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Denver Parks and Recreation Newsletter

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April 2009

Dog Park Master Planning and Policy Recommendation Process

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) is in the process of kicking off a Dog Park Master Planning & Policy Recommendation Process. The ultimate outcome of this process is intended to foster healthy relationships between dog owners, non-dog owners, and all park users. This includes improving Denver's parks and open spaces to support and accommodate all users in a healthy, sustainable environment.

A major component of the community input process is a public survey. Citizens are asked to go to www.denvergov.org/parksandrec and complete the 15-minute dog park survey. Responses will be accepted through April 30, 2009. Space is provided within the survey for individuals to leave their contact information for future meeting notification and opportunity to be involved with various committees.

This City-wide effort will evaluate and examine Denver's current pilot dog parks, provide design options and recommendations (site specific), as well as provide enforcement recommendations. Internal and external committees will provide recommendations and help guide the public process. Public meetings also will be held City-wide for community input. Out of this effort, we also hope to establish community involvement and on-going partnerships with off leash dog areas and dog parks.

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Tentative Timeline:

March 2009- Survey released on Parks Website. This survey will allow citizens to provide insight and input on current and future off leash dog areas and dog parks in Denver.

April 30, 2009- Survey closes

September / October 2009- Final Master Plan Development, Final Policy Development, Committee Meetings, Public Meetings .

Working together to address common issues

As a part of the City's master planning efforts, Denver Parks and Recreation has partnered with Public Works and Environmental Health to work toward more strategic, long-term programs and policies that address several topics related to dog ownership and responsibility. Some of these topics include public outreach around dog waste, off-leash dogs, dog licensing, vaccination, and enforcement. Denver Parks and Recreation is also considering additional pilot off-leash areas while the master planning process is taking place in order to address immediate concerns of safety and well-being in some of Denver's most dog-populated areas. We hope that by teaming up with our sister agencies, we will offer a more comprehensive plan that addresses the myriad of issues associated with dog waste, water quality and quality of life issues.

Regarding dog waste, Denver Parks and Recreation spent more than \$35,000 on dog waste bags in 2008. It has been decided that the City forgo the old dog waste stations and provide new self-service stations that require citizens to re-stock bags with their own. Providing such standards will preserve tax payer money. The self-service dispensers have been used in various locations throughout the City successfully and are regularly full. We also will be rolling out a pilot project in early summer with a company that will install and maintain dog waste stations in 5-10 parks at no cost to the City. If this pilot project is successful, we hope to roll it out system-wide to help with our overall dog waste management goals.

Many other strategies are being considered for implementation, including enforcement of City ordinances and community outreach efforts. Angela Casias has been designated as the point person for all dog issues. She may be reached at angela.casias@denvergov.org or 720-913-0741.

Landmark Preservation Commission Approves Civic

Center Design Guidelines

The Landmark Preservation Commission unanimously approved the Civic Center Design Guidelines as a supplement to the 2005 Civic Center Park Master Plan.

The guidelines embody a year-long process of research, analysis and public outreach. The principles, guidelines and standards outlined in the design guidelines reflect the Department of Parks and Recreation's goals and objectives, and ensure the vision of the 2005 Denver's Civic Center Park Master Plan remains intact. The document provides a crucial tool in directing and evaluating future improvements in the Park.

As one of the premier civic and cultural centers in the Rocky Mountain region, Civic Center has defined Denver's urban landscape. The Park has thrived and has been the centerpiece of large events and gatherings for nearly 100 years.

Wanting to revitalize and activate the Park, Denver is about to embark upon a comprehensive transformation for the first time since the City Beautiful Movement and Mayor Speer's administration. With the support of voters and the 2007 Better Denver Bond, the Park's major contributing features - Greek Theater, Voorhies Memorial and the Broadway Terrace- will be rehabilitated.

These improvements in addition to the adaptive reuse of the McNichols Building will require collaborative partnerships with multiple city agencies, the Civic Center Conservancy, the development community and other stakeholders.

With the guidelines now adopted, Denver Parks and Recreation can move forward with rehabilitating these historic park structures, as well as considering future improvements and proposals as they fit within these design guidelines.

To view the full design guidelines, go to [Civic Center Design](#)

First Sunday in the Park at Cheesman

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, in partnership with Cheesman Park Advocacy Group (CPAG) and Denver Parks and Recreation, is pleased to announce the five selected Cheesman auto-free dates for summer 2009. To provide greater predictability and increase public use, Cheesman Park roads will be closed to automobile traffic the first

Sunday of each month May through September. On May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, and September 6, Cheesman Park roads will be closed from 5:00 am to 6:00 pm to enhance the pedestrian and biking experience in the park.

During the "First Sunday in the Park" auto-free days, children ages 2- 8 are invited to attend "One Book, One Sunday" at 11:30 at the Pavilion. Come and join educators as they explore nature through stories and a children's activity based on the book. This event is sponsored by Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, Cheesman Park Advocacy Group, and the Children's Museum of Denver. The first book is Planting a Rainbow and the children will be planting their own "rainbow" as an activity at 11:30 am Sunday, May 3 at the Pavilion.

"I encourage you, your family, and friends to come and enjoy a safe, peaceful day in the park." said Councilwoman Jeanne Robb. "I look forward to the many activities, such as 'One Book, One Sunday,' that are planned to coincide with this closure."

The park trails and roads will be available to walkers, joggers, cyclists, rollerbladers and picnickers. Occasional auto-free days were recommended in the Cheesman Park Master Plan. To view the plan, go to www.denvergov.org and enter Cheesman Park in the search box. If possible, please walk or bike to the park, but if you can't, Sunday parking is available on 8th Avenue.

Tree Trimming Assistance Available

The tree trimming assistance program is available again to Denver homeowners. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- A city forester's notice must be issued for the correction of a tree code violation
- The property receiving the notice must be owner-occupied
- The owner must be a legal resident of the US (they do not necessarily need to be a citizen, but they must document legal residency)
- All the property's residents' combined incomes must meet the eligibility requirements

The percentage of the tree work paid for is on a stepped scale; the lower the income, the higher the percentage. For more information call the City Forester's Office at 720-913-0651.

Mural Created by Kids at Rude Recreation Center

Denver Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Councilwoman Judy H. Montero, the Division of Youth Corrections, and two local artists to create a large scale community mural at Rude Recreation Center.

Delton Demarest and Jeremy Ulibarri, acclaimed graffiti artists, will instruct a group of 10-12 select youth from the Division of Youth Corrections on painting a mural in the pool area at Rude Recreation Center. The two local artists have painted multiple murals throughout the city including murals at the Sun Valley Youth Center, Swansea Recreation Center, Globeville Recreation Center, Athmar Recreation Center and the Santa Fe Arts District.

This restorative justice project is being coordinated through Montero's office and the Division of Youth Corrections, focusing on the theme of "repairing the harm." The project will create value for the recreation center as well as give the participating youth an opportunity to make a positive contribution to their community. The painting of the mural provides a great way for the participants to be positively engaged in the community and see how they can help their community instead of harming it.

The 15 feet by 70 feet mural will be painted this spring on six different Saturdays, beginning on Saturday, May 9. Rude Recreation Center is hoping the mural project will spark enough interest to start a graffiti art program at the center with Artists Jeremy and Delton as instructors after the mural is completed.

The Division of Youth Corrections is providing financial support for the program. Martin Friedman, a client manager and parole officer at the Division of Youth Corrections, will assist in choosing youth who will excel and be committed to the work to participate in the project. For more information contact Rude Recreation center at 720-865-0570

2009 Hoopin with Hickenlooper

Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2009 Hoopin with Hickenlooper league consisted of 162 Youth Basketball Teams from throughout the Denver



metro area. The final bracket in the tournament had 14 Boys teams and 12 Girls teams that advanced to play at the Regency Student Living Complex (located at I-25 & 38th Ave) in the tournaments' Championship Saturday held on March 7th. The Mayor was on hand to say hello and do the game opening tip-off for his 5th annual tournament.

BOYS:

1. 12u Athmar (1st Place Tier 1)
2. 12u Southwest (2nd Place Tier 1)
3. 14u College View (1st Place Tier 1)

GIRLS:

1. 10u Harvey Park (1st Place - Tier 2)
2. 10u College View (2nd Place - Tier 1)
3. 14u Southwest (1st Place - Tier 1)

Over 1700 boys and girls participated in the dozens of leagues held at Denver's Recreation Centers. Basketball starts every November at Denver's Centers so sign-up early this coming Fall as teams fill up quickly. For more information regarding youth sports go to www.denvergov.org/recreation

Recreation Happenings

Rude Recreation Center

2855 West Holden Pl.
(720) 865-0570

Kids Primetime

Drop your kids off for a free night of fun night of dancing, games, swimming and much, much more.

Cost: Free

Date/Time: Saturday, May 16 6-9pm

Age: 6-14

Platt Park Senior Center

1500 Grant Street
(303)698-4965

Fashion Show and Luncheon

Friday, April 17, 2009

12:00pm - \$6.50 includes lunch and show- bring \$ to buy great clothes

Platt Park Dances

Monday- April 6th, 13th, 20th

7:00 - 9:30pm \$4.00 includes dance lesson from 6 - 7pm and refreshments.

Educational Seminars

Powerful Tools for Aging

Wed. March 25th from 12:00pm - 2:00pm FREE (add this if it will be out before 3/25/09)

When Living in your home becomes difficult

Wed. April 22 from 10:00am - 11:30am FREE

Fall & Fire Prevention

Wed. April 29th from 9:00am - 10:00am FREE includes refreshments.

Call Platt Park 720-865-0630 (NEW NUMBER) about line dance, ballroom dance, square dance lessons. Specialty craft classes, bingo, and so much more.

Host Your Next Event at a Denver Parks & Recreation Facility

Denver Parks and Recreation has a wide variety of special event and meeting spaces available for weddings, graduation parties, family reunions and other special occasions, as well as business functions such as



work retreats, seminars and community forums. In addition to being conveniently located throughout the city, they also provide an affordable alternative to hotels, restaurants and other privately-owned facilities, and special rental rates are available for non-profit organizations and events.

Four historic buildings provide a unique and memorable location for private parties: the City Park Pavilion, the Washington Park Boathouse and the Montclair Civic Building (also known as the Molkery) are located within the City of Denver, and can accommodate intimate events of 40 people to large outdoor gatherings of 300. They are also within easy walking distance of many park amenities, including playgrounds, tennis courts, softball fields and even bicycle and boat rentals! The Chief Hosa Lodge, located just 15 minutes west of Downtown Denver on I-70,

can accommodate groups of up to 125 and boasts a sweeping view of the Continental Divide, a large outdoor patio, and 3,000 square feet of event and meeting space. For information about pricing and availability, including discounts for non-profit organizations, please contact the Event Coordinator at 720-913-0766.

For smaller gatherings, Denver's many Recreation Centers also offer meeting and activity rooms, as well as gymnasiums, swimming pools, indoor walking/running tracks and game rooms. Meeting spaces and athletic facilities within the Recreation Centers can be rented hourly for birthday parties, school trips and special occasions. To check rates and availability, please contact the individual location via phone. A list of the city's Recreation Centers, along with a description of their facilities, contact information and a map can be found at www.denvergov.org/parksandrec.

Spring into Health 2009

Kevin Fitzgerald slated to be Keynote Speaker



Mark your calendar for the 15th Annual "Spring into Health" event on May 28, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. For the first time, "Spring into Health" is being held at Denver Zoo, an 80-acre wonderland in Denver's historic City Park. Denver Zoo is home to nearly 4,000 animals representing 700 species.

Kevin Fitzgerald, DMV, PhD and renowned exotic animal veterinarian and comedian, will serve as the keynote speaker. Fitzgerald, perhaps best known for his 10 seasons on the popular Animal Planet TV show Emergency Vets, has a passion for making people laugh that is surpassed only by his unwavering dedication to all creatures great and small.

New this year is the Resource Fair, designed to provide information and awareness of programs, agencies and assistance to adults and seniors. The fair will feature nonprofit organizations such as Denver Health, the Denver Commission on Aging, DRCOG, Denver Human Services, Volunteers of America, and Active Minds for Life. Denver Health will provide free blood pressure screenings as well as care management information.

Spring into Health is a showcase of fitness and wellness programs, highlighting fitness options such as Tai'Chi, as well as the one-mile loop around Denver Zoo.

In addition to Fitzgerald's numerous appearances on Animal Planet, he has appeared on The NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, and The Today Show with Matt Lauer. As a comedian, Fitzgerald has opened for such diverse and legendary performers as Bob Hope, Diana Ross, The

Temptations, and The Neville Brothers.

A fee of \$5 includes admission, the keynote speaker, the resource fair and a snack pack. Registration forms can be found at any DPR recreation center; for more information contact the Highland Recreation Center at 303-458-4868 or 2880 Osceola Street. ###

Critter Corner

by Ashley DeLaup



Did you know the largest rodents in North America can be found right here in Denver? The American beaver, *Castor Canadensis*, can range in size from 20 up to 70 lbs! And rodent doesn't just mean "rat"; the rodent family includes not only beaver, but

porcupines, squirrels, chipmunks, gophers, gerbils, guinea pigs and chinchillas. All animals in the rodent family (Rodentidae) have two continuously growing incisors that they must constantly wear down by chewing. Other than that, the differences are many!

Beaver have been one of the most influential animals in the history of North America. Early explorers used the luxuriously thick, water resistant beaver furs as currency, and beaver trappers led much of the exploration and expansion of communities into the Wild West. From the 1700's to about 1850, the fur trade (primarily beaver) was the dominant economic activity in Canada and the United States west of the settlement frontier. In fact, the demand for beaver fur at one point almost led to their extinction. They were considered functionally extinct by the beginning of the 20th century. But with increased trapping restrictions, attentive government management and relocation of beaver back into historical habitats; they have become a success story of survival. In fact today with the development of our urban forests, we possibly have more beaver living in the Front Range than ever before! The natural prairie ecosystems found here would not have enough woody vegetation to support as many individuals.

Beaver are considered a "keystone species". Beaver can alter their habitat more than any other animal, (except us!) And their activity impacts the ecosystem they live in. Beaver activity reduces stream erosion, increases plant and animal diversity, expands valuable wetlands, adds nutrients to the soil, increases water depths (protecting

against drought), and provides food for many animal species.

But of course, altering a habitat can cause conflict in the middle of a city, and beaver have sometimes been considered pests when their activity brings down big trees, causes flooding to paths, roads or golf courses, and slows down water flow. Luckily we do have a variety of actions we can take to both keep these valuable animals in our ecosystem, and mitigate potential conflicts. Painting valuable trees with a sand/paint mixture makes them unpalatable to a beaver. And we can add water flow devices to dams, to both allow them to continue to benefit the ecosystem, but keep water levels lower and reduce flooding. Also beaver "pruning" actually stimulates the growth and suckering of many of our native trees, so planting trees specifically with the beaver in mind can reduce pressure on protected trees, as well as create a wonderful understory tree and shrub layer for other animals to use. If you have beaver activity in your local waterways, let us know so we can make sure we are supporting both the human and animals needs in the area.

What is that Silver Tag on neighborhood trees?

Defective Tree Inventory Program

Have you been through some of our parks or parkways and noticed a bright shiny silver tag on one of our trees? That is an inventory effort designed by the Denver's Forestry division's new defective tree management system. The system is used to identify, document and look as resolutions to correct the defects in the trees. The process started in January and will continue through the remainder of this year. This process was designed to help our forestry create a database that will allow them to better manage the trees throughout Denver. Inventory tags consist of silver tags and inch wide washers with numbers on it.

For more information, call 303-698-4906

Earth Day 2009

City Park Golf Course to host tree-planting event

Denver Golf, in partnership with The Mile High Million and The First Tee of Denver, is planning a landscape improvement project at City Park Golf Course in celebration



of Earth Day. The April 22 event will involve the planting and mulching over 100 new trees and 200 shrubs along 26 Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and York Street. The project builds upon Denver Golf's efforts to convert unused out-of-play areas into naturalized landscapes, which offers numerous benefits:

- Reduces need for supplemental watering
- Minimizes need for mow management and fertilization
- Infiltrates and filters storm water thereby reducing runoff and improving water quality
- Creates habitat for birds, insects and native plants

The project also enhances one of the City's designated green streets, which are intended to be shaded respites that connect people to parks, schools, transit stops, and other neighborhood destinations.

Prep work for the day-long event began the week of March 16 and will continue until the planting event.

(Note: Volunteer registration for this event has reached capacity and is now closed.)

Genesee Experiential Outdoor Center (GEOC)

Opening in April

"Outdoor Recreation, a division of Denver Parks + Recreation, wants to welcome you to the Genesee Experiential Outdoor Center (GEOC) for an outdoor adventure in 2009. GEOC is located at Genesee Mountain Park, a 2,400 acre park only 30 minutes west of Denver. We will be opening our beautiful facility for the season on April 18th. This year we are excited to introduce more program and facility developments, enabling us to serve more people, provide more diversity in program types, and to better "tailor make" a program to fit your educational and financial needs.



This year we have divided our programs into three key themes:

Challenge Course-Participants will experience group challenges focusing on team building, communication, leadership, and trust-either on the ground, off the ground,

or way up high at the Genesee ropes course.

Explorer-These programs focus on learning about environmental ethics, Colorado ecosystems, and outdoor skills.

Adventure-Our adventure programs are designed to focus participants in new, longer ways while offering greater outdoor skill development.

Last year we added several new elements to our high and low ropes course and this year we introduce an awesome new high element-the Giant Swing!

We also invite you to stay a little longer this year and join us for an overnight camping adventure or multi-day program.

For more information or to book a program, email us at genesee.ropes@denvergov.org or call the Outdoor Recreation office at 303 370 6668

Happenings @ The Denver Zoo

Easter Eggstravaganza

Sunday, April 12
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Denver Zoo visitors can see an eggstravaganza of numerous animals enjoying colored eggs including mongoose, red river hogs, polar bears, arctic foxes, river otters, gorillas, mandrills and more! Hard-boiled eggs are a part of the specially-planned diets of several of the zoo's animals, and to get into the holiday spirit, several of the zoo's animals will receive brightly colored Easter eggs! Zookeepers will place the colored eggs throughout the habitats so that the animals have to forage for their food, and of course, crack open the colorful shells.



Schedule of Easter Egg Feedings on Sunday, April 12:

10:00 a.m. - Banded Mongoose, just inside the zoo (weather permitting)

10:15 a.m. - Polar Bears, Northern Shores

10:30 a.m. - Otters & Arctic Foxes, Northern Shores

11 a.m. - Capuchins, Adjacent to Monkey Island (weather permitting)

11 a.m. - Langurs, Adjacent to Monkey Island (weather permitting)

Noon - Red River Hogs, Primate Panorama (weather permitting)

12:15 p.m. - Gorillas, Great Apes (weather permitting)

12:15 p.m. - Mandrills, Primate Panorama (weather permitting)

12:20 p.m. - Mangabeys, Primate Panorama (weather permitting)

1:45 p.m. - Macaques, Primate Panorama/Emerald Forest (weather permitting)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Serge Wich

Thursday April 16

Lecture begins at 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$25/guest

Reservations are required.

Wild Sumatran orangutans have experienced tremendous reductions to their population and it is estimated around 6,600 remain in fragmented and often disturbed forest landscape. Dr. Serge A. Wich is a scientist at the Great Ape Trust and is currently conducting field work with Sumatran orangutans. Dr. Wich will discuss the complexities surrounding the conservation of this critically endangered great ape and his desire to discover more about orangutan behavior, specifically developing an understanding of how the orangutan reacts to selective logging.

All funds raised through this unique evening will benefit Dr. Serge Wich's orangutan conservation work in Sumatra.

Seating is limited, buy your tickets online.

APERil

Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Climb, swing or knuckle walk to Denver Zoo and enter the wonderful world of apes. Experience what its like to move like a gorilla, compare your arm span to an orangutan and try to talk like a gibbon while learning what apes eat, what types of families they live in and how you can help to protect them.

Youth Summit- A Party for the Planet

Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

It's a Party for the Planet! Join Denver Zoo's Community Leadership Project, Front Range Earth Force and local schools in this two day Earth Day celebration. Learn about what you can do to help the planet from the next generation of conservationists. View projects created by children grades Kindergarten through 12th during Denver Zoo's annual Youth Summit, Denver's premiere event for local service-learning students to demonstrate and celebrate the positive impact they have had on their environment.

Four Mile Historic Park Upcoming Events

Celebrating 150 Years of Denver and the Four Mile House! 1859-2009

1859-1864: The first permanent settlers chose the area along Cherry Creek and the South Platte River as a likely spot to begin lives in the Rocky Mountain frontier. Short timers came to strike it rich, more often disappointed, returning to their homes empty

handed. Many took a slower route toward success by settling the land and providing supplies and services to the prospectors and miners. Stage and freight lines brought supplies west and took minerals east, many passing by and often stopping at Four Mile House where Mary Cawker offered her hospitality to the travelers.

1864-1944: Levi and Millie Booth saw the advantage of investing in a life on the land at Four Mile House. Successful at both irrigating and adding to their land holdings, the Booths grew their farm to more than 600 acres. Well known throughout the area for their dairy, butter, apples and honey, the Booths were active in the community helping to establish schools and Grange organizations in the Cherry Creed Valley. This family's 80 year residence at Four Mile House, working the land and helping to establish a community, mirrors the settlement of the western American frontier.

1944-Present: The City of Denver Parks and Recreation Department purchased the Four Mile House and the surrounding twelve acres in 1975, securing all that remained of the extensive Booth farm. The Park People adopted the site and planted the seeds for the restoration and establishment of the programs and events offered today. Preservation of the park continues today through the non-profit Four Mile Historic Park, Inc.

Your contributions are vital to our preservation efforts! Help keep General Park Admission and special educational programming FREE by making a donation to Four Mile Historic Park by visiting www.FourMileHistoricPark.org or www.GivingFirst.org/FourMilePark. For information about becoming a part of preserving Colorado history for future generations, log onto our website www.FourMileHistoricPark.org or call MacKenzie Rauert at (720) 865-0813.

Become a FAN of Four Mile Historic Park on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Four-Mile-Historic-Park/45213199296>

Hay Bales & Tall Tales

Saturday, April 4

11:00 am

Four Mile Historic Park, 715 S. Forest Street, Denver, CO 80246

Bring your families and friends for a pioneer story time with activity to follow FREE to all!

Murder Mystery Dinner, 1905: The Peephole's Choice

Saturday, April 4

6:00 pm

Four Mile Historic Park, 715 S. Forest Street, Denver, CO 80246

Join us for a night of MURDER and intrigue. Evening includes a four-course dinner, open bar, and a few dead bodies.

PRICES: Before March 27: Adults \$80, FMHP Members \$65; After March 27: Adults \$100, FMHP Members \$85

Advance payment is required by 4:00 pm, Friday, April 3. No tickets will be sold at the door.

6th Annual Colorado Corks & Cuisine

Thursday, May 14

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Four Mile Historic Park, 715 S. Forest Street, Denver, CO 80246

Enjoy selections from some of Colorado's finest vintners and caterers at this popular

event. Bring your appetite!

ADMISSION: Adults \$30, FMHP Members \$25 *Four Mile Wine Glass included!*

Reservations encouraged (720) 865-0815

***Look for ticket deals to this event on www.Denver5280Deals.com (site launching soon)

150th Anniversary Enrichment Series

How the Erie Canal Watered the Frontier

with historian Geoff Hunt

Monday, April 13, 2009

7:00PM

Grant Family Education Center, Four Mile Historic Park, 715 S. Forest Street, Denver, CO 80246

All enrichments are FREE to Volunteers and Members of Four Mile Historic Park.

Enrichments are open to the public for a \$5 donation.

For information, call (720) 865-0812

Living History Day

Sunday, April 12

Noon - 3pm

Experience life in the 1800s as you visit with Blacksmiths in the Blacksmith Shop, Quilters, Sewers & other Domestic Crafters, and Woodstove Bakers in our Summer Kitchen.

ADMISSION: FREE

TOURS of the FOUR MILE HOUSE MUSEUM: Adults \$3.50, Students/Seniors (65+) \$2.00, and Children 5 & Under are FREE.

*Tours of the Four Mile House Museum are lead by a costumed docent and last approximately 45 minutes. Tours begin on the half hour beginning at 10:30am, with the last tour beginning at 2:30pm. For additional information please call (720) 865-0800 or email info@fourmilepark.org

All proceeds support the mission of Four Mile Historic Park.

**Credit card payment for all events is available only with advance purchase.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Barnum Aquatic Play Area

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Denver Parks and Recreation needs your help to determine the future design of the Aquatic Play Area, from water toys to misters. The Barnum Recreation Center Aquatic Play Area is part of the "Better Denver" bond program approved by residents in 2007.

Bring your best ideas for renovating and creating a fun-filled Aquatic experience at Barnum Recreation Center! Meeting is **Wednesday, April 1 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.** at Barnum Recreation Center, 360 Hooker Street.

Come help craft the future playgrounds at Hampden Heights ,Observatory and Pulaski Parks

Denver Parks and Recreation needs your help to determine the future design of the Hampden Heights, Observatory and Pulaski playground. We need your input from play structures to the benches. All three parks are part of the "Better Denver" bond program approved by residents in 2007. Bring your best ideas to the table to help us

create a playground fit for your neighborhood. We encourage you to bring your kids; since they will be our primary users.

Hampden Heights Park meeting

Thursday, April 14

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Whole Foods

(in community room)

7400 E. Hampden Ave

Unit D

Observatory Park meeting

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

University Park Elementary School

2300 S. Saint Paul St

Pulaski Park meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2009

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Young Americans Bank

3550 E. 1st Ave.

(Near 1st ave and Monroe st)

For more information please e-mail Nicole Hadley at nicole.hadley@denvergov.org

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