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## Senior Resource Day

You are invited to join Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, State Representative Joe Miklosi and Denver's Office on Aging for a free **Senior Resource Day**.

**Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:15 am to 12:15 pm**  
**First Plymouth Congregational Church**  
**3501 S. Colorado Blvd.**

The morning will include a continental breakfast and speakers who will address issues of concern and interest to seniors in our district, including Fraud Prevention by the Denver DA's office and the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging.

You can take advantage of many resource providers who will have tables and information directed at seniors. The morning will focus on healthy, active living for seniors, resources for assistance in a variety of areas such as home repair, fraud, safety, transportation and in-home care as well as volunteer and educational opportunities.

For more information please check our website at [www.denvergov.org/councildistrict4](http://www.denvergov.org/councildistrict4) (site will be updated as we finalize speakers and resource providers,

Please RSVP so that we know how many people will be attending our event. Call 303-504-5781 or e-mail: [Diane.young@denvergov.org](mailto:Diane.young@denvergov.org).

## Xcel Rebates and Energy Workshops

Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, Xcel Energy is offering residential customers select rebates on energy efficiency improvements ranging from installing insulation to ENERGY STAR\* home improvements. For more information, visit [www.ResponsibleByNature.com/change](http://www.ResponsibleByNature.com/change) and go to "Rebates and Programs," or call **1-800-895-4999**.

Xcel Energy also is offering free, one-hour presentations on home energy efficiency. The energy workshops will be conducted by professional home energy analyzers and will cover such topics as insulation, heating, water heaters, windows, lighting and appliances. Those interested in scheduling a presentation for neighborhood associations or community groups should call Xcel Energy at 303-294-2476.

## 2009 Transit Alliance Citizens' Academy



The Transit Alliance Citizens' Academy is a program that will host 60 participants over 7 weeks to discuss the complex linkages between transportation, community development and sustainability. These complexities and their relationship to the goals of the Denver Metro Region are uncovered in the program through a variety of speakers from the development community, public health sector, municipal government, the Regional Transportation District and many more.

Metro Denver is emerging as THE learning laboratory for revitalizing our communities through the development of a multi-modal transportation infrastructure. NO ONE else in the nation is doing what we are here in Denver.

The Academy will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 9 p.m. for seven consecutive weeks beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> and ending on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, 1445 Market Street, 5th Floor, D.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009 by 5:00 PM.** More information and the Application Form are available at <http://www.transitalliance.org/Academy>. There will be no cost for participants.

## How Would You Reduce Poverty in Denver?

With the current economic quicksand, many people are feeling financially vulnerable. More individuals are sliding into poverty, even as resources to address the needs of those already struggling erode. As of 2007, about 18% of Denverites lived in poverty. These are individuals living on less than about \$10,000 per year, and a family of 4 living on less than about \$21,000 per year.

The Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations is currently conducting a survey on poverty in Denver and would love your opinions. This survey will be used to gain a greater perspective on poverty in Denver, especially in relation to minority groups and special populations. Barriers to economic opportunities may vary by constituent group. The Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations has Commissions – community advisory bodies -- that work with different communities: Women, People with Disabilities, Older Adults, Latina/o, African American, American Indian, Asian American, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered

The survey and final report be used to develop work plans for the Agency and to consider new policies to help address poverty in our City. We are asking you to share your perspective. We will also be considering census data, interviews with service providers and with individuals who live in poverty in developing recommendations.

Please fill out the survey by **September 10th** by clicking on the link below. The ten question survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Thank you so much for your help. You have the freedom to remain anonymous or to put your name down to be quoted or asked for more information.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=q2oph5AwtAg\\_2b\\_2fduyFLEDQQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=q2oph5AwtAg_2b_2fduyFLEDQQ_3d_3d)

For questions, contact Chaer Robert at 720-913-8465.

## DIA Job Fair



To connect job seekers with a wide variety of airport jobs, the Denver Office of Economic Development will host a DIA Job Fair, **Friday, September 4th**, from **9am - 2pm**, at the DIA City Conference Room on the sixth level of the main terminal.

The job fair will promote approximately 75 full-time and part-time openings available in several fields, including retail, transportation, airline-related services, food services and security.

All job applicants must pass a 10-year background check to be eligible for employment at Denver International Airport. Some positions require a current motor vehicle record to apply. Business attire is requested for the job fair. Because of the size of the event, parking cannot be validated. For more information on the DIA Job Fair, please call 303-342-2591 for a prerecorded message.

## Yale/I-25 Rezoning Project

On August 24<sup>th</sup> Denver City Council held a public hearing on the rezoning of the vacant lot at Yale/I-25. The request was to re-zone the lot from B-2 to RMU-30. RMU is multi-unit residential, office and retail.

The primary concerns expressed about the proposed re-zoning were issues of increased traffic along Yale Ave. and cars using the light rail station that park in the neighborhood. Councilwoman Lehmann indicated that she has been working with the Public Works Department to deal with the traffic/parking/pedestrian issues, including consideration of cross walks and stop lights near Yale Station. She will continue her efforts on behalf of the neighborhood.

The land owner, Walter Koebel, and developer, Mile High Development, indicated that the planned project is a six story, 75 foot high, mixed use, retail/apartment complex. There will be approximately 60 underground parking spaces. The current plan is to build affordable senior housing with approximately 49 apartment units. They are hopeful that the project will begin during the summer of 2010. The bill was approved unanimously by the Denver City Council.

## Hampden Library Re-Opening



The new and improved Hampden Branch Library will be re-opening on **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. It will feature technology upgrades, infrastructure improvements and renovations thanks to the Better Denver Bond, which voters supported in the 2007 election.

Please join us for the official Hampden Branch **Renovation Celebration** on **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. This celebration will be a family-friendly open house. More information will be included in our next newsletter.

For more information on the renovation improvements, please visit <http://denverlibrary.org/bond/>.

## Dani's Foundation STEPS Walk

Dani's Foundation, in association with Kroenke Sport Charities, is pleased to announce the first annual **STEPS (Stride To End Pediatric Sarcoma) Walk**, a 3K walk designed to raise awareness and funding for the campaign to end Pediatric Sarcoma.

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pepsi Center**  
(Auraria Pkwy and 9th St.).

To register for the walk, contact the Foundation at 303.601.1881 or email [Martha@danisfoundation.org](mailto:Martha@danisfoundation.org). To learn more about Dani's Foundation, visit [www.danisfoundation.org](http://www.danisfoundation.org). Dani's Foundation was created in memory of Daniele "Dani" Stell and those other children and young adults who have fought and lost their battles to Ewing's Sarcoma and those other rare forms of pediatric sarcomas.

## New Hours for Denver's 3-1-1

In order to achieve budget savings while staying available to citizens during peak hours, Denver 3-1-1 will have new hours of operation. Starting Sunday, August 30, the new hours will be:

Sunday: 8 am to 5 pm.  
Monday – Friday: 7 am to 8 pm.  
Saturday: 8 am to 5 pm.



In addition, 3-1-1 is available online at [www.denvergov.org/311](http://www.denvergov.org/311) or via email at [311@denvergov.org](mailto:311@denvergov.org).

## New Flashing Beacon at Southmoor Elementary

Denver City Council, Denver Public Works Department and Denver Public Schools hope to make school zones safer with the installation of flashing beacons at 32 schools around the Denver area.

Public Works Traffic Engineering Services (TES) has completed the first phase of installation at ten schools in time for the start of the school year, with another 21 installations scheduled to be complete by the end of 2009. The schools receiving flashing beacons were selected based on a traffic engineering formula that takes into account average weekday traffic volume, number of through traffic lanes and the speed limit adjacent to the school.

The beacons are yellow flashing lights placed above the school zone signs at marked elementary school crosswalks. The flashing beacons provide additional emphasis and warning for drivers that children may be present. The flashing beacons will only be activated during school arrival and dismissal times. When the light is flashing, the speed limit is reduced - even if children are not present.

**A flashing beacon has been installed in Council District 4 at Southmoor Elementary School on S. Monaco Pkwy/ S. Magnolia Way.**

For a complete listing of the selected schools and their locations, please visit: [www.Denvergov.org/Transportation](http://www.Denvergov.org/Transportation)



## Community-Police Mediation Program

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) is a city agency that provides objective civilian oversight of the Denver Police Department (DPD) and Denver Sheriff Department. For the past three years, the OIM, in connection with the DPD and Community Mediation Concepts, has managed a successful community-police mediation program as a way of resolving police complaints that alleviates misunderstandings, fear, mistrust, trauma, anger, and resentment.

Mediation involves bringing both parties face-to-face in a safe, neutral and confidential setting to discuss the specifics of the complaint. The meeting is **free** to community members and facilitated by professional mediators who help the parties communicate constructively.

Overwhelmingly, mediation has improved the relationship between complainants and officers. After completing more than 160 mediations, we have found that mediation is far more likely to lead to satisfaction among complainants and officers than the traditional complaint-handling process. It also is more likely to result in a substantial decline in future complaints against an officer (as most officers learn from the citizen's perspective and make different decisions as a result), and is more likely to result in a faster resolution when compared to formal investigations.

For more information, please contact Community Relations Ombudsman AJ Clemmons at [ajenai.clemmons@denvergov.org](mailto:ajenai.clemmons@denvergov.org) or 720-913-3307.

## Fraud Alert: Hacking & ID Theft Case Bust

From Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey:

The U.S. Justice Department announced charges in what it said is its biggest ID Theft case ever. Hackers stole credit and debit card information from more than 130 million accounts. In most cases, the hackers either used personal credit card numbers to make fraudulent purchases or they used debit card numbers to drain individuals' bank accounts.

The good news is that in Colorado, and 44 other states, the law requires that customers be notified when their identity has been compromised. In addition, almost every bank and credit card company takes responsibility when there are fraudulent charges on an account. If something goes wrong, consumers are protected by the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act. While it is virtually impossible for an individual to prevent this type of massive data breach, steps to minimize risk and mitigate losses are easy to take:

- Monitor your credit card and bank accounts closely – reporting any charges or activity that you do not recognize.
- Request a free copy of your credit report once a year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or 1-877-322-8228.
- Shop only on secure internet sites. For more information go to <http://www.idtheftcenter.org>.
- Don't give any part of your Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers over the phone or Internet, unless you have made the contact to a company or financial institution with which you are familiar.

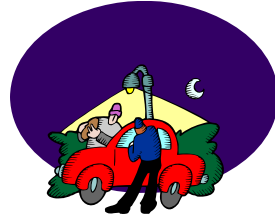
For questions or concerns call the Denver District Attorney's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179.

## Theft from Motor Vehicle Prevention

Due to a 32% increase from last year in Theft from Motor Vehicle crimes in the City, the Denver Police Department would like to inform the community of prevention measures. This is often a crime of opportunity, therefore if removing the opportunity it will potentially decrease the crime.

The Denver Police Department has compiled a list with the top five items that have been taken from a vehicle during this crime:

1. IPOD / MP3 player
2. GPS- Global Positioning Unit
3. Money
4. Tools
5. Stereo Face Plate



This is a reminder to everyone that when you leave your vehicle for any length of time, be aware of items of value that may be visible to someone who is walking by. When you park your vehicle, whether it is inside a parking structure or on the street, always remember to lock your vehicle. Never leave your vehicle unattended with the keys inside. Make attempts to park your vehicle in well lit and populated areas, especially in the late evening hours.

## September Calendar of Events

### Denver Police Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.** *Denver Police Department- Dist. 3 Community Room* (1625 South University Blvd.). The objective of CAB 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 questions, please contact Tech Cari Jimenez, [cari.jimenez@denvergov.org](mailto:cari.jimenez@denvergov.org) or Tech. Tony Burkhardt, [Anthony.burkhardt@denvergov.org](mailto:Anthony.burkhardt@denvergov.org).

### Taste of Colorado

**September 4<sup>th</sup>- September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Friday: 11:30am - 10pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:30am - 10pm; Monday: 10:30am - 8pm. FREE admission. *Civic Center Park* (Colfax and Broadway). [www.atasteofcolorado.com](http://www.atasteofcolorado.com).

### Denver Botanic Garden Corn Maze

**September 4<sup>th</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>.** The Maze is open every Friday 4 –10pm, Saturday 10am – 10pm, Sunday Noon– 10pm. *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd., Littleton*. For more information, please visit [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org) or call 720-865-3500.

### Denver Municipal Band- Jazz Combo FREE CONCERT

**September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** Southmoor Park (Oneida Way & Peach Way).

### Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

**September 5<sup>th</sup>.** 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org).

### Denver's Old House Fair- Vital Information for Old-House Owners

**September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 4pm.** \$10 per person. *Denver's Lowry Campus at Stanley British Primary School* (350 Quebec Street). The Fair offers 12 workshops on subjects pertinent to old-house owners and exhibits of numerous companies and organizations with products or services for homes build over 50 years ago. For more information, please visit [www.denversoldhousesociety.org](http://www.denversoldhousesociety.org).

### Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

**September 13<sup>th</sup>.** 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org).

### Brew at the Zoo and Wine Too

**September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-10pm.** *Denver Zoo* (2300 Steele St.). Join the creatures of the night for an evening of beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres sampling. For more information please visit: [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org).

### Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

**September 19<sup>th</sup>.** 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org).

### 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest

**September 18<sup>th</sup> –September 27<sup>th</sup>** (Friday, Saturday, and Sundays **only**). Fridays: 5pm- 1am, Saturdays: 11am- 1am, Sundays: 10pm- 5pm. FREE. On *Larimer Street between 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street*. Come enjoy live music, food, beer, and much more. For more information, please visit [www.oktoberfestdenver.com](http://www.oktoberfestdenver.com).

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit [www.Denver365.com](http://www.Denver365.com), the online comprehensive event calendar.

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