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Denver City & County Building.
Picture provided by Denver Convention Bureau

Season's Greetings

Diane, Sunni, and I want to wish you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous New Year. We thank you for all the help and support that you have given us this past year and look forward to working with you again this coming year.

There is a lot to do in the Denver Metro area this holiday season. At the end of Peggy's Pages in the December Calendar of Events, we listed some events to get you into the holiday spirit. Have a great holiday season!

-Peggy

Public Hearing to Examine Nov. 7th, 2006 Election

The Denver City Council and the Mayor will conduct a public hearing on **Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** in the **Denver City Council Chambers** (1437 Bannock, 4th Floor) to gather comments about the November 7th election. Denver citizens are invited to address the Council about their election experiences, as well as offer recommendations for restoring public trust in the Denver election process.

The Public Hearing was initiated by City Council and the Mayor because of the unacceptable issues Denver voters faced on Election Day. The majority of the problems came when voters had to wait in extremely long lines at the Vote Centers due to breakdowns in the new "electronic poll book" at the 55 new voting centers.

Our office would like to thank all constituents for your incredible patience throughout the election process, despite the overwhelming inconveniences.

Denver Election Commissioners Wayne Vaden, Sandy Adams, and Susan Rogers have been invited to respond to citizen comments at the meeting.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, but would like to comment on the Election, please send an email to DENCC-Election@ci.denver.co.us

Celebrate Southmoor Station



Southmoor Station Party.

Picture by: Don Matthews

On **Saturday, November 18th**, the Office of Councilwoman Lehmann helped celebrate the Grand Opening of the Southeast Light Rail at Southmoor Station! The party was a huge success and we are so grateful to our volunteers, sponsors, and donors who helped make it possible.

A special thanks to:

- **Our Station Sponsors:** *The District at Southmoor Station, Citywide Banks, Southeast Business Partnership, The Wildlife Experience, and Carrabba's Restaurant*
- **The Entertainers:** *KOOL 105, Southmoor Elementary Art Students, The Children's Museum, Colorado Budokan, and B-Loons Army*
- **Local restaurants** that provided food for the thousands of hungry riders: *Applebee's, Chipotle, Duffey's Rolls, Fresh Fish Company, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Piccolo's Restaurant, On The Border, and Subway.*
- And a very **special thanks** to all who provided door prizes and special offers: *Cold Stone Creamery, Continental Theater, Downtown Denver Partnership, Signal Graphics, Rodney's Restaurant, The Bagel Deli, Omaha Steaks, Towne Place Suites, Whole Foods, The Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Instant Imprints, The Gift Gourmet, Barbara & Company, and Four Points Sheraton*

Thank you to all riders, supporters, and volunteers for your help as we celebrate this huge development in our neighborhoods!



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting at Southmoor Station on Nov. 17th, 2006. (Left to Right: Councilwoman Robb, Mayor Hickenlooper, Former Councilwoman Joyce Foster, Councilwoman Lehmann, Burt Melcher, Councilman Linkhart, and Councilman Garcia).

FREE Viewing of The Lady of Guadalupe at DAM

In spirit of the holiday season, the **Denver Art Museum** is offering free admission to the North Building to visit the Lady of Guadalupe display. The Lady of Guadalupe is one of Mexico's most cherished images. The viewing of this collection will run from **December 12th- 31st**. If interested, **you must present a voucher to gain free admission**. To obtain the voucher or for more information, please visit:

<http://www.denvergov.org/admin/template3/forms/GuadalupeFlyer.pdf> or on our website at www.denvergov.org

For questions please contact our office at 303-504-5781 or email sunni.rodgers@ci.denver.co.us

Denver International Airport Performance Series RELAX UNDER THE BIG TOP

Are you tired of traveling and want more entertainment in your life this holiday season? Don't you worry, things just got a little more exciting at the Denver International Airport. Musicians, dancers, and other entertainers are preparing to make DIA more festive during the busy Thanksgiving/Christmas travel season. For 16 days from **Tuesday, November 21st through Sunday, December 31st**, DIA will host its *International Performance Series*, featuring over 350 hours of some of the finest regional entertainment.

Music and dance of South America, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Israel, and Eastern Europe will be presented throughout Jeppesen Terminal's Great Hall and passenger check-in areas.

Performances are planned from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. For schedules, go to <http://flydenver.com/guide/art/performing.asp>

The Park People's 2007 *Denver Digs Trees* Program

Who: The Park People, a non-profit organization, preserves, enhances, and advocates for Denver's parks, recreation resources, open space, and urban forests.

What: Through our *Denver Digs Trees* program, we offer *free and low-cost* trees to Denver residents for planting along the public right-of-way every spring.

When: *Denver Digs Trees* distribution day is **Saturday, April 21st**. A tree sale will be held in conjunction with tree distribution day for those wishing to plant trees on private property. (Starting at 9:30am-11:30am) Trees will be distributed at six distribution sites across Denver from 8:00am to 11:00am.

Choice: We offer drought-hardy tree species that are best suited to Denver's dry climate: Burgundy Belle Maple, Ginkgo Biloba, Prospector Elm, Redmond Linden, Sycamore Maple, English Oak, Japanese Pagoda Tree, and Turkish Filbert.

Trees are \$20 each. Free trees are available to residents, regardless of the neighborhood they live in, who are unable to cover the cost per tree.

Why: Trees stand to benefit all communities by:

Beautifying our neighborhoods
Saving energy by shading our homes
Cleaning our air
Providing habitat for songbirds
Increasing neighborhood participation in communities

Reducing crime
Reducing violence
Increasing property values
Producing oxygen



**DENVER
DIGS
TREES**

A Program of the Park People

Program Goal: Increase over all tree canopy to 18% across Denver (it is currently at 6%).
If everyone in Denver planted one tree there would be 500,000 new trees across the city.

How: Denver residents may call 303-722-6262 or email info@theparkpeople.org for more information.

Denver Treecycle 2007

Denver Recycles' annual **Treecycle 2007** program is back again this holiday season. Help recycle thousands of Christmas trees into mulch, which is made available FREE to Denver residents in the spring at the 2007 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale.

All Denver residents whose trash is collected by Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management may participate. This year, collection will be **between January 2nd & January 12th**.

To **Treecycle**, simply remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from your tree and set it out for collection as follows:

- **Trash Can and Barrel Customers:** Set your tree at least 4 feet away from your trash container by 7 a.m. **on your trash day** during either the week of January 2 or the week of January 8. Call 3-1-1 if your tree has **not** been picked up by 3 p.m. on your trash day during the week of January 8.
- **Dumpster Customers:** Set out your tree by 7 a.m., on either **Tuesday**, January 2nd or **Monday**, January 8th. Place the tree just behind your property on the edge of the alley and make sure it is not next to the dumpster. Call 3-1-1 if your tree has **not** been collected by 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 11th.
- **Flocked or artificial trees** cannot be recycled.

For more information about **Treecycle** and other Denver Recycles programs call 720-865-6810 or visit www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles.



Fraud Alert: Don't Get Caught Phishing

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey...

Attempts to steal your sensitive information are called "phishing," and it is very prevalent. The sender goes "fishing" for your information by setting up a phony website at which you are asked to supply such information as account numbers, passwords, pin numbers, Social Security Numbers, etc. Phishing is attempted by e-mail and telephone.

DA Mitch Morrissey is especially concerned about two recent phishing scams:

- 1) The Social Security Administration has issued a special alert about an e-mail that discusses proposed SSA benefits increases for 2007. The e-mail threatens the suspension of Social Security benefits if personal information is not immediately provided on the supplied phony web link. To review the SSA alert, go to: www.socialsecurity.gov and click on the alert "Public warned about E-mail scam linked to cost-of-living update."
- 2) E-mails purportedly from amazon.com, e-Bay, PayPal, etc. list an item you ordered. The e-mail further provides the amount being charged to your credit card, as well as an opportunity to cancel on a supplied link or form if you did not place the order. This scam has been very lucrative as victims believed someone had used their information to order an item and they simply wanted to stop it - only in canceling the order, did they become victimized!

To protect yourself:

- ✓ Don't panic. The sender/caller wants you to respond without thinking.
- ✓ Never respond to e-mails or callers asking you to submit personal data.
- ✓ If in doubt, call us at the Denver DA's Fraud Line, 720-913-9179.

December Calendar of Events

Community Meetings

Public Hearing on Nov. 7th Election

Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Denver City Council Chambers (1437 Bannock)

An Evening of Architectural Ideas

Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Colorado History Museum (1300 Broadway)

Civic Center Conservancy will present ideas created by architects for the Civic Center Park.
For more information, please call 303-312-4286

Holiday Events

Downtown Denver Lights

Friday, November 24th thru January 21st

City & County Bld., D&F Tower, Larimer Square, Skyline Park, Union Station, and
16th Street Mall (between California and Curtis)

9News Parade of Lights

Friday, December 1st @ 8pm & Saturday, December 2nd @ 6pm; FREE
Parade will start in front of Civic Center Park and the City & County Building on Bannock
Street at 14th Avenue. For the full Parade Route Map please visit
<http://www.denverparadeoflights.com/>

Northfield Stapleton Holiday Light Show

November 18th- December 31st @ 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, & 9pm; FREE
Northfield Stapleton Main Street (8340 E. 59th Ave.)

Blossom of Lights

December 2nd- January 21st from 6pm- 9pm; \$6children/ \$8adult
Denver Botanic Gardens (1005 York St.)

Ice and Snow Lights

December 3rd- 31st from 4pm- 10pm; FREE
Coors Amphitheatre (6350 S. Greenwood Plaza Blvd.; Greenwood Village)

Denver Zoo Lights

December 8th- 31st from 5pm- 9pm; \$4children/ \$7adult
Denver Zoo (2300 Steele St.)

New Year's Eve Fireworks Downtown

Sunday, December 31 @ 9pm & Midnight; FREE
16th Street Mall, Downtown Denver

Name that Initiative

On Wednesday, July 13th, 2006 Denver's Mayor, John Hickenlooper, shared his visions for Denver in the State of the City Address. The Mayor's speech focused on making Denver a sustainable city. One of the goals is to "triple **Denver's tree canopy** from 6 percent to 18 percent tree cover" said Mayor Hickenlooper, "We will accomplish this by launching an unprecedented regional initiative to plant a million new trees over the next 20 years."

A part of Denver's Greenprint plan, The Mayor's office has put together a Tree Task Force to create a strategy for the future of Denver's tree canopy. **The Task Force needs your help in finding a name for the One Million Tree Initiative.** The Mayor would like all of us to get creative and think of a name that is "*inspirational* – one that will capture attention and motivate tree planting in the metro region."

So get your creative juices flowing and send me an email if you have any ideas (or questions), at sunni.rodgers@ci.denver.co.us before **December 8th**.

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