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July 2009

Movies in the Park a Summer Hit!

The 2009 season of Movies in the Park has kicked off, bringing people outdoors to enjoy movies, beautiful summer weather, and many of Denver's urban parks. At the showing of *The Princess Bride* in Cheesman Park on June 19th, 1000+ people came out for a night of fun. With inflatable screens over 24 ft wide, coupled with high quality sound systems, the movie viewing experience is one-of-a-kind. Each movie includes free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Other concessions are also available for purchase.

Sponsors of the 2009 Movies in the Park are Denver Community Credit Union, Downtown Denver Business Improvement District and Denver Botanic Gardens.

- Saturday, June 27 Skyline Park E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, PG
- Saturday, July 11 Skyline Park Spiderman, PG-13
- Friday, July 17 Fred Thomas Park Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, PG
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Friday, August 7 Cheesman Park Jurassic Park, PG-13

- Saturday, August 8 Skyline Park The Wizard of Oz, G

For a complete list of park addresses or more information, visit www.denvergov.org/parksandrec

New Discovery Playground at Bear Creek Park

On Tuesday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m. Denver Parks and Recreation and Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz will participate in the ceremonial ribbon cutting of West Denver's newly remodeled Bear Creek Park, located at the intersection of



Sheridan Boulevard and Hampden Avenue. The park has undergone an extensive renovation, including the new Discovery Playground, history walk and improvements to the parks circulation and safety.

Bear Creek Park, also known as "Sombrero Hat Park" to locals, is famous for the Sombrero slide that has been a fixture in the park for over 20 years. The park's new playground is intended to serve the entire city population, along with local residents. There are activities for all ages in the new playground, including the Dig. The Dig was inspired by the fossils found on the site and strengthens the feeling of history and nature of the site. This area is a sand play pit where kids can dig to find objects hidden in the sand, such as fossils, old cowboy boots, or even gold nuggets.

In addition to the Sombrero slide, playground activities include tot and intermediate play areas, including swings, water play, climbing walls and boulders. Other activities include natural play areas, community gathering spaces, outdoor classrooms, and extended picnic areas.

From play areas inspired by Colorado wildlife to a history walk showcasing Colorado's rich and diverse history, the visitors to Bear Creek Park will enjoy a vibrant and changing environment with each visit.

Rude Goes Green to Save Some Green

The goal of energy conservation is no longer distant at Rude Recreation Center. The small changes that have been

made in the way the facility is operated and maintained have netted some big returns. Due to the efforts of Ken Sherbenou and the Division of Recreation Green Team promoting sustainable operations and maintenance strategies, during the first three months of 2009, energy use is down nearly 20% over the same time last year.

Through March 2008, energy use had generally been going upward. But in April 2008, a month after Ken was hired on as supervisor, energy use began a significant downward trend. His efforts appear to not only have paid off immediately, but energy use has been going down ever since.

Rude Recreation Center is a great example of what can happen through the support of center staff, both top level and grassroots support, by being aware of energy conservation. The Green Team hopes that similar practices will increase savings at recreation centers division wide. As we move forward on initiatives such as Cool Biz, standardizing set points, pool covers, and other green operations and maintenance strategies, it is important to remember that these will not only save us money, but are the next step to running greener facilities.

Congratulations to Green Team members and staff at Rude Recreation Center!

National Get Outdoors Day a Success!

The Denver community came out and got active Saturday, June 13th at the Denver City Park Pavilion for the 2nd annual National Get Outdoors Day. Denver Parks and Recreation along with other public land management agencies and education groups provided an outlet for kids and adults alike to learn about the many options for outdoor entertainment and fun ways to become physically fit.



June is National Get Outdoors month and for the second year, this event was aimed at teaching families how to have healthful fun outside. The event was originally started to provide education and motivation to Americans, especially children, to live healthy, outdoor lifestyles and to embrace the parks, forests, and other public lands and

waters that are available to them. This nationwide event is a great way for Denver Parks and Recreation to reach out to the surrounding community and educate families about the many outdoor opportunities that can be found right here in Denver's urban parks.

"Denver Parks and Recreation is proud to have been a part of the National Get Outdoors Day event," says Kevin Patterson, Parks and Recreation Manager, "We hope to continue to participate in this annual event and strive to be at the forefront of outdoor recreation and continue to get more and more people outdoors."

With over 7,000 people in attendance, families were able to participate in a variety of fun activities including a low-ropes obstacle course, 5K and 1K sports walks, camping equipment demonstrations, canoeing, fishing, geo-caching, and more.

According to Tim Hutchens, some of the most popular activities were the fishing clinic, rock-climbing wall, ski slope, and the Junior Ranger camp which educates youth about the environment and ways to protect and preserve it.

Hutchens looks forward to many more Get Outdoors Days in the future.

"Every day should be a get-outdoors day," said Hutchens, "it's about learning to live a healthy lifestyle and having fun doing it."

CityWide Sports- Join the Action!

Tennis- Youth and Adult



Denver Parks & Recreation Citywide Tennis offers Saturday classes for players of all skill levels spring through fall at 5 park locations: Berkeley Park, City Park, Congress Park, Lowry, Washington Park North (adult classes), Washington Park South (youth classes)

Remaining 2009 Sessions:
June 27th - August 8th (no class Sat. July 4th)

August 22nd - October 3rd (no class Labor Day weekend,

Sat. Sept. 5th)

Times: (Berkeley, City, Congress and Lowry)

8 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Youth Pee Wee Tennis (ages 5-6)
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Youth Beginner (ages 7-15)
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Adult Beginner
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Adult Intermediate
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/Advanced Drill & Play

(Washington Park only):

Youth: 8 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Youth Pee Wee, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Youth Beginner, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Youth Advanced Beginner/Intermediate

Adult: 8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Adult Beginner, 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Adult Advanced Beginner/Intermediate, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Adult Intermediate, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Adult Intermediate/Advanced Drill & Play

Cost: Youth Pee Wee \$25 per 6-week session
 Youth Hour Classes \$45 per 6-week session
 Adult Hour Classes \$48 per 6-week session

Summer Citywide Youth Weekday Tennis Program

Denver Parks & Recreation Citywide Tennis offers classes for beginning to advanced players, ages 5-18. Kids will be grouped according to similar skill levels, age and ability. Up to 15 sites available throughout the city. Classes and locations may be consolidated or offered only 2 days a week based upon number of registrations.

Remaining 2009 Session: (4-week session)
 Session II - July 5th-July 29th

Register for 2 days/week (M/W or T/TH) or sign up for all 4 days!

Times:

8 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Youth Pee Wee Tennis (ages 5-6)
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Youth Beginner (ages 7-15)
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Youth Advanced Beginner/Intermediate
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Youth Intermediate/Advanced

Cost: Youth Pee Wee \$25 per 4-week session
 Youth Hour Classes \$45 per 4-week session

Adult Kickball

The CityWide Sports division of Denver Parks + Recreation is excited to announce the inaugural season of our adult Kickball program: 'Kickball in the City'.

The Summer season of 'Kickball in the City' will offer leagues Sunday through Saturday at Barnum East Park (N. Federal Blvd & W. 5th Ave), Ruby Hill Park (W. Jewell Ave & S. Platte River Dr.), and Sonny Lawson Park (Park Blvd. West & California St.) for the following divisions: Men's 10-player, Women's 10-player, and Mixed (co-ed) 10-player.

Summer season registration: June 29 - July 10, 2009. The 7-game season begins the week of Monday July 13, 2009. We register teams only, but we will "place" individuals through our Free Agents List. Teams choose what day, park, and division they want to register for.

For more information and to register a team, go to:
www.denvergov.org/citywidesports.

Adult Flag Football

Register soon for Denver Parks and Recreation's adult flag football league!

The Fall season of 'Flag Football in the City' will offer leagues at Barnum East Park (N. Federal Blvd & W. 5th Ave), at Ruby Hill Park (W. Jewell Ave & S. Platte River Dr.), and at Lowry Sports Complex (Lowry Blvd Pkwy & Uinta Way) Sunday through Saturday for the following divisions: NO contact: Men's 5 on 5 and Mixed (co-ed) 5 on 5, as well as Men's 8 on 8 semi-contact.

Fall season registration: August 10 - September 4, 2009. The 7-game season begins the week of Monday September 14, 2009.

For more information or to register a team, go to:
www.denvergov.org/citywidesports.

If you have any questions regarding any CityWide Sports program, contact:
Thomas Almeida @ thomas.almeida@denvergov.org or 303-710-8491.

Adaptive Water Skiing at Sloan Lake

Outriggers, rope in block, deep V, sit ski, wake board and quad back cage are all terms you will hear used each Wednesday morning in the summer at Sloan Lake during Denver Parks and Recreation Special Needs Adaptive Water Ski program. For the past 22 years, a group of made up mostly of volunteers and a few staff gather to provide an opportunity for people with a variety of

disabilities to experience the sport of water skiing.

The Adaptive Water Ski program is able to accommodate a wide variety of abilities levels by adapting the equipment required for water skiing. Cages, which are a type of seat, are mounted on water skis for people with spinal cord injuries or decreased strength in their lower extremities. Participants, who are able, learn how to ski standing up by using a boom, which is a long tube that is mounted on the boat that they can hang on to while they learn how to ski with the help of experienced volunteers. Some of the participants of the program have been skiing for years and have progressed all the way to slalom skiing and are completely independent in the water.

Each week the program provides 15-20 people with disabilities the opportunity to water ski. The program would not be possible with out the dedication of the volunteers, and some of the boat drivers have been volunteering with the program for more than 12 years. They are back each year to ensure the participants continue to have the opportunity to water ski. The Special Needs program also enlists help from Regis University Physical Therapy students and other water ski enthusiasts who volunteer their time as "jumpers", jumping off of the chase boats to right a skier who fell in the middle of the lake as well as "water starters" who get the skiers started from the dock. The volunteers get as much out of the program as do the participants.

Denver Parks and Recreation Special Needs program offers recreation and leisure program for people with disabilities year round and they are always looking for volunteers. Call 720.865.0820 for more volunteering information or for more information about the other programs offered.

Critter Corner

First "Castor Master" in Denver!

Castor canadensis, aka the American beaver, has long challenged urban environments with their unique ability to alter the landscape around them. While many love the extra furry little engineers, they have often confounded and frustrated drainage specialists and foresters trying to maintain our streams and beloved park trees. With all the benefits provided by beaver to their local



habitats, Denver wants to try new things in order to successfully coexist.

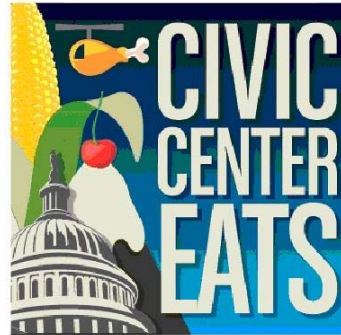
Enter the "Castor Master"! Invented by Skip Lisle, who went from the construction industry to a master's degree in wildlife conservation, the "Castor Master" is just one device designed to reduce the common concerns about beaver, while leaving them to perform their functions in an ecosystem. The two most common complaints include flooding over roads and paths and loss of mature trees.

Local Denver resident Sherri Tippie, president and founder of Wildlife 2000, was trained to create and install these unique devices, and has been all over the country instructing various municipalities and businesses impacted by beaver activity on using humane and long term solutions. Its time has come to Denver! In May the first ever "Castor Master" in Denver was installed in Westerly Creek. An active beaver family has inhabited this relatively young and beautiful natural area, and Denver's Natural Areas program wanted to be proactive when they noticed the activity of these busy rodents. Two to three small dams had been constructed in the creek, and already had noticeably slowed stream bank erosion, expanded the wetlands along the creek sides, and promoted beneficial wildlife habitat in this urban natural area. In order to prevent any future concerns of flooding over paths and bridges, this was identified as a great place to place a beaver water flow control device.

The "Castor Master" involves building a cage filter that surrounds the opening of a large pipe that is placed over or through a dam to increase the amount of water moving over the dam, without the beaver noticing! The cage ensures that beaver and other wildlife don't get trapped in the pipe, and prevents them from stopping the hole if they notice water pulling through. With increased water flow, beaver won't need to build their dams so high, reducing their need for wood, and water won't back up as far or deep, making sure that nearby paths and bridges are preserved.

The flow device was just one piece of the puzzle. Additionally local volunteers planted willow whips to increase the amount of fast growing food available to the beaver, removed noxious Russian olive trees, painted a sand/paint mixture on many of the young cottonwood trees to allow them to more fully mature and establish, installed four bat houses and picked up bags and bags of trash to help support this incredible natural area. Visit Westerly Creek to see an incredible abundance of wildlife and a great example of preserving a bit of the wild right in our city.

Civic Center Eats



- WHO:** The Civic Center Conservancy, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping restore, enhance and activate Civic Center Park.
- WHAT:** *Civic Center Eats: Outdoor Market and Café*
- WHEN:** Tuesdays, June 16 through September 29, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (*Market will be closed September 8)
- WHERE:** Civic Center Park, Denver
(Broadway and Colfax Avenue)
- WHY:** The *Civic Center Eats Outdoor Market and Café* provides an opportunity for downtown employees, residents and visitors to experience Civic Center Park, enjoy a delicious outdoor lunch in spectacular urban and historic surroundings, purchase fresh Colorado produce and goods, listen to live music, and connect with the community.
- HOW:** Local vendors will be selling diverse lunch options, produce, and other goods onsite. Musical entertainment and shaded tables provided.
- INFO:** Visit

www.CivicCenterConservancy.org to view the Civic Center Eats poster, contact the Conservancy at info@civiccenterconservancy.org or 303-861-4633, or visit the **Denver's Civic Center Park page on Facebook.**

MARKET INFO: www.coloradofreshmarkets.com

Mountain Parks Update

Recreation Beyond the City Line

When the heat is too much in town, you can get to a cool Denver Mountain Park in 20 to 60 minutes! Winter Park Ski Resort (www.skiwint.com) is hopping in summer,



with its mountain slide, mountain bicycling, miniature golf, and great hikes. Winter Park will have extended Friday hours from July 3 to September 4th. Want to combine fishing for lake or rainbow trout with a picnic? Try Echo Lake Park on Highway 103 for high altitude fishing (10,000'), Evergreen Lake in Dedisse Park, or the Bear Creek parks between Morrison and Evergreen. For a game of horseshoes or volleyball, try some of the quieter parks like Morrison or Little (along Bear Creek) or Fillius and Bergen (in the town of Bergen Park). Genesee Park and Red Rocks are great road biking destinations and you can catch the regional mountain bike trail in Corwina or Pence Park. No car? RTD has buses to Genesee and Bergen Parks M-F. Enjoy Denver's own mountain get-a-ways

Summer Fun at Genesee Mountain Park



Denver Parks + Recreation offers a unique recreational and educational opportunity in the foothills west of Denver! Genesee Mountain Park is the home of the

Genesee Experiential Outdoor Center (GEOC). GEOC is operated by the Outdoor Recreation division of Denver Parks + Recreation. Our professional staff invites your group to GEOC for an outdoor adventure in 2009. That adventure might include a teambuilding program at our incredible challenge course site located at GEOC or one of the many environmental education programs we offer. 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.

Summer Bike Adventures

Come to City Park and join us for a Biking Adventure. We will be hosting guided bike rides through Denver, originating from City Park. Our bicycle



outings will focus on fun, fitness, safety, and increasing your knowledge and interest as we examine a number of bicycle related topics throughout the summer and fall. We will have 7 adult bikes available to borrow from Outdoor Recreation for each trip. If you prefer you are welcome to bring your own bicycle.

Bicycling Programs- for ages 16 and older, (youth 8-15 can attend if accompanied by an adult)

Road Rules and Navigating Denver

The day will begin at City Park where we will map out our adventures for the day. We will enjoy the sites and sounds of the park and surrounding neighborhoods. We will also focus on the Rules of the Road and how to safely navigate the Denver areas. We will ride approximately 5 miles.

Cost \$10.00

July 11th, Saturday, 11:00 to 3:00

Fixing a Flat and other Basic Repairs

Pfffft...that is the sound of your bike's tire going flat. Do you know what to do? Whatever your answer is come join us for a beautiful ride through Denver. We will be exploring local bike paths and learn to fix a flat tire and deal with other basic on-road mechanical repairs.

Cost \$10.00

July 22nd, Wednesday, 11:00 to 3:00

Scavenger Hunt using GPS

Come join us for a group scavenger hunt around City Park. We will be learning how to use a GPS and follow clues around City Park. It might surprise you what you will find and learn. This is a great activity for all ages!

Cost \$10.00

August 15th, Saturday, 11:00 to 3:00

Bike Clothing and Accessories

We will discuss appropriate clothing and accessories to make your bike riding safer, more enjoyable, and more comfortable. Our bike route this day will take us to the nearby Park Hill and Whittier neighborhoods, where we will admire the craftsmanship of these century old homes.

Cost \$10.00

August 26, Wednesday, 11:00 to 3:00

Scavenger Hunt using GPS

Let Outdoor Recreation provide you with a GPS class and some feet-on experience. After learning how to use the GPS you will plot coordinates and find those secret places around City Park.

Cost \$10.00

September 19, Saturday, 11:00 to 3:00

How and Where to purchase a bicycle

Interested in owning a bike of your own? Do you know

what to look for when buying a bike? Come pedal with us as we enjoy the fall colors. We'll provide suggestions on what to consider when in the market for a bicycle...the right bike for you...how much money to spend...where to buy a bike...

Cost \$10.00

October 10th, Saturday, 11:00 to 3:00

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger hunts are a fun outdoor activity for the entire family! Let Outdoor Recreation provide you with a GPS class and some feet-on experience. After learning how to use the GPS you will plot coordinates and find those secret places around City Park.

Cost \$10.00

October 24th, Saturday, 11:00 to 3:00

Recreation Center Happenings

College View
303-937-4630

CELEBRATE AMERICA

Join us for an old fashion hot dog picnic. We'll decorate bikes, play games, crafts. The highland will be a Tricycle Village provided by the Denver Police Department. Please reserve by June 29!

AGE:	All are welcome
COST:	\$1 per person
DAY/TIME	Thursday, July 2 ; Noon - 2:00 pm

Please call center at 303-937-4630 to reserve a space.

Rude
720-865-0570

Come to Rude Recreation Center for some free fun this summer. Enjoy any of these fun activities and events for FREE!

Kids Cafe- Free hot meals for youth Monday-Friday from 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.

Free Hip-Hop class for youth- Tues.& Wed. 7:30 p.m.- 9p.m.

Produce and Health Fair- July 17th, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Marriage counseling- certian days

Cooking Classes for youth- Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Cooking Classes for youth and parents- Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

FREE MEMBERSHIPS for youth ages 5-14 who attend a DPS school on the west side of Denver (MYSPACE)

Platt Park **720-865-0630**

Dance to Live Music:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, Mondays - 7:00pm - 9:30pm. \$4.00 per person includes dance lesson from 6:00-7:00pm includes refreshments.

July 6th - Tom Yook

July 13th - Rhythm of Life

July 20th - Terry Norona

Tea Dance - Live Music on the last Friday of the month.

1:00pm - 3:15pm \$4.00 includes refreshments.

July 31st - Bev Bucci

Cooking Classes: 10:00am - Noon Cost : \$6.50

Wednesday, July 8th - Dixie Dandy Bake *YUM*

Friday, July 31st - Chinese Chicken Noodle Salad

Senior Summer Barbecue

Friday, July 10th, 11:00am - 1:00pm

\$5.00 for a great Barbecue meal

Line Dance - Tuesday 11:00am - 12:30pm and Thurs.

10:00am - 11:30am \$2.00 senior/\$3.00 under 65. Drop in

Ballroom Dance - Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$2.00

senior/\$3.00 under 65. Drop in

Bingo - Tuesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$2.00 senior/\$3.00

under 65. Drop in

Call for dates and times: 720-865-0630

Exercise Classes: Yoga, Tai Chi, Stretching, Swimnastics, Weight training-

Language Classes: Spanish, German, French

Craft Classes: jewelry, pottery and more

Artreach: What a great Program- Don't miss the chance to get tickets weekly to sporting events, symphony etc.

Centennial Garden Ready for Summer

Denver Parks'
Rivers & Trails staff
provided support for



over 60 volunteers from Nippon Kan Aikido Dojo to complete the spring cleanup at Centennial Garden on June 6th, National Trails Day. Volunteers weeded, deadheaded and trimmed the decorative perennial beds at this unique formal garden located just north of Elitch's at 1101 Little Raven Street. Over six cubic yards of weeds and garden debris were removed in just a few hours by these enthusiastic volunteers. The other 40 volunteers collected 1100 gallons of debris and trimmed 4 yds of branches along the Platte River Trail. The spring rains and volunteer efforts have turned the garden into a green oasis just perfect for a quiet stroll on a summer afternoon.

Partnership with PAL creates opportunity at Valverde Park

On Friday, June 12 Denver Parks and Recreation along with the Police Activities League (PAL) broke ground for several new synthetic turf football/baseball fields, as well as a newly renovated basketball court, at Valverde Park.



In 2008, the Police Activities League received a grant from the Daniels Fund to help build a new headquarters and support its mission of providing for disadvantaged boys and girls a safe haven to play sports coached by community volunteers including Denver Police Officers, Firemen and Sheriffs.

At the same time, Denver Parks and Recreation was looking to improve and add amenities to one of its Southwest parks, but with limited funding available. By creating this unique partnership, PAL will have a place to call home and support its mission, and Denver Parks and Recreation will be able to offer an amazing recreation facility to kids in Southwest Denver as well as throughout the City that otherwise would not have been possible.

PAL will invest over \$2 million in the new Valverde Sports Complex. Included in the plans is the 9,000 square ft. Jerry Kennedy Denver PAL Headquarters, which is scheduled to be completed in 2010. This building will house a boxing gym, workout gym, offices, a classroom,

and storage. Other park renovations include a new, state-of-the-art field turf for four baseball fields that can be overlaid with two small football/multi-purpose fields, low-impact, high-efficiency Musco lights, new fencing, concrete and landscaping, and basketball court renovations.

Dog Park Planning Update

Denver Parks and Recreation has selected 15 people to serve on its External Stakeholder Committee regarding the dog park Master Plan and Policy recommendations.

The External Stakeholder Committee is comprised of (2) members from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; (3) members from the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC); (15) citizens (dog owners, non-dog owners, trainers, vets,; and (1) appointee from City Council. The role of this group is to act as a sounding board to the planning process and to provide feedback on proposed plans, policies, and recommendations developed by the City and the Internal / Technical Committee, comprised of individuals from within City departments that include Parks & Recreation and Natural Areas, Environmental Health, Community Planning and Development, Public Works Wastewater, Denver Park Rangers, Animal Control and Park Superintendents.

The External Stakeholder Committee will meet several times over the summer to discuss the master plan draft and recommendations to provide their input and expertise. This committee is comprised of veterinarians, dog-walking business owners, members of Great Dane Assistance League, dog trainers, people involved with foster dogs, land use professionals and business professionals. Members are:

CD 1	Sara Nepomuceno
CD 2/3	Lauren Rodriguez (on the border)
CD 4	Arthur Vogt
CD 5	Eve Edmonds
CD 6/7	Ed Sardella (on the border)
CD 8	Priscilla Burton
CD 9	Wendy Sullivan
CD 9	Amy Cara
CD 10	Jay Rust
CD 10	Rachel Jacobs
CD 10	Tanner Johnson
NA	Traci Schillinger
NA	Peggy Lore
CD 11	Deborah Hogue
CD 11	Reid Dunkin

The Dog Park Master Plan is intended to foster healthy relationships between dog owners, non-dog owners, and

all park users. The goal is to improve parks and open spaces to support and accommodate all users in a healthy, sustainable environment. The process began in February 2009, when Denver Parks and Recreation launched an extensive Dog Park survey. When it closed on April 30, 2009, nearly 4,000 respondents had responded.

This Citywide effort will evaluate and examine the current dog parks, provide Design Options & Recommendations (Site Specific), develop a Strategic Dog Park Policy and Implementation Plan, and provide Enforcement Recommendations. Out of this effort, the City hopes to establish a citizen led "Friends Group" to partner with the Department in fundraising and maintenance related activities associated with off-leash dog areas.

Once the final draft of the master plan and policy recommendations is complete, sometime in the fall, the Internal and External committees will help Denver Parks and Recreation to lead a series of Open House meetings to present the plan to the community. People interested in staying abreast of the master plan process can submit their email contact information to DenverDog@Denvergov.org and will be added to the master distribution list for periodic updates. The City will also be asking for additional input throughout the process in the form of short electronic survey that will be sent to the contact list, as well as hosted on the Denver Parks and Recreation Web site at www.denvergov.org/parksandrec

Four Mile Historic Park Happenings

Old-Fashioned July 4th Celebration

When: Saturday, July 4
10 am - 4 pm

Where: Four Mile Historic Park
715 S. Forest St.
Denver, CO 80246

What: Celebrate our Nation's 233rd Birthday with the gang at Four Mile Historic Park!



We'll have:

Tours of the Four Mile House Museum

Victorian Craft Demonstrations

A Civil War Encampment (including cannon firing)

Children's Games & Crafts

Gold Panning

Horse-drawn wagon rides - \$2 Adults, \$1 Children

Presentations by Thomas Jefferson

Reading of the Declaration of Independence

...and tons more!

****Where else can you celebrate with Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln, and Uncle Sam while taking a horse-drawn wagon ride??****

Food and beverages will be available for purchase - Don't miss out on the delicious Kettle Corn or the Ice Cream & Float Shoppe!

ADMISSION:

FMHP Members = FREE!! (enter through Member's Entrance at Kiosk Gate)

Adults \$7

Seniors (65+)/students \$4

Free 5 & under

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Four Mile Historic Park Volunteers

Corum Real Estate

Home Depot

Hay Bales & Tall Tales

When: Saturday, July 11
11am - Noon

Where: Four Mile Historic Park
715 S. Forest St.
Denver, CO 80246

What: Pioneer Story Time for kids of all ages! Free for all to enjoy a story, craft, and Four Mile Historic Park!

Living History Day

When: Sunday, July 12
1 - 3pm

Where: Four Mile Historic Park
715 S. Forest St.
Denver, CO 80246

What: Come see our Quilting, Sewing, Cooking, and Blacksmithing demonstrations and join in on a horse-drawn wagon ride and tour of Denver's oldest home, the Four Mile House Museum!

Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America Exhibit

When: October 24 - November 11
Daily: Noon - 4pm

Where: Four Mile Historic Park
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What: Colorado's only exhibition of the Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America exhibit that was created to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of

America's greatest president by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Stop and Trim Those Trees

It's the time of year for stop sign clearance pruning. This year's cool spring and ample rains have produced a vigorous flush of new growth and the view of many stop signs is now obstructed. We at Denver Forestry want to remind you that such pruning is the property owner's responsibility. Look out for your neighbors and prune growth to make stop signs visible and our streets safer.

For tree care advice or for help finding a licensed tree contractor, please call 720-913-0651 or visit www.denvergov.org/forestry.

PARK	HOURS	NAME OF EVENT	# PEOPLE	ORGANIZATION
City Park	6am-11pm	Patriotic Celebration	5,000	Denver Office of
City Park	3pm-9pm	Pedal For Pennies	50	Special Needs
City Park	5am-11pm	Black Arts Festival	10,000	Denver Black Art
City Park	12-3p & 8am-1pm	The Answer for Cancer	1,500	Children's Hospit
City Park	5am-10am	Fast Forward 4-Miler	300	Fast Forward Sp
City Park	9am-2pm	King Trimble Tea & Roses	500	Councilwoman M
City Park	5am-12pm	Mentor's Walk	400	Women's Vision
City Park	5am-12pm	Mentor's Walk	350	Women's Vision
Washington	6am-11am	Liberty Run	800	ACLU/BKB Limit
Washington	6pm-9pm	Public Concert	1,000	Denver Municipa
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Washington	5am-11pm	Donor Dash	1,600	Donor Alliance
Washington	6pm-9pm	Public Concert	1,000	Denver Municipa
Washington	5am-7pm	Kid's Cure for Cancer	1,600	Brent Eley Founc
Washington	1pm - 11pm	Hinote's Heroes Backyard Biathlon	120	The Hinotes Her
Washington	6pm-9pm	Public Concert	1,000	Denver Municipa
Civic Center	5am-11pm	People's Fair	200,000	Capitol Hill Unite
Civic Center	8am-4pm	Outdoor Market & Café	500	Civic Center Parl
Civic Center	7am-6pm	2009 Digital book Mobile	500	Denver Public Lil
Civic Center	8am-10pm	Hoop it Up	6,000	Best Experiential
Civic Center	5am-12pm	Bike To Work day	1,000	Public Works/So
Civic Center	5am-11pm	Pride Festival	250,000	The GLBT Comrn
Civic Center	8am-10pm	State of the City	500	Mayor's Office
Civic Center	5am-11pm	March of Glory	8,000	Iglesia De Cristo
Skyline #2	8am-6pm	LAX in the PARK	150	Downtown Dene
Skyline #2	5pm-11pm	Movies in the Park	200	Denver Parks & I
Skyline #1	8am-6pm	LAX in the PARK	150	Downtown Denvi
Skyline #2	5pm-11pm	Movies in the Park	200	Denver Parks & I
Skyline #1	8am-3pm	Playin in the Park	1,250	Downtown Denvi
Skyline #1	6am-3pm	Urban Assault Aide	500	adventure Fit Inc
Skyline #3	9am-6pm	The Great Urban Race	500	Red Frog Events

Cheesman	6am-1pm	Cheesman Park Parade for Kids	300	Cheesman Park
Cheesman	5am-9pm	Pedestrian Bicycle Day		
Cheesman	8am-11pm	CSO at Cheesman Park	5,000	Denver Office of
Confluence, Fishback, Platte	5am-2pm	2009 Pedal the Platte	250	
Sloan Lake	8am-2pm	Family Fun in the Sun	100	Special Needs P
Sloan Lake	5pm-11pm	Movies in the Park	200	Denver Parks + I
Sloan Lake	5am-11pm	Dragon Boat Festival	80	Colorado Dragor
Sloan Lake	5am-2pm	Walk like MADD	1,000	Mothers Against
Confluence Park	3pm-10pm	Confluence Concerts	700	The Greenway F
Cook	9am-5pm	End of Summer Blowout	300	Community Recr
Fred Thomas	2pm-11pm	Movies in the Park	500	Winter Park and
Lincoln Park	12pm-11pm	Latino Rhythms	4,000	Denver Office of
Barnum	5pm-11pm	Movies in the Park	200	Denver Parks + I
Cook	7am-9pm	City Wide Swim Meet	450	Denver Aquatics

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