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Important General Election Dates



Monday, October 6th

Last day to register for the November General Election

Monday, October 20th- Friday, October 31st

Early Voting for the General Election

Tuesday, October 28th

Last day to apply for mail-in ballot (mailed to you)

Friday, October 31st

Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot

Tuesday, November 4th

General Election

For more information, please visit www.denvervotes.org or call the Election Division at 720-913-8683.

Denver Mountain Parks Master Plan

Denver Mountain Parks is asking for feedback on its newly drafted master plan and would like to hear from you. Now is your chance to speak out and influence the development of some of Denver's most precious resources.

Between 300- 400,000 Denver residents and over 2.5 million people visit our Denver Mountain Parks annually. With over 14,000 acres in our mountain parks, Denver is a national leader in open space protection.

To review the master plan in its entirety and comment via web blog go to www.denvermountainparks.org. Comments are being taken until September 19th and can also be sent to the department, via susan.baird@ci.denver.co.us or Susan Baird, Denver Parks and Recreation, 201 West Colfax, Dept. 605, Denver, CO 80202.

Street Tree Regulations

Denver's Forestry Department is seeking public comment on new draft rules and regulations that will implement a fine system for people not taking care of street trees. For more than 100 years, maintaining the health of street trees has been placed on Denver's residents (DRMC §57-18b). The care of Denver's street trees is important because a healthy urban forest contributes to the livability of our city.

Denver's Forestry Department strives to clearly communicate with property owners about specific code discrepancies and allow them to respond accordingly. While this model of residential care for street trees has been largely successful, occasionally property owners are unwilling to perform their obligations to keep Denver's streets safe and free of hazards. To encourage timely compliance with tree safety requirements, Forestry plans to implement a system of fines directly toward those refusing to fix a safety problem. Draft regulations can be viewed through September www.denvergov.org/forestry. To contact Forestry with questions or comments about the draft regulations, please call 720-913-0651.

Hike for Youth



Join the **5th Annual Hike for Youth "hike-a-thon,"** benefiting *CityWILD*, *Colorado Mountain Club's Youth Education Program*, and *Mile High Youth Corps*. On **Saturday, September 13th**, hikers of all ages and abilities are invited to hit the trails of Golden Gate Canyon State Park and raise money for programs that connect youth to the outdoors.

Whether you want an easy stroll through the fall woods, a strenuous 6-mile hike, or something in between, there is a hike for you. Visit www.hikeforyouth.org for more information or to register online. Difficult hikes will begin at 9:00 am, moderate at 9:30 am, and easy hikes at 10:30 am. All hikes will end by 12:00 pm in time for the after-hike party.

Adults hike for \$25 and youth (ages 5-17) hike for \$10. Sign your colleagues up as a Corporate Club and hike for \$250 for a team of 10. All hikers are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges to support the benefiting agencies and top fundraisers will win prizes like outdoor gear, REI gift cards, digital cameras and more.

Proposed Denver Water Rate Increase

Denver Water has announced a proposal to adjust water rates for 2009 and maintain the utility's conservation-oriented pricing structure that provides lower rates for low water use. If the proposed adjustments are approved, they would take effect Jan. 1st, 2009.

Public comment will be taken at the Sept. 10th, 9:15am, and Sept. 24th, 9am, Board meetings. The meetings are open to the public and will be held at Denver Water, 1600 W. 12th Ave. Public comment also will be taken at Denver Water's Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday, Sept. 18th, 5pm at Denver Water. Comments also may be sent to the Board via e-mail at dbwc@denverwater.org. Details of the 2009 rates proposal will be posted on Denver Water's Web site (denverwater.org) on Sept. 5th. If you have questions about the proposed rate adjustment, you may call Joe Sloan, (303) 628-6320.

Rates for Denver Water customers living inside the city would remain among the lowest in the metro area. Denver Water is primarily funded through rates and system development charges (commonly referred to as tap fees — charged to new customer "tapping" into the water system). No tax dollars are directed to Denver Water or its projects.

Election Signs

With Election Season upon us, we would like our constituents to be aware of Denver's new regulations regarding the posting of election signs.

Election Signs {Section 59-537(9)}

- ▶ Election signs are limited to posting on private property and only with the owner's consent.
- ▶ Election signs **cannot** be placed in the public right of way. To be certain that you are not placing signs in the right of way, don't put them on the tree lawn between the curb and the sidewalk and keep them at least 3 feet back from the sidewalk.
- ▶ Election signs are limited to wall, window, and ground signs not more than six feet above grade.
- ▶ No sign shall exceed an area of 8 square feet. Signs must be maintained in a clean, orderly and slightly condition.
- ▶ Signs must not be illuminated or animated and must not flash, blink or fluctuate.

Did you know that it is illegal to post signs on public property? (Sec. 3-1 Denver Revised Municipal Code)

Public property includes roadway median strips, bridges, utility poles & boxes, street signs, and sign posts. Public property also includes some areas that are not as obvious, such as the tree lawn area between detached sidewalks and the curb, and parkways on major streets. Additionally, most properties have an easement in the front of their property extending between 10-20 feet back from the curb. This easement is considered public property. It is against the law to post signs in this area as well.

The law allows the City to remove signs that are in violation and to bill the person who is responsible for putting up the sign for the cost of its removal.

To report a violation please call 3-1-1 or contact our office at 303-504-5781. It is important to note the exact address of the location of the signs.

News from our Neighbors

Groundbreaking for the New Arapahoe County Library

On **Saturday, September 20th** from **10am- 12pm**, there will be a Ground Breaking party for the new **Arapahoe County Library** to be located on the corner of S. Parker and E. Florida. Festivities will include an ice cream social and games. There will be no parking on-site. Please use the Albertsons parking lot.

Fires along the Highline Canal

There have been several fires this summer along the Highline Canal in the vicinity of 2300 block of Harvard and north of that area.

Please keep your eyes out for any unusual activity. If you notice something suspicious, please notify the Arapahoe Sheriff at 3037954711 or Cunningham Fire Department at 303-7559202

November Calendar of Events

Denver Police Dept. Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 4th 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

7th Annual Corn Maze

September 5th- October 26th. 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 or call 720-865-3500.

Brew at the Zoo and Wine Too

Friday, September 5th from 6:30pm-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.

21st Annual AIDS Walk Colorado

Saturday, September 6th from 9:00am- 12:00pm. This 5k walk/run benefits AIDS research. For more information, please visit <http://www.coloradoaidsproject.org>.

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

Saturday, September 6th. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

Sunday, September 7th. *2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver.* For information call 303-322-7009

One Book, One Denver

Tuesday, September 9th. One Book, One Denver book selection announcement.

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

Saturday, September 27th. *1005 York St., Denver.* For information call 720-865-3500

39th Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, September 19th – Sunday, September 28th (Friday, Saturday, and Sundays only). Fridays: 5pm- 1am, Saturdays: 11am- 1am, Sundays: 12pm- 6pm. FREE. On *Larimer Street between 20th & 22nd Street.* Come enjoy live music, food, beer, and much more. For more information, please visit <http://www.oktoberfestdenver.com>.

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