



DISTRICT 7 UPDATE

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Save the Date! Living Streets Public Workshop and Open House Series

We no longer think of streets as just for moving cars; They should be for moving all modes of transport including pedestrians, bicycles, and transit. Nor are streets just for moving; they are also the public living room for where we want “be” – for housing, for offices, for businesses, for shopping. This is what the “Living Streets” street is all about.

The Denver Living Streets Initiative is holding five public workshops around the city of Denver in mid-October. The workshops will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn more about “living streets” and to provide important feedback on how we turn our streets into great places that work for everyone. [Click here](#) for more information.

Workshop Dates & Locations:

- Northwest Denver : Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-8:00 PM - Montbello Recreation Center
15555 E 53rd Ave
- Southeast Denver : Thursday, October 15, 6:00-8:00 PM - Schlessman Family YMCA
2625 S. Colorado Blvd
- Southwest Denver : Tuesday, October 20, 6:00-8:00 PM – Athmar Recreation Center
2680 W. Mexico Avenue - Spanish translation service expected
- Northwest Denver : Wednesday, 2009, 6:00-8:00 PM - Highlands Masonic Center
3550 Federal Blvd. - Spanish translation service expected
- Central Denver : Thursday, October 22, 6:00-8:00 PM - EXDO Events Center - 1399 35th Street

Sign language interpreters provided with 48 hour advanced request. Please email gideon.berger@denvergov.org

Next Step In The New Zoning Code: City Council & Denver Planning Board Hold Joint Listening Sessions

City Council recently approved Resolution No. 103, which lays out the Council's intent regarding the public review and approval process for the new zoning code and map. This process includes "listening sessions" held jointly by City Council and the Planning Board together. These sessions provide the opportunity for public questions and comments on the latest draft of the New Zoning Code to be fielded on a City-wide basis by all three entities responsible for the New Code. Community Planning & Development staff, as well as Planning Board and City Council, will be on hand to answer questions and hear public input.

Although these are not formal public hearings, in order to ensure maximum opportunity for every individual to be heard, individuals wanting to make public comments are required to sign-up to speak, and time will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker, and you may only sign up for one of the two sessions.

Sessions will be held in the Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 W. Colfax, Room 4.G.2, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, and
- Thursday, Nov. 19th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Speakers may sign-up 30 minutes before either session on the mezzanine outside of the meeting room. Maps, handouts and other information on the new zoning code project will be available for review before the sessions begin. The draft New Code and draft zoning maps for each statistical neighborhood are posted at www.NewCodeDenver.org.

If you are interested in hearing what others have to say but would rather listen from home, Denver 8 TV will provide live coverage of both sessions.

Denver Public Works Partners With Denver Public Schools To Provide Trash & Recycling Service In All Denver Public Schools

Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management (SWM) and Denver Public Schools (DPS) have created a partnership to provide DPS-wide trash & recycling service. After years of individual efforts by parents, kids, teachers, and schools, every DPS school will now have recycling through the Denver Public Works Solid Waste program.

Recycling will provide additional collection efficiencies and present schools with the ability to reduce the amount of waste disposed from their facilities, and reduce landfill disposal costs. Solid Waste Management will generate revenue on the sale of the recyclables, thereby lowering its cost to provide service to DPS. This dynamic partnership will help both Denver and DPS cut costs and gain efficiencies. DPS will pay the City for collection services, and through this agreement DPS will be able to defer the purchase of new garbage trucks and save on operational costs, saving several hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next five years. Denver Solid Waste Management will generate revenue for this service and take advantage of collection efficiencies, since many schools will simply become part of existing residential trash collection routes.

The Denver Recycles program will provide intensive student-focused education & outreach during the 2009-2010 school year to maximize the benefits & efficiency of school-based recycling and build recycling support & awareness among young people.

For more information, visit denvergov.org/DenverRecycles and click on School Recycling or call Solid Waste Management through 3-1-1.

You Can Promote Clean Energy At Schools

The City & County of Denver, Xcel Energy, Denver Public Schools, the Governor's Energy Office, and the Sierra Club have teamed up to help Denver residents reduce their carbon footprint while helping ten local high schools fund clean energy projects.

The program provides residents with a new incentive to register for Xcel Energy's "Windsources" program: a donation to help fund energy efficiency or renewable energy projects at DPS High Schools: North, South, East, Montbello, West, Manual, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Lincoln, and Kennedy High Schools.

School donations will be awarded on a points system based on the amount of renewable energy Denver residents register for before May 9, 2010. Each school is eligible to earn up to \$12,500 towards funding renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.

"The Denver Energy Challenge offers a new spin on a great existing program by allowing residents the opportunity to not only reduce their carbon footprint, but also help one of their local schools," says Mayor Hickenlooper.

For more information about the Denver Energy Challenge, visit www.Denverenergy.org.

2009 Denver LeafDrop Program

It's that time again and Denver Recycles' LeafDrop program is in full swing. All Denver residents can drop off their leaves on Sundays and weekdays, October 5th – December 4th. [Click here](#) for locations, times, maps and other useful information.

A few notes to remember:

- The LeafDrop program is for Denver residents only.
- Weekday LeafDrops must be in tied or secured bags.
- DO NOT drop leaves at these sites except during the times and dates specified. Leaves left at other times will not be recycled.
- In the event of extreme weather call ahead to check for cancellations.

Remember, you can reclaim your leaves at next spring's Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale. Call 720-865-6810 or visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles after April 1, 2009 for more details.

Federal Blvd Public Meetings

How can we make Federal Blvd. a better place through future development?

Denver Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with Denver Community Planning & Development and Denver Public Works, are hosting two public meetings regarding proposed regulatory changes affecting properties along Federal Boulevard. These meetings will explain proposed changes to the setback regulations, and provide opportunity for public comment.

Northern Federal Boulevard corridor public meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:00pm
Ashland Recreation Center, 2475 W. Dunkeld Place

Southern Federal Boulevard corridor public meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2009 6:00pm
Lincoln High School, 2285 S. Federal Blvd

Audit Committee Vacancy

Denver City Council is looking for a qualified individual to represent them on the Audit Committee of the City and County of Denver. Interested individuals cannot be holding any other office or employment with the City and County of Denver while serving on the Audit Committee. Candidates must possess education or experience in accounting, auditing, financial management, or related fields of expertise. The term for this appointment is four years. Please send your resume to Debra Bartleson, City Council, 1437 Bannock Street, City & County Building, Room 451, Denver, CO 80202. Please contact Debra Bartleson at 720-865-9315 or email debra.bartleson@denvergov.org if you have questions. Resumes must be received by October 31, 2009.

Front Range Travel Conducts Survey In Metro Area

The Front Range Travel Counts survey is a joint effort between the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, the Pueblo Area Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation District, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration.

The purpose is to understand how and why people travel in the Front Range region, to aid in forecasting future travel patterns and to define transportation improvements. Developing transportation plans relies on data about travel and trips. Ultimately the survey will help identify where highway, street, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements will be made in the Front Range.

To successfully plan for the future of transportation, our survey needs to include travel details from households of all types, including yours. We ask for your help so that transportation projects will truly reflect the needs of Front Range residents. The survey is being conducted by NuStats, a professional research company, and its affiliate, PTV DataSource. The website is www.nustats.com/frontrange.

All participants in the study are randomly selected and will receive an invitation to participate over the telephone or by mail. Click [Here](#) if you would like to find out if your household has been randomly selected to participate in this study. The information you enter will be sent to the project staff to look up in our database. Someone will contact you by email or phone to let you know whether your household was randomly sampled.

If you receive a call from Front Range Travel Counts, please take the time to participate in the survey -- your information is very valuable. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping develop a picture of Front Range travel. Plus, if everyone in your household provides valid travel information, your household will be entered into a drawing for a new Cruiser Bike in each survey area.

Thank you for your time and support.

District 7 Businesses Winners On "2009 Best of Denver 7's A-List"

Congratulations to all the District 7 businesses who made the top 5 in their categories for the "2009 Best of Denver 7's A-List!"

The Art Student League
Beatrice & Woodsley
Campus Cycles
Candlelight Tavern
Capelli Floral, LLC
The Chocolate Berry
The Crushery
Fancy Tiger Clothing
GB Fish and Chips
Lucile's
Massage Specialists

Mayan Theatre
Murder By The Book
New Saigon
Pete's Central One Restaurant
Petite Patoot
Pho 95
Pilates On Broadway
Polkadot
Rising Moon Video Production
Seven Cups
Sister Bear's Blue Door Alternative Spa
Sushi Den
Sweet Action Ice Cream
Thai Basil
Th'ink Tank Tattoo
Thrifty Stick
True Love Shoes & Accessories
Trunk Full of Treasures

For more information on the businesses listed above [click here](#) for the Denver Channel's Best of Denver A-List website.

Denver "Green Teams" Networking To Connect Neighborhood Efforts

Denver area Green Teams are moving forward to network people and resources in their efforts to organize neighborhood sustainability projects that also contribute to larger environmental goals. Check out the new social networking sight at www.denvergreenteams.ning.com and find people, ideas, projects, and many other resources to help build a more sustainable community from your own neighborhood & beyond!

Engines off! Denver Anti-Idling Program Reminder Any idling engine gets you nowhere - and worse!

Did you know that idling for just 1 minute produces as much carbon monoxide as smoking 3 packs of cigarettes? Did you know that idling in the Denver metro region is responsible for 40,000 tons of air pollution a year and over 400,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually?

There is no good reason to idle your car, even on the coldest winter days.

- 1) Myth: An engine should be warmed up before driving
Reality: For cars with fuel injection (almost all vehicles built since the late 1980s) idling for even 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting the engine. While engines must be warmed up for peak performance, idling is not an effective way to do so; driving is. Even on the coldest day, it is only necessary to warm the engine up for 30 seconds before driving away.
- 2) Myth: Idling is better for your engine than warming up while driving
Reality: An idling engine is not operating at its peak temperature, which means that fuel does not undergo complete combustion. This leaves fuel residue that can deposit on the spark plugs and increase fuel consumption by up to 5%. Also, water condensation in the exhaust system can reduce the life of the exhaust system. Your engine is best served by getting to operating temperature quickly.

Not only is idling bad for air quality and your car, it's also against the law (City and County of Denver Municipal Code - Chapter 4, Section 4-43). This **limits idling to 5 minutes per hour** with exceptions for extremely cold temperatures, emergency equipment and auxiliary power equipment. Persons violating this ordinance will be sent a letter informing them of the ordinance and potential penalties. If the situation is excessive or repetitive an inspector will investigate, and may levy fines. To report a violation, call 3-1-1 and ask to speak with Environmental Health.

Further, while we all love a warm car, this behavior invites car thieves. The number of **stolen vehicles** spikes during the winter. Hundreds of people have their vehicles stolen while they are left running unattended.

Denver School Board Candidate And Initiative Info Available At www.DENVERVOTES.org

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide information to voters, the Denver Elections Division has added a candidate and issue committee contact information page to the Elections website.

Candidates and issue committees for the 2009 November 3rd election have provided websites, e-mail addresses and phone numbers so voters can get information on their campaigns. Some candidates have also provided Facebook and Twitter pages. All these can be accessed through www.denvervotes.org homepage. You can also follow the Denver Elections Division through at www.twitter.com/DenverElections.

Celebrate “Adopt-A-Dog From A Shelter” Month At The Denver Municipal Animal Shelter

If you or someone you know is looking to add a new four-legged member to your family, the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter is a great place to start.

As part of “Adopt-A-Dog From A Shelter” month, the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter will host weekly pet adoption events in the atrium of the Wellington Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave., every Friday throughout October (excluding Oct. 23), from 11am to 1pm. Shelter staff and volunteers will have adoptable dogs in the Webb building atrium and cats in the mobile pet adoption truck on the Court St. side.

By adopting your next pet from the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter, you help not only that animal, but also help support a city service that returns lost pets, monitors animal safety and assists stray and abandoned animals city-wide. Visit www.denvergov.org/animalcare for more information.

Redesigned Denver Municipal Animal Shelter Website More Customer-Friendly

As part of ongoing and comprehensive improvements & reform, Denver’s Department of Environmental Health recently launched a new website for the Animal Care and Control Division & the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter. The new site is only a part of the improvements the division is making in response to the recent Humane Society evaluation, and anticipated construction of the new shelter voters approved in 2007.

Animal Care and Control and Information Technology Services staff have been working since June to edit content and reformat the site to make it more customer-friendly. Some changes that you’ll find while exploring the new site include improved language and graphics, and easier to use navigation to find commonly used services such as online pet licensing.

A noticeable update to the site is the window to the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter’s new Facebook page. The page is part of the Shelter’s newest social media outreach efforts. The page is designed to keep Fans updated on the Shelter’s news, events and information. The Shelter also uses the page to share photographs and promote animals available for adoption.

Another addition to the site is the redesigned and more prominently displayed donation page that includes a list of items frequently needed at the shelter. Donors can also make monetary contributions online. Proceeds fund projects that improve the lives of the animals at the shelter.

Animal Care and Control anticipates that the new web site will contribute to more adoptions and recovered pets from the shelter. Animal Care and Control also hopes to attract more Shelter volunteers and donations with the improved web site and social marketing.

To view the new Animal Care and Control site visit: www.denvergov.org/animalcare or www.denveranimalshelter.org. To view the new Denver Municipal Animal Shelter Facebook page visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Denver-CO/Denver-Municipal-Animal-Shelter/106833422537>.

Special Programs This Month From “Denver 8” TV

2009 Election Programming

Every election cycle -- whatever may be at stake, at the state or local level -- Denver 8 is there to bring you complete coverage. Watch at **7 pm Tuesdays through Fridays beginning October 13th.**

Candidate Introductions / Ballot Preview: **Wednesdays at 6 pm.**

Initiative 300 (Vehicle Impound): **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm; Sundays at 8:30 pm.**

DPS School Board Candidate Forums can be seen beginning October 13 at **7 pm Tuesday-Friday** and at other various times. See the schedule at www.DenverGov.org/Denver8TV.

State of the Schools:

Superintendent **Tom Boasberg** discusses achievements and direction for the Denver public school system.

Sunday, October 4 at 8:30 pm; Tuesday, October 6 at 12:30 pm; Wednesday, October 7 at 4 & 9:30 pm; Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, October 28 at 4:30 pm.

Stepping Up: Ending Domestic Violence in Denver

Hear first-hand accounts from a domestic violence survivor; learn what the City of Denver is doing to address domestic violence in the workplace, find out how victims can get help, and how you can help someone you suspect might be a victim. **Sundays at 8 pm; other times.** Encore presentations in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Living Streets

This month, Denver 8 TV presents a 5-part series of public presentations, in conjunction with October workshops sponsored by **Community Planning and Development**.

The Living Streets Initiative **Saturday, October 10 at 1 pm.**

Engineering Sustainable Solutions **Saturday, Oct. 10 at 8 pm; Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 8 pm.**

Steps Toward a Healthier Nation **Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 8 pm; Thursday, Oct. 29 at 9 am.**

Fueling Local Economies **Saturday, October 17 at 1 pm; Thursday, October 29 at 10 pm.**

Financing Living Streets **Sunday, October 18 at 1 pm.**

City Council

- On **Monday** nights, meetings of the full **City Council** are shown live beginning at **5:25 pm**, and repeated at **8:30 pm**. These sessions are also repeated on **Thursdays at 1 pm; Saturdays at 8 a.m.**
- In addition to live coverage of **Denver City Council Committees**, meetings replay that evening and each weekend. Check our weekly schedules for specific playback times.
- The weekly combined **Denver Mayor-City Council** meetings are shown live beginning at **10 am Tuesdays**, and are repeated at **9 pm Tuesdays** and **11:30 am Thursdays and Sundays**.

For more information on **Denver 8 TV** check the website at www.DenverGov.org/Denver8TV.

October 2009

Mon 12	Denver City Council	5:30 pm	City & County Bldg, 4th Floor
Tue 13	District 7 Neighborhood Office Hours Platt Park	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Pajama Baking Company 1595 S. Pearl Street
Tue 13	Platt Park People's Association (3PA) monthly meeting	6:30 pm	Hope Community Church, 1801 S. Logan St.
Wed 14	District 4 Police, Commander's Meeting	10:00 am	District 4 Police Station, Evans & Clay (call to confirm 720-913-1300)
Wed 14	District 7 Neighborhood Office Hours West University	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Kaladi Bros. Coffee, 1730 E. Evans
Wed 14	West University Community Association monthly meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Evanston United Methodist Church, 2122 S. Lafayette
Mon 19	Denver City Council	5:30 pm	City & County Bldg, 4th Floor
Tue 20	District 7 Neighborhood Office Hours Ruby Hill/Godsman	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Newberry's Diner, 2995 W. Jewell Avenue
Tue 20	Ruby Hill Neighborhood Association monthly meeting	6:45 pm	Garden Park Church, 1755 S. Zuni
Tue 20	College View Neighborhood Association meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	College View Recreation Center 2525 S. Decatur
Wed 21	Old South Pearl St. Merchants Association monthly meeting	9:00am	Pearl Street Grill, 1477 S. Pearl St.
Wed 21	WWPNA Twice annual meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Epiphany Lutheran Church 790 S. Corona St.
Thu 22	District 7 Neighborhood Office Hours Overland	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Famous Pizza, 2035 S. Broadway
Thu 22	Overland Neighborhood Association monthly meeting	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	John Collins Church, 2320 S. Bannock
Mon 26	Denver City Council	5:30 pm	City & County Bldg, 4th Floor
Tue 27	District 7 Neighborhood Office Hours Athmar Park/College View	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Breakfast King, 300 W. Mississippi Avenue

Tue 27	Athmar Park Neighborhood Association monthly meeting	6:30 pm	Valverde Presbyterian Church, 430 S. Tejon Street
Wed 28	Wash Park Biz Association monthly meeting	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Lori Rickert State Farm Agency, 714 S Pearl
Wed 28	District 4 Police, Commander's Meeting	10:00 am	District 4 Police Station, Evans & Clay (call to confirm 720-913-1300)
Thu 29	Southern Federal Boulevard corridor public meeting	6:00pm	Lincoln High School, 2285 S. Federal Blvd
Sat 31	<i>Happy Halloween!</i>		
November 2009			
Mon 02	Denver City Council	5:30 pm	City & County Bldg, 4th Floor
Tue 03	ELECTION DAY!		
Tue 03	District 7 Neighborhood Office Hours West Washington Park/Broadway	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Michelangelo's Coffee & Wine Bar, One Broadway-Suite B105
Tue 03	WWPNA monthly meeting	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Washington St Community Center, 809 South Washington Street
Thu 05	Godsman Community Neighborhood Association monthly meeting	7:00 pm	Godsman Elementary, 2120 W. Arkansas

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