alfred Packer and A Tale of Cannibalism
- Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> We've Come a Long Way, Baby: A Conversation on Drinking & Dames

**Power Read: A Community Read-Aloud of The Thin Man** – Denver Public Library, Main Branch (10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy.)

- Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>; Noon-5:00PM

**One Book, One Denver Celebration with Mayor John Hickenlooper**, including a dramatic reading from the book and performance of music from the 1930s from the Queen City Jazz Band. University of Denver Campus, Davis Auditorium, Sturm Hall (2000 E. Asbury Ave.)

- Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>; 7:00-8:00PM

**Book Club in a Bag**, presented by Rocky Mountain PBS and Key Bank. Eight copies of *The Thin Man*, eight reading guides, one tote bag, and your book club! Available for check out at any Denver Public Library branch.

**The Thin Man at the Kirkland-** Bring in your copy of *The Thin Man* to the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art to receive ½ off your admission price. Museum information, location and hours available at [www.kirklandmuseum.org](http://www.kirklandmuseum.org).

- September 9<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>

# October Calendar of Events

## Free Legal Night

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** from **5:30pm - 7pm**. El Centro de San Juan Diego (2830 Lawrence). Free one-on-one consultations with volunteer lawyers. First come, first serve. Spanish/English provided. Recurring each 1st Wednesday of every month. Call 303-573-1302 for more information.

## Denver Police Dept. Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **6pm**. District 3 Police Department (1625 S. University Blvd.) The objective is to form a partnership of communication where crime prevention and crime trends can be shared with the community and the community can report on quality of life issues. For any questions, please contact Tech Tony Burkhardt, [Anthony.Burkhardt@denvergov.org](mailto:Anthony.Burkhardt@denvergov.org)

## Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; [botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org)

## Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**. 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

## The Great Pumpkin Harvest Festival

**October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** from **10am - 4pm**. Four Mile Historic Park (715 S. Forest St.). Make a scarecrow, pick your pumpkin from the patch and take a bite of a caramel apple. For additional info call 720-865-0800 or visit [www.fourmilehistoricpark.org](http://www.fourmilehistoricpark.org).

## Denver Zoo FREE DAY

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**. 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)

## Hay Bales & Tall Tales- Story Time for All

First Saturday of each month: **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, November 1<sup>st</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>. FREE. Four Mile Historic Park (715 S. Forest St.). Story Time for all ages. Gather around a camp-fire or picnic table and be transported through stories of an earlier time with fun activities. For additional info call 720-865-0800 or visit [www.fourmilehistoricpark.org](http://www.fourmilehistoricpark.org)

## Buffalo Bill Presents...A Living Canvas of the West

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** from **12pm- 4 pm**. FREE. Buffalo Bill Museum (987 ½ Lookout Mountain Rd, Golden) Meet cowboys, Indians, soldiers, and other characters from the American West. Participate in Civil-War artillery drills, witness the marksmanship of Annie Oakley, and enjoy many other hands-on entertainment opportunities. Inside the Museum, families will find new exhibits, interactive activities, and crafts for all ages. For more information call 303-526-0744 visit [www.buffalobill.org](http://www.buffalobill.org).

## Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**. 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

## Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Boo at the Zoo

**October 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** from **9am – 5pm**. Denver Zoo (2300 Steele Street). Get your costumes ready. This year's theme encourages children to be a hero for the planet and dress up as their favorite superhero while they learn about several ways they can help the environment. Trick-or-treaters visiting more than 30 trick-or-treat stations can enjoy close encounters with the creepy kind, viewing vampire bats, reptiles, spiders and Denver Zoo's other creatures. Activities free with admission. 303-376-4800; [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)

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