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Councilman Christopher Herndon | Denver City Council | November 2015

A message from Councilman Herndon

There are still a few days left to cast your vote and have your voice heard. There are several issues on the November ballot that each eligible voter should weigh in on. We are very close to Election Day, November 3, so I suggest you drop off your ballot in person, rather than mailing it in. Visit denvervotes.org for drop off locations near you.

In October, after several weeks of discussion and presentations, City Council wrapped up budget hearings and requested that the administration make a number of amendments to the proposed 2016 budget. While those conversations are still ongoing, I'm very excited to announce that the budget amendment I proposed, along with Councilwoman Kniech, will add funding for two additional composting routes in the 2016 budget. Prior to our request, there were no additional composting routes planned for this budget.

As we strive toward a three-barrel system, which includes composting, recycling and trash carts, I felt strongly that more routes were necessary to make substantial progress toward achieving our goals. The route locations have yet to be determined, though I certainly hope this will provide more opportunities for District 8 residents to compost.

The holidays will soon be upon us and I'm happy to announce that my office will once again host a toy drive. We'll collect new, unwrapped toys from November 27 (the day after Thanksgiving) through December 18. Help



Councilman Herndon talks with Division Chief of Safety and Training Scott Heiss after addressing a Denver Fire Department recruit class.

us ensure that no child goes through the holiday season without experiencing a little joy.

You'll be able to find donation boxes throughout the district and as always, we appreciate your willingness to share with our neighbors in need across the city. Call my office for information on where the donation boxes will be located.

Contact the District 8 Office

4685 Peoria St., Suite 245
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday
720-337-8888



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Volunteer at Project Homeless Connect 15

Denver's Road Home is looking for volunteers to help with Project Homeless Connect 15. This event links people experiencing homelessness with resources like resume assistance, hygiene items, identification records, homeless court, health care needs, pet care, benefits enrollment and more, in one day at one location.

The event takes place Tuesday, November 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Colorado Convention Center.

Register to volunteer online by visiting: bit.ly/PHC15. For questions about the event, email Meredith.Blanchard@UnitedWayDenver.org. Registration closes Nov. 14.

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Compost Your Leaves with Denver Recycles' Free LeafDrop Program



Denver Recycles can turn your leaves into compost through their free LeafDrop program. That compost will then be available to Denver residents for purchase in May. When collecting leaves, make sure they don't contain branches or other material and don't rake or blow leaves into the street, as this clogs storm sewers and street sweepers.

Weekday drop-off sites are open through November 30, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Leaves brought in during the week must be secured in bags; paper bags are preferred. The weekday drop-off site in District 8 is the Havana Nursery at 10450 Smith

Rd.

Weekend drop-off sites are open November 7-22, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Locations include Cranmer Park at 3rd Ave. and Clermont St., and Bruce Randolph High School at E. 40th Ave. and Steele St.

Dropping off leaves outside of posted hours is considered illegal dumping.

Denver residents can pick up a free five-pack of paper leaf and yard bags at participating Denver area Ace Hardware stores with a coupon. Visit denvergov.org/leafdrop to print a coupon and see the list of participating Ace Hardware stores.

For more information about Denver Recycles' programs, call 311 or visit their website at denvergov.org/denverrecycles.

Share Your Input on the 303 ArtWay



The 303 ArtWay is Denver's first art, health, and heritage themed urban trail. Organizers are looking for input from residents in nearby neighborhoods. Visit www.303artway.org to take

the online survey and say where you want the trail to go.

The newly-proposed walking and biking path will link Greater Park Hill, City Park, Skyland, Whittier, Cole, Clayton, and Elyria/Swansea with the new 40th & Colorado rail station on the University of Colorado A-Line.

The public trail will add pedestrian and biking connections, as well as incorporate public art and historical markers to celebrate the unique identity and cultural assets of Northeast Denver's neighborhoods.

The Urban Land Conservancy is leading the effort with support from Northeast Transportation Connections and PlatteForum. These organizations want a community-driven design process and feedback from as many residents as possible.

Visit their website to learn more about the concept or donate to the crowdfunding campaign.

DPR HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOWS

NOVEMBER 7
Cook Park Rec Center
7100 E Cherry Creek S Dr. | 720.865.0610
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 21
Central Park Rec Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr Blvd. | 720.865.0750
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 5
Barnum Rec Center
360 Hooker St. | 303.937.4659
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Jewelry | Pottery | Paintings | Knit & Sewn Gifts | Handmade Cards & More
Free to the public! Vendors, visit participating centers to reserve a table.



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Getting Ready for Winter: Tips for Snow Removal, Sidewalk Maintenance and More



How Denver Handles Snow

Denver Public Works is responsible for removing snow on main streets, or streets with stripes. These streets carry most of the city's traffic, as well as emergency vehicles and public transportation. Colorado Department of Transportation is responsible for state highways.



Denver may apply anti-icer to streets before a storm hits to prevent snow from bonding to the pavement. They may also use a dry de-icing material after snow has accumulated to provide traction on roads and to prevent snow from building up.



The city also has a Residential Snow Plow Program that was created to keep side streets passable. The city doesn't deploy these plows every snowfall. Residential plows are only activated between November 15 and

March 15, when at least 12 inches of snow is predicted along with prolonged freezing temperatures.

Visit www.DenverSnowPlan.com for more information. During snowfall, the website is updated in real time to reflect current conditions and strategies.



Winter Sidewalk Maintenance



Denver requires property owners to clear their walkways so everyone has safe access throughout the City.

Once snow has stopped falling,

homeowners have 24 hours to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their properties. Businesses have four hours to remove snow.

Contact Denver 311 to provide the address of unshoveled sidewalks. Inspectors rely on citizen complaints to help identify properties for education and/or enforcement of snow safety regulations.



Tips for Bicycling in Winter Conditions

Bicycling in snow conditions can be challenging, so having yourself and your bicycle prepared for the weather is critical.

The more tread on your tires, the better. A mountain bike is ideal for snow conditions. Consider the addition of fenders on your bike to avoid getting dirt and debris on yourself.

Let a little air out of your tires to give them more surface area on snowy pavement.

Lower your saddle so you can quickly put your foot down to avoid falling in slippery conditions.

As in all slippery conditions, brake early and in a straight line.

Dress in layers and wear a moisture-resistant outer shell. Warm gloves and shoe coverings that will keep your feet dry are also recommended.

Regular rides in snow conditions can have a negative impact on your bicycle. Consider cleaning your chain after every ride and wipe down your brakes.



Trash and Recycling During Snow Season

To keep your trash and recycling service running smoothly during snow season, follow these easy tips:

- Shovel a path to your recycling and trash carts.
- Keep trash and recycling containers off of ice patches for safety.
- Refrain from piling snow next to dumpsters and recycling and trash carts.
- Don't place your trash and recycling cart behind a snow bank.
- Leave a 2 foot space on either side of your trash and recycling cart, allowing easy access.

Denver Arts Week 2015: November 6-14



November 6-14 is the 9th Annual Denver Arts Week, featuring events at more than 250 of Denver's best galleries, museums and cultural organizations.

The week's activities include "Know Your Arts First Friday Art Walk" where you can check out Denver's art districts and meet some of the artists themselves. During "Free Night at the Museums," museums, including the Museum of Nature and Science, will stay open late and offer free admission, as well as a free shuttle service from 5-10 p.m. On November 6, "Denver's On Stage" offers the chance to experience a variety of stage shows including drama, comedy, dance and music.

To learn more about Denver Arts Week and see the full list of events, visit www.denver.org/denver-arts-week/.

Steps to Success Community Awards



In October, the Steps to Success Positive Recognition Community Awards honored people who live, work, or play in Montbello and

acknowledged their contributions to the neighborhood. To see more photos visit www.stepstosuccessmontbello.com.

Front Row (left to right): Nina Conley, James Fother, Dianne Cooks, Jarion Hamm, Jr., Andrea Botello, Anthony Aragon, Tabitha Fava. Back Row (left to right): BreAnna Ray, Christian Nguyen, Gregory McCoy, Lacy McDonald III, Rossana Castanon, Necce Rattler, Michael Case. Not pictured, Webster Hendricks.

WalkDenver Seeking Volunteers



As part of Denver Safe Routes to School, WalkDenver is coordinating walk audits to assess infrastructure around four schools: Munroe Elementary, Smith Elementary, Swansea Elementary, and Valverde Elementary.

WalkDenver is looking for volunteers to collect data about the pedestrian environment using the WALKscope tool. This mobile tool gathers information related to sidewalks and pedestrians, which will help identify the need for further improvements.

Volunteers must participate in one of the training sessions and a debrief session on the morning of November 21. Training sessions are Nov. 3, 6-7:30 p.m. at Swansea Elementary, 4650 Columbine St. and Nov. 5, 6-7:30 p.m. at BuCu West Development Association, 4200 Morrison Rd. Unit #5.

Working in teams of two, volunteers will collect the data on their own time during November. The total time commitment, including the training, debrief, and data collection is about six hours.

Volunteers must be comfortable using mobile technology, have access to a smartphone or tablet that can access the Internet while out in the field and be physically capable of walking a mile or farther.

Contact WalkDenver's Policy and Program Director Jill Locantore at jill.locantore@walkdenver.org to sign up or ask any questions.

Prevent License Plate Theft

License plate theft is on the rise in Denver. Stolen license plates are typically used to commit crimes, and the Denver Police Department wants residents to know how to prevent theft.

If possible, park your vehicle inside a garage and make sure you close the door when the garage is unattended.

Be sure to park in well-lit areas, which deter criminal activity.

Install anti-theft screws, which require unique tools to remove the license plate. These screws can be purchased at hardware stores or auto part stores.

If your license plate is stolen, be sure to report it to local law enforcement as soon as possible.

Whimsy Paint and Sip Studio Open at Northfield



Participants are guided through the process of painting "Colorado Proud", one of Whimsy's most popular paintings.

Whimsy Paint and Sip Art Studio, in the Shops at Northfield, is a place where people can go to relax, express their creativity and leave with a painting of their very own. Owner Roxane Moens strives to create a fun, friendly environment that welcomes everyone. "I was a customer first and I loved it, loved everything about it. It's relaxing to be creative. It's just the atmosphere. Everybody's here to have a good time," Moens said.

At Whimsy, you are led by a professional who will guide the group through one of the selected paintings. People of all artistic skill levels can attend a class and leave with a creation that's theirs to take home. "Even if you can't paint and you've never painted, you'd be surprised by what you can do when they teach you step-by-step how to do it. You're usually pretty pleased with what you leave with," Moens said.

Whimsy offers a variety of paintings to choose from. One of the most popular paintings is "Colorado Proud" which depicts the Denver skyline against a Rocky Mountain backdrop and a setting sun. Other popular paintings include "Cherry Blossom Lane," "Mystic Pier," and "Minions", for the kids.

The majority of painting classes are \$35 per person with the exception of the 6:30 p.m. classes on Fridays and Saturdays which are \$45 per person. Kids Club classes on Saturday mornings are \$25 per person. These prices include all necessary supplies such as the canvas, brushes and paint.

Moens was first introduced to Whimsy when she hosted her daughter Hannah's surprise bachelorette party at the Erie location. The group had such a good time that visits to the studio became frequent mother-daughter dates for the two.

When the business became available for purchase last year at its Westminster location, Moens jumped at the chance. Since then, they've expanded and added their Northfield location. Moens describes the new space as "homey" and "inviting."

Whimsy is a popular location for people to gather for celebrations. The space hosts birthday parties, bachelorette parties, girls' night out, date night, team building activities and more. One of the things that makes Whimsy a unique studio is their full bar, which includes martinis, mixed drinks, beer and wine. Patrons can purchase snacks at Whimsy, but are also allowed to bring in outside food.

Whimsy Paint and Sip Art Studio is located at 8246 Northfield Blvd., Unit #1425. To sign up for classes or for more information visit their website at whimsypaintandsip.com or call the studio at 303-373-5555.



Whimsy offers a variety of paintings as well as a full bar.

Resources

Denver Human Services
Montbello Office
720-944-3666

District 2 Police Department
720-913-1000
Michael.Calo@denvergov.org

District 5 Police Department
720-913-1400
dist5@denvergov.org

Department of Motor Vehicles
720-865-4600

Denver Public Schools
720-423-3200

Denver Workforce Center at
Montbello
720-865-4600

City of Denver Services
311

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Councilman Herndon visits with the Denver Police mounted patrol during NE Walk Fest.

What's Happening in November

Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

Greater Park Hill Community
Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.
2823 Fairfax St.

Northeast Park Hill Coalition
Nov. 12, 6 p.m.
D2 Police Station
3921 Holly St.

East Montclair Neighborhood Association
Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.
6740 E. Colfax Ave.

Stapleton United Neighbors
Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Central Park Rec Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr Blvd.

Community Events

PreSchool Story Time
Nov. 6, 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Montbello Branch Library
12955 Albrook Dr.

Veterans Day
November 11
City offices closed

Sand Creek Regional Greenway Trail Improvements Public Meeting
Nov. 18, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Central Park Rec Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr Blvd.

Police District 5 Community Meeting
Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
The HUB at Northfield
8230 Northfield Blvd., Ste. 1350

Winter Welcome
Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.
29th Ave. Town Center

Parks and Rec. Holiday Craft Show
Nov. 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Central Park Rec Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr Blvd.

Thanksgiving
November 26

District 8 Toy Drive
Nov. 27 - Dec. 18

Consumer Advisory: Nanny Scams



Nanny scams target those seeking employment as a nanny. Here's how the scam works:

The nanny scammer will offer a nanny job without requiring an interview and will usually offer a high-paying salary. Typically, the scammer will tell the nanny that the family is moving to their town.

The scammer will then send a forged money order or some other form of payment to the nanny as advance payment to secure him or her for the job or for purchasing items. When the money arrives it is for much more than expected.

The scammer then provides the nanny with instructions to forward the excess money to a third party, but the money is really being forwarded back to them.

After the nanny writes a personal check against his or her own bank account for the difference, or wires the money straight from a personal account to the third party, the nanny finds out that the money the scammer sent is fraudulent and the bank will require it to be repaid.

If you think you've been scammed, contact the Denver DA Fraud Hotline at 720-913-9179.