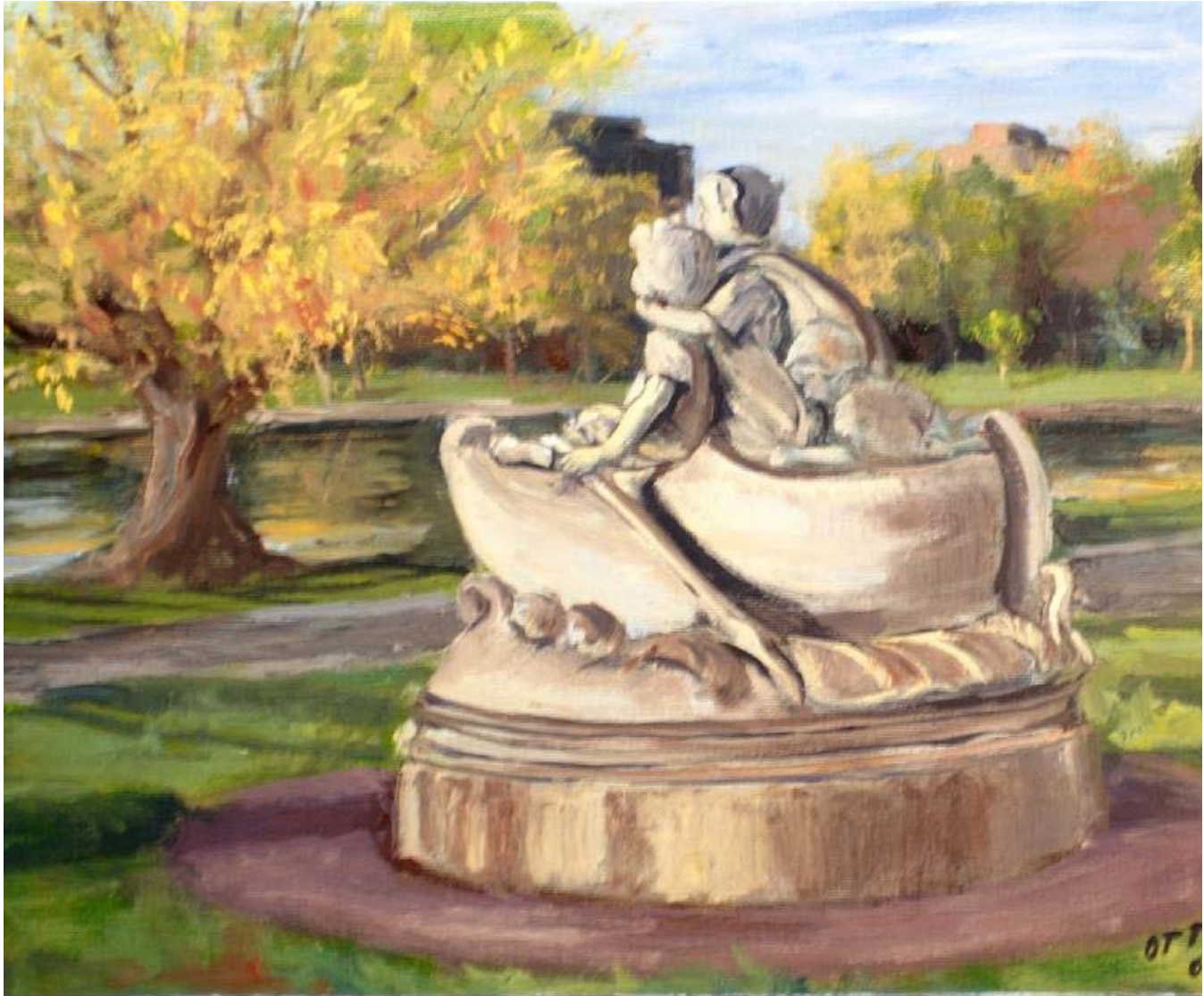


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### November 2009

#### New Park Slated For Westwood Neighborhood

The Denver Parks and Recreation Department (DPR), working in partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), has succeeded in purchasing a derelict city block in the heart of the Westwood neighborhood that will be converted into a public park - the only public park in a mile radius. The closing will take place today at 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Title Company in Denver. Covering a full city block (1.2 acres), the property is completely abandoned, having most recently housed a trailer park, a bar and an auto body shop. TPL negotiated the purchase and put the property under contract earlier this year, securing bridge

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funding to underwrite the purchase until DPR was able to fully fund the project through federal and state grants.

"Westwood is one of the department's highest priorities for the addition of park land and we are grateful that we were able to work proactively with the west Denver community to locate and secure an entire block of property for our newest park," says Kevin Patterson, Manager of DPR. "This property will go from community eyesore to a wonderful neighborhood asset where families and kids can enjoy a park experience close to home." "One of the exciting things about this project is that it will do more than just provide local residents with a park. New park projects can help stabilize property values in areas that have been hit hard by the real estate market downturn and can offer help spur economic growth," says Wade Shelton, TPL Project Manager.

DPR contacted TPL in early 2009 about this opportunity, and TPL began working immediately to secure the purchase of the property. Other buyers had worked to purchase the property in the past but had been unable to reach an agreement with the sellers, Wiggons Farm, Inc. Over a period of months, TPL succeeded in negotiating an agreement that made financial sense to both the sellers and to DPR.

"There is much to celebrate in our purchase and transformation of this blighted piece of land into a beautiful park space for our neighborhoods, families and children to enjoy," said Councilmar Paul Lopez, in whose district the property lies.

"Our partners at the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Trust for Public Land are to be commended for their commitment to finding resources to beautify this small but incredibly important space for the families of the Westwood neighborhood."

The land will be remediated immediately and DPR will then work with the community to decide how the park should be developed. These public meetings will be planned for sometime in 2010.

This purchase marks the first success in an ongoing partnership between DPR and TPL to identify and complete park projects throughout the City.

"Since new parks have rarely been added to the system, Denver's ratio of parks to population has slipped year after year. Now we find that Denver's park system is well below average when compared to other similarly sized cities. This purchase will take a step towards remedying that situation," says Tim Wohlgenant, TPL's Colorado State Director.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and natural areas, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities are unrivaled in the Rocky Mountain West. The DPR system spans over a 138-year history from the first park created in 1868 to nearly 15,000 acres of urban parks and mountain parkland today. It embraces nearly 3,000 acres of "traditional" parks and parkways, 2,500 urban natural acres and close to 8,000 acres

of urban forest within the city alone.

### **Denver and Aurora Partnership Adds to The Mile High Million Goal**

On October 17th, the City and County of Denver and the City of Aurora partnered on a volunteer tree planting project at Aurora's Sand Creek Park. More than 150 volunteers worked together to plant 125 trees at the 85-acre park.



The cooperative event was sponsored by Greenprint Denver's Mile High Million Tree Initiative, which proposes to add one million new trees to the metro area by 2025. Other project partners included Suncor Energy and "NeighborWoods," a community service campaign sponsored by Alliance for Community Trees.

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper and Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer addressed volunteers to highlight the partnership and to commemorate the important event. Mayor Hickenlooper also accepted a \$15,000 check from Comcast in support of The Mile High Million.

Sand Creek Park is located just north of the Anschutz Medical Campus and adjacent to the Sand Creek Regional Trail, which connects Aurora, Denver and Commerce City while passing by premier parks and natural areas situated along the creek.

### **Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program for Youth**



Denver Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Winter Park Resort for a tremendous "LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD" opportunity! This weekday program is designed specifically for groups of first-time and beginner-level skiers and snowboarders, ages 7-17 years old. The program runs November 2009 through March 2010. Winter Park will provide lift tickets, rental gear, and an all-day lesson. Instruction will be provided by the professionals at the Winter Park

Ski & Ride School. The cost of the program is \$25 per student not including transportation.

Organized groups of up to 40 students are invited to participate in this unique program. These weekday trips depart from Denver at 6am and generally return between 5pm-6pm the same day. Children will be accompanied and supervised by your school and a DPR staff member throughout the day at a 1-10 staff/student ratio. This is an incredible opportunity for your child to establish a life-long interest in winter snow sports.

Groups leaders and group organizers should contact Outdoor Recreation at 720-865-0680 or email

[outdoor.recreation@denvergov.org](mailto:outdoor.recreation@denvergov.org) for more information.

Interested individuals can call their local recreation center or

Outdoor Recreation to learn of participating centers.

### **Discovery Snowshoe Program at Echo Lake for Youth**

This winter Outdoor Recreation will team up with local schools for a unique hands-on learning opportunity in the Rocky Mountains. Join our team of outdoor professionals on an exploratory trip to Mt. Evan's Echo Lake, one of Denver's Mountain Parks. The program provides a fun, healthy, and educational way for students to be active outdoors while enjoying the natural beauty of the Colorado Rockies in winter.

Students will traverse the beautiful mountain scenery on snowshoes, while learning about winter adaptations, foods webs, watersheds, and conservation in the surrounding ecosystem based on Colorado State curriculum standards. This awesome environmental education program is geared towards 5th through 8th grade students, but can be modified to meet the needs of any age group. We can accommodate groups as large as 40. Snowshoes and hot cocoa are provided. Call Outdoor Recreation for more information.

You can find more information on these winter youth programs and a complete schedule of Outdoor Recreation programs for this fall and winter online at:

<http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/659/documents/outdoor.pdf>

### **Highland Park Construction Begins**

The Highland park, located at N. Federal Blvd. and W. 33rd Ave, is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2010. During construction, residents can expect areas of the park to be closed at various times. The construction and improvements, divided into two phases, will be completed concurrently. The improvements include:

#### Phase 1 Construction

- Pedestrian Walkways
- Drainage and Erosion Control
- Grading
- New Basketball Court
- Reading Garden Plaza
- Turf Grass Seeding

#### Phase 2 Construction

- Irrigation
- Landscape Improvements
- Lighting Improvements

The construction and improvements are the result of the Highland Park Master Plan, developed in the Fall 2005 to address the growing concerns of neighborhood residents regarding the poor condition of the park and the frequency of criminal activities in the park.

The scheduled construction is the first step in the realization of

neighborhood planning process to raise Highland Park back to its original status as a jewel of the West Highlands neighborhood. Mundus Bishop Design, a local Denver Landscape Architecture firm, has incorporated many design elements in classic forms and patterns to reflect the historic nature of the park, library and neighborhood. A main feature of the park is a "great lawn" area which is defined by a large oval pedestrian promenade and period lighting fixtures. Highland Park's civic green space provides a much needed recreation opportunity for residential neighborhoods in the heart of Denver.

Highland Park is an important neighborhood park in Denver's northwest district. The park is one of Denver's oldest parks (circa 1900s). It is located on one of Denver's oldest parkways Federal Boulevard and was designed by a prominent Denver landscape architect, Rheinhard Schuetze. Schuetze was a well established landscape architect best known for his work in Cheesman and Washington Parks. In 1912, the Woodbury Library was added to the northeast corner of the park.

For more information contact:  
Tom Kupcho, Project Manager at  
720.913.0627, or e-mail  
[tom.kupcho@denvergov.org](mailto:tom.kupcho@denvergov.org)

### **Meet Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Executive Team**

#### **Darryl Watson**

Darryl Watson grew up in the Virgin Islands, on the Island of St. John where 75% of the land is a national park. His passion for parks stems from his complete immersion in nature as a youth. Where he grew up whether you were rich or poor, parks were for all to enjoy with family, a "no status" zone.

"As a board member I will always support access to our parks and recreation centers and will ensure that equity and inclusiveness are at the core of our decision making."



#### **Richard Ott**

Dick was born and raised in Colorado. Dick's family has been miners, ranchers, lawyers, judges, and railroad engineers. He is a well known trial lawyer in Colorado, and was listed as a Super Lawyer in a 2006 5280 Magazine. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the

University of Colorado, a Masters Degree from the Pratt Institute in New York and a J.D. degree from the University of Denver. Dick has studied at The Art Students League of New



York and was one of the founders of the Art Students League of Denver. Dick loves to be in Denver Parks painting and enjoying the open space.

#### **Ed Done**

Ed has experienced the joy of exploring many of Denver's parks through his passion for running. He especially loves the amazing view from Ruby Hill park at sunrise and the great feeling of community running around Washington Park.



"I am happy to have the opportunity to serve on the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. I have had the pleasure of meeting people in my community and hearing what they love about their city's P&R and what they want to improve."

#### **Noel Copeland** (no picture available)

Noel is currently a resident architect at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus where he is responsible for planning the development of the new campus for the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus at Fitzsimons.

Prior to joining the University of Colorado, he worked as a partner in a local design firm with responsibilities in cultural and civic projects including the Civic Center and Market Street Stations -16th Street Mall Transfer Facilities, Overland Park Golf Clubhouse and course modifications, the Denver mountain parks park structures, the Colorado tribute to Veterans, Lincoln Park and Denver's Civic Center Park.

Noel enjoys biking to work, golf, tennis, oil painting and drawing in several Denver Parks.

#### **Denver Parks and Recreation Partners with United Health Care**

Mayor John Hickenlooper today announced Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) will significantly expand the availability of its recreation center programming guides, reaching thousands of more city residents and promoting the use of affordable health and exercise programs.

A \$60,000 sponsorship from UnitedHealthcare of Colorado will help DPR print 75,000 guides per year, up from 20,000 copies in previous years. The guides showcase the DPR system's more than two dozen recreation centers, while providing information about the classes and programs for Outdoor Recreation, Community Recreation and Citywide Sports.

"Denver is known as one of the best cities in the country to work and play, and our recreation centers play a key role in that active lifestyle," said Mayor Hickenlooper. "We are grateful for community partners such as UnitedHealthcare to help promote the many great programs and activities offered by Denver Parks and Recreation, as this will help Denver residents

lead healthier lives."

The guides, to be printed next year in February, May and September, will be distributed in The Sunday Denver Post (40,000 copies), through the Denver recreation centers (25,000 copies), and Denver Public Libraries and UnitedHealthcare offices (10,000 copies).

"These guides play an important role in helping Denver residents access the great programs and activities available to them in the Mile High City," said Beth Soberg, CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Colorado. "We are pleased to collaborate with Denver Parks and Recreation on this important effort."

DPR recognized that some Denver residents struggle to find affordable recreation programs. UnitedHealthcare and DPR hope that making available more guides will create increased awareness of the City's recreation system and encourage more people to use the recreation facilities and establish or maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Adult annual memberships to Denver recreation centers are \$150, while youth (ages 2 - 17) are \$35 and Seniors (age 65+) are \$65. In addition, Denver Parks and Recreation offers a scholarship program for those needing financial assistance, and no one is ever turned away for the inability to pay.

DPR has more than two dozen centers throughout the City, and more than 5,000 kids annually participate in its Citywide Sports, Community Recreation and Outdoor Recreation programs. For a complete list of centers, or to download a copy of the recreation brochure, visit [www.denvergov.org/parksandrec](http://www.denvergov.org/parksandrec).

UnitedHealthcare of Colorado provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services to individuals, public sector employers and businesses of all sizes. The company serves more than 700,000 people statewide.

### **Critter Corner**



#### **Animal Smarts**

Living in the city today takes more than street or book smarts, it also takes 'animal smarts'. Many urban children no longer spend time exploring and learning about their outdoor environments. As a result, they have become increasingly detached from a close

association with the natural world and lack an understanding of animals that are found in the city. They relate wildlife to their pets and lack caution, or they fear the animal because of the

unknown. Here are some basic wildlife guidelines that will help all of us develop our "animal smarts".

1. No animal will bite without a reason. There is a common fear that wild animals will bite just because you're there. Animals bite when they feel threatened. Think about the last time you saw a snake. You probably saw its back end fleeing you as fast as it could! Most animal bites occur as a response to human behavior.
2. Animals do not want to hurt people. Defense and fighting takes energy. It would make no sense for them to waste energy on an unsolicited attack when they need that energy to find food.
3. Feeding wildlife does not help them. People often feed animals inappropriate food, which can make animals sick and interfere with their healthy development. Bread, french fries, chips and crackers are not good for ANY type of animal. Feeding also decreases an animal's fear of people. Food means survival, and survival can necessitate aggression. Most animal bites are related to wild animals being fed by people. Feeding increases competition among individuals, encourages animals to congregate in unnaturally high numbers and attracts a variety of unintended animals to our yards, parks and neighborhoods.
4. Wild animals don't want to make "friends". Relationships between animals of different species rarely happen in the wild, and when they do there is a specific need. For example coyotes will occasionally team up with badgers to hunt rabbits. Each has a skill that increases the likelihood of success. Treating a wild animal like a pet is unnatural and confusing to the animal. Confused wildlife can feel threatened, which can lead to aggression.
5. All animals have a job to do in an ecosystem. When we remove animals from an area in which they are naturally found, it often causes a break down in the balance of that ecosystem. For example, we often see increases in rodent populations when foxes are removed from an area. Then at least one new animal will move in to use and compete for the resources that supported the first. Resources will never go unused and territory is always needed. Unless there is a drastic change in the environment, such as open space converted to apartment buildings, animals will quickly repopulate an area.
6. The city IS the natural habitat for our urban wildlife. There is a concentration of resources in our city. We have abundant water available, grow plants all year, we provide food from trash, compost, plant and tree growth and have ample shelter. Everything animals need to survive is right here and the most adaptable and intelligent animals around have made Denver their homes. There is no "back to the wild" - the wild is here.

If we respect and appreciate wildlife, learn about their needs and habits and incorporate what we know into our lifestyles, we can successfully share the resources of the city. Remember that just like people, animals are trying to live their lives, find food and shelter, and safely raise and teach their young the things they need to know to survive in today's world.

### **November Upcoming Events**

#### **Cook Park Recreation Center**

##### **Craft Fair**

November 21, 2009

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$10 and a baked good to rent a table

Free Entrance for customers

#### **Morey Neighborhood Center**

Evening Classes for Adults

##### **Mondays**

Español I/II

Beginning Computers

Water Aerobics

Knitting in the Neighborhood

Pilates I

##### **Wednesdays**

Adult Group Swim Lessons

Intermediate Computers

Yoga

Pilates II

Español I

Call or email now to register!

720.424.0791

[moreyneighborhoodcenter@dpsk12.org](mailto:moreyneighborhoodcenter@dpsk12.org)

### **Fall Session 2 Dates**

#### **Session 2**

Monday classes - Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14

Wednesday classes - Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16

#### **Class Descriptions**

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics is an excellent way to a fit and healthy body! Join us for a strong cardiovascular, conditioning workout with emphasis on flexibility and toning. Non-swimmers are welcome.

#### **Session 2**

Cost: \$80

Days/Times: Mondays, 6:15 - 7:15 pm

**Adult Group Swim Lessons**

Learning how to swim or making swimming your daily workout is a great way to have an active and healthy lifestyle. In this class, beginners will learn the fundamentals while intermediate swimmers will improve their breathing and stroke technique. Front Crawl, Back Crawl, Elementary Backstroke, and basic safety skills are covered. Our adult swim lessons are taught by experienced instructors and are tailored to your abilities. Classes are kept small to ensure individualized instruction.

Session 2

Cost: \$67

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm (45 minutes)

**Beginning Computers**

Do you have a computer, but want to understand basic computer applications better? Then this class is for you! We will cover basic computer literacy, such as the difference between hardware and software, Windows, Word, setting up email accounts, completing online forms, internet searching, computer safety, plus an introduction to uses of multimedia applications. Bring your specific questions because our small class size allows for one on one problem solving.

**Session 2**

Cost: \$80

Days/Times: Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

**Intermediate Computers**

If you feel you have got the basics down this class is for you. This class will be an extension of beginning computers. We will cover downloading, emailing, and organizing your digital photos. In addition you will learn about computer maintenance, copying and burning CDs (digital music), SKYPE, and other interests the participants may have.

Prerequisite: Beginning Computers or the equivalent

**Session 2**

Cost: \$67

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

**Knitting in the Neighborhood**

Have you always wanted to make your own scarf? Or, do you have a pattern or project and need help along the way? Beginners will learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off, as well as basic increases and decreases. More advanced students will learn how to read patterns, correct mistakes, and make an item fit. The small class size allows for personal attention. When the class is over, show off to your friends and family!

Session 2

Cost: \$55

Days/Times: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Yoga**

Unwind, breathe, relax - connect the body and mind through yoga postures. Learn to breathe deeply, gently stretch your tight muscles, and improve your flexibility and circulation. Let go of the activities of the day by taking this time out for yourself. For all levels from beginner to advanced.

**Session 2**

Cost: \$67

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 pm

**Pilates I**

Looking to strengthen your core muscles while having a fun workout? Pilates is a great way to combine strengthening and flexibility in one session. Pilates is a series of movements combined with breath work designed to strengthen the body's core. You'll enhance the mind-body connection and improve your posture during this all-over body workout. The class will progress each week from a beginner level, but those with previous Pilates experience are welcome.

**Session 2**

Cost: \$80

Days/Times: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Pilates II**

For those with more experience who are ready to take their practice to the next level. This class is for intermediate level, but beginners are welcome also.

**Session 2**

Cost: \$67

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Español I**

Have you been wanting to learn Spanish? Now is your chance! Learn the basics, using this fun and interactive story-based approach to understanding and speaking the language. Learn grammar, phrases, numbers, pronunciation, verbs, and adjectives. You will be speaking, reading and writing from class numero uno.

**Session 2**

Cost: \$67

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Español I/II**

Build upon your current knowledge of Spanish. Learn more advanced grammar and vocabulary and improve your speaking, reading and writing skills. Have fun while you learn el idioma español. For those with some previous Spanish experience.

**Session 2**

Cost: \$80

Days/Times: Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

### **Platt Park Recreation Center**

1500 S. Grant St.

720-865-0630

Platt Park will be closed:

Wednesday, Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

Thursday, Nov. 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 27th - Mandatory Furlough Day

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Friday, Nov. 13, 2009

\$6.50 includes dinner and entertainment

sign up at Platt Park

### **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.

Nov. 2nd - Tom Yook

Nov. 9th - Terry Norona

Nov. 16th - Tom Yook

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

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

Nov. 27th No Dance- center will be closed

### **Cooking Classes:**

10:00am - Noon Cost : \$6.50

Wed. Nov. 18th

Beef Bourguignon

### **Food Bank**

November 6th and December 4th at 1:00pm \$2.00

### **Line Dance**

Tuesday 11:00am - 12:30pm

Thurs. 10:00am - 11:30am

\$2.00 senior/\$3.00 under 65.

### **Ballroom Dance**

Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$2.00 senior/\$3.00 under 65.

### **Bingo**

Tuesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm \$2.00 senior/\$3.00 under 65.

Drop in

### **Other Classes**

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:  
Youth Arts Program, Win Tickets to Sports Events

Cards:  
Bridge, Pinochle

## **College View Recreation Center**

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Thursday, Nov. 12  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$3

Enjoy home cooked turkey with all the trimmings. Cliff Spratt will provide a famous musical show. Please RSVP by calling; 303-937-4630. by November 6.

### **Public Meeting Schedule**

#### **Washington Park Master Plan**

Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Washington Park United Methodist Church  
1955 East Arizona Avenue, Denver

#### **Brief Description:**

Denver Parks and Recreation has initiated a comprehensive year-long planning process for Washington Park. The project's purpose is to determine a park vision that maintains the park's historical integrity, determines priorities for park rehabilitation and improvements, as well as provides park management strategies. An extensive public process is planned as an integral part of this project. You are invited to attend the first public meeting for this planning process which is designed to:

- \* Present the park planning process and schedule
- \* Review the park user survey results
- \* Discuss existing conditions, opportunities and issues in Washington Park
- \* Gain important feedback from meeting participants

### **District 11 in Need of Big Brothers and Sisters**



Councilman Hancock congratulates Big Brother

Larry and his Little Brother Mustafa on their One-Year Anniversary as Big Brother/Little Brother on August 18th!

Matched in the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program, Larry and Mustafa enjoy simple activities like playing catch with the football, going to a movie, flying kites and bowling. Larry has really encouraged Mustafa's talent for football, and attends many of his practices and games. They are a classic example of a successful Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring relationship - rewarding for both the child and the volunteer.

Many families in District 11 are requesting volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters. We need more volunteers stepping up. Do you have a few hours a couple times a month to have fun with a child? Contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at (303) 433-6002 [bbbs@biglittlecolorado.org](mailto:bbbs@biglittlecolorado.org) or visit them at [www.BigLittleColorado.org](http://www.BigLittleColorado.org).

Make a BIG impact in District 11 - be a Big!

### **DPR Advisory Board Updates**

**Next Meeting November 12, 2009  
6:00 to 8:00 PM  
City Park Pavilion**

### **DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION POLICIES 2009**

Denver Parks and Recreation is excited to be working with our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on two policies this Fall. Following is a short summary of each policy for your review. The Policies of the Department are posted for public comment on the City website (see below), and distributed city-wide to stakeholders. After a public hearing at the monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the board has 45 days to make a formal recommendation to the Manager. Often the Department also presents these policies at the Public Amenities City Council Committee meetings, which are open to the public. The policies are formally adopted by the Manager of Parks and Recreation.

If you are interested in having a Department representative come to a meeting to present these or other policies, please contact [chantal.unfug@denvergov.org](mailto:chantal.unfug@denvergov.org) or [angela.casias@denvergov.org](mailto:angela.casias@denvergov.org).

We strongly encourage you to give the Department your thoughts and input. Don't forget you can post your comments online at:

[www.denvergov.org/parksandrec](http://www.denvergov.org/parksandrec)

### **Public Notification and Civic Engagement**

Public hearing: December 10, 2009 6:00 pm  
City Park Pavilion  
Click [here](#) for a link to the policy

It is the policy of Denver Department Parks and Recreation that Denver's residents have ample opportunity for input about proposed actions which would have impacts on Parks or Facilities; on planning, policies, development, uses or programs for Parks or Facilities; on surrounding neighborhoods or the City as a whole; and that the public process follow the guidelines set out in this Public Notification and Civic Engagement Policy. DPR is committed to substantial, systematic, and ongoing public participation. DPR seeks to involve, as a standing ethic and practice, the voice of the public in proposals with respect to Parks and Facilities which could significantly impact the Parks and Recreation system and the benefits and uses derived by the public.

Effective civic engagement for DPR is based on the following core principles: accountability, equity, transparency, responsibility, accessibility, openness, diversity, effectiveness, flexibility, communication and listening. DPR strives to engage the public with strong mechanisms for listening and responding to concerns, strives to be respectful of the public's time and efforts, and strives to effectively communicate through the uses of improved technology.

This draft proposal outlines three tiers of projects, and/or proposals and connects them to the three tiers of community notification and civic engagement.

#### **Admissions Based Events Policy**

Expected Public hearing: December 10, 2009 6:00 pm  
City Park Pavilion  
Click [here](#) for link

Increasingly over the years, citizens and event organizations have contacted DPR to clarify the implementation of admissions based events in the Denver park system. To ensure a broad level of participation, DPR invited a diverse group of individuals and organizations to join in the discussion including representatives from all City Council offices, 20 members of festival and concert promoter groups, 9 Park Advocacy Groups, and 15 Neighborhood Organizations (targeting those entities located around parks that were more likely to be impacted by such a policy). After two years of research, deliberation and policy development, the Task Force recommended the Department create a policy addressing admissions based events in DPR Park Facilities. Taking into consideration scope, neighborhood impact and based on reasonable parameters and permitting guidelines, the Department of Parks and Recreation identified Park Facilities currently listed as Festival sites for Admissions Based Events subject to the specified restrictions and permitting procedures.

The purpose of this Admissions Based Events Policy is to establish the policy of the Department of Parks and Recreation and implement respective rules and regulations regarding the permitting of admissions based events in DPR parks and related facilities. It is the intention of the DPR to provide the citizens of Denver the broadest range of opportunities to enjoy admissions based events held in DPR parks and related facilities subject to the qualifications, restrictions and criteria of this Policy.

### November Parks Special Events Calendar

START DATE	END DATE	PARK	LOCATION	HOURS	NAME OF EVENT	# PEOPLE	ORG/
8-Nov		Washington	Roadway	6am-12pm	Race for Fetal Hope	800	BKB/
25-Nov	26-Nov	Washington	Rdway & P#3	6am-12pm	Turkey Trot	8,000	Mile F
1-Nov		Sloan Lake	Pathway	7am-2pm	Rich Phillips Memorial Walk	300	Lustg:

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