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Have a Fun and Safe Labor Day Weekend!

T-REX is (almost) Outta Here!

Congratulations neighbors, you survived the five years of T-REX induced lane closures, day and night construction work, and of course the unforgettable traffic delays. We are proud to say that as of August 22, 2006, the T-REX project concluded *The Last Big Step*, which includes all major construction of the highway. Now that we have our highway back, the next step of completion is the opening of the Light Rail on November 17th, 2006.



To celebrate the official opening of the Southeast Light Rail line, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, November 17th. On Saturday, November 18th our office, along with local businesses and neighborhood volunteers, will throw a party at the Southmoor Station and the Yale Station from 10am – 2pm. There will be more details of the opening in next month's Peggy's Pages.



I-25 and University on July 2002



I-25 and University on July 2006

T-REX was a \$1.75 billion project that added 19 miles of Light Rail and 17 miles of improved highway (including a fourth lane each way on I-25 between I-225 and Logan St.) to Southeast Denver, Aurora, Greenwood Village, Centennial, and Lone Tree.

Our office would like to thank all those who were affected in any way by this project for your patience and understanding during this major undertaking of Denver's transportation system.

Civic Center Park Master Plans

Denver Parks and Recreations and the Civic Center Conservancy have been working together to find a way to revitalize Denver's famous Civic Center Park. Civic Center Conservancy hired an architect, Daniel Libeskind, to find the way to best restore, preserve, and enhance the park's activity.

Libeskind unveiled Civic Center's newest redevelopment plan on Wednesday, August 30th. If you were not able to make the unveiling, you can see Libeskind's at various meetings throughout the city in September and October. These meetings are public forums and community discussions hosted by Denver Parks and Recreation and the Civic Center Conservancy.

Thursday, September 14th, 5:30pm -7:30pm: Webb Building (201 W. Colfax Ave.); Room 4.F.6

Tuesday, September 19th, 6pm – 7:30pm; National Jewish Hospital (1400 Jackson St.); Molly Blank Conference Room #J105

Monday, October 2nd, 5:30pm - 7:30pm: Denver Public Library, Central Branch (10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy) B2 Conference Center

Tuesday, October 10th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm; Webb Building (201 W. Colfax Ave.); Room 4.F.6

Councilwoman Lehmann will host a District 4 public forum and community discussion in Mid-October for our constituents. Look in October's Peggy's Pages for further information.



Preventing Caregiver Exploitation

A fraud alert from the office of Denver District Attorney, Mitch Morrissey....

Older adults are living longer than ever. Unfortunately this longevity is increasing the incidence of caregiver financial exploitation. Most cases involve family members or trusted associates and can include: taking money or property, forging an older person's signature, and getting an older person to sign a deed or will through deception or coercion.

The Denver DA's Office suggests doing your estate planning early. If putting adult children in charge of an estate is a problem, consider hiring a third party - an attorney or a CPA - who is not emotionally attached. Other preventative steps include:

- Using direct deposit for Social Security checks and retirement benefits.
- Keeping debit/credit cards, checkbooks, and other valuables hidden if you have regular visitors to your home or apartment.
- Reviewing your financial statements every month – especially if someone is paying your bills and managing your accounts.
- Choosing your Power of Attorney with care and setting up a system of checks and balances so no one person has complete control.
- Being careful about letting family, friends or tenants live in your house.
- Treating home care workers like employees, not friends.
- Maintaining contact with family, friends, and neighbors. The more active you are, the less likely you are to be exploited.

For more information or assistance please contact the Denver DA's Fraud Line at **720-913-9179**.

Voting Survey- How do you Plan to Vote?

Our office wants to know what voting method you are planning to use for the upcoming November 7th election. We would like to know if people will use the new Vote Centers or the older Absentee or Early Voting methods. Please go to www.denvergov.org/councildistrict4, Nov. 7, 2006 Voting Survey to participate.

Here are important dates for the upcoming election.....

Absentee Voting

(Last day to apply)

Tuesday, October 31st for ballot to be *mailed*
Friday, November 3rd for ballot to be *picked up*



Early Voting

Webb Municipal Building (201 W. Colfax Ave.)
October 23rd - 28th & October 30th - November 3rd
10am- 6pm

Athmar, Montbello, Montclair, & Scheitler Recreation Centers
October 30th - November 3rd
10am- 6pm

*All Early Voting Centers will accept Absentee Voting ballots

Vote Centers

November 7th, 7am- 7pm

Visit [www.denvergov.org/Election Commission](http://www.denvergov.org/Election_Commission), *Vote Center Locations* to find one near you

Town Meeting...Save the Date

Keep your calendar open....We are having our Fall Town Meeting on **October 25th at 7:00pm** in **Calvary Baptist Church** (NE corner of Hampden Ave. and S. Monaco).

Our guest speakers will include Mayor John W. Hickenlooper, Executive Director of the Denver Election Commission, John Gaydeski, and District Three Denver Police Commander, Tracie Keese.

Before the Town Meeting, starting at **6:15pm**, you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates for the upcoming election. This will be an informal meeting that will allow you to meet, greet, and ask any questions you may have for our future leaders.

For more information on the town meeting, look for our postcard mailing and further updates in October's Peggy's Pages.

Help Stop Panhandling

Did you know that Denver citizens give over \$4.5 million to panhandlers annually? Denver's Commission to End Homelessness, Downtown Denver Business Improvement District, United Way, and Human Service Agencies are reaching out to the citizens of Denver to stop giving directly to panhandlers and to start giving to the programs that help them and other homeless individuals get off the street.

Denver's Road Home is an initiative to re-direct donations, food, clothing, or household items to agencies, such as shelters, who help the homeless and others in need. Many times panhandlers use your spare change to prolong their addictions or further encourage other harmful lifestyles. By giving to local agencies, you are helping bring food, housing, general health care, job training, and drug & alcohol rehabilitation to those who want help and a better life.

For further information, visit: www.giveabetterway.org, www.denversroadhome.org, or call 2-1-1.

Family Resource Center Needs Your Help

Here is another way to help out others (while cleaning out your home).....

Family Resource Center (FRC) is comprised of 24 sites throughout Colorado with programs that serve over 70,000 people. Centers deliver an array of services to strengthen families and help maintain self-sufficiency including early childhood education and parenting classes, literacy, ESL and GED classes, job readiness, pre- and after- school care, and emergency assistance.

The FRC is in need of more *folding tables and (preferably) stackable chairs!* Class numbers are up and additional class are being added to the main site this fall. FRC is willing to pick up these items from you! If you know of anyone, PLEASE let Jolene Goerend know. Fall classes start in September. FRC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, and any donations of furniture would be tax-deductible.

Please contact: Jolene Goerend (Adult Education Director- Focus Points Family Resource Center) Phone: 303.292.0770 Fax: 303.293.9386

Denver Union Station Advisory Committee



Join the Union Station Advisory Committee (USAC) on **Thursday, September 7th, at 5:30pm**, at the **Paramount Theatre** (1621 Glenarm Place) as they host the first public presentation by each of the two master developer teams for the redevelopment of the Denver Union Station (DUS) site. They will unveil their vision and their specific proposals for the DUS site, which is considered the premier transit-oriented development in the entire Rocky Mountain region. The public is encouraged to participate in this process and comment on this crucial redevelopment opportunity in LoDo. For more information, please visit www.denverunionstation.org

September Calendar of Events

Taste of Colorado

Friday, September 1st: 11:30am- 10:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, September 2nd & 3rd: 10:30am- 10:00pm

Monday, September 4th: 10:30am- 8:00pm

Civic Center Park (Broadway and Colfax). Free Admission

Citizen Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 6th: 6pm @ District 3 Denver Police Department (1625 S. University Blvd.)

City Park Festival of the Arts

Saturday, September 9th: 10am- 6pm @ City Park Esplanade (Colfax and Columbine).

140 Local Artists, 4 stages, Children's Area, lots of food and entertainment. Free Admission

Denver Parks and Recreation Outdoor Adventure Programs

(www.denvergov.org/recreation or 303-370-6668)

Adult and Senior **Autumn Hikes** from **7:30am- 4:30pm**. Cost \$15:

September 11th: Mesa Cortina Trail (Silverthorne). Distance: 5.2 miles.

September 20th: Kenosha Pass. Distance: 6 miles.

September 27th: Deer Mountain Summit. Distance: 6 miles.

Adult and Senior **Full Moon Hike** from **4pm- 10pm**. Cost \$15

September 6th: Loveland Pass. Elevation: 11,990ft.

Family and All Ages **Elk Bugling** from **1pm- 9pm**. Cost \$15

September 17th and September 24th in *Winterpark*

Rocky Mountain Map Society's 6th Annual Antique Map Fair

Saturday, September 16th from **9am- 5pm** at the **Denver Central Library** (10 W. 14th Ave.

Pkwy). There will be a \$5 admission fee. For more information or to RSVP please contact Pam Roeding at 720-865-2021 or proeding@denver.lib.co.us.

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