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5th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop



Race to Win Fabulous Prizes
2 Round-Trip Tickets on Southwest
Specialized Mountain Bicycle
Whole Food Gift Certificates
Winter Park Ski/Board Passes
Restaurant Gift Certificates
And Much, Much More



It's that time again to take a quack at winning fantastic prizes while helping support our Southeast Denver Public Schools: *Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens, and Southmoor Elementary.*

The **5th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop** will take place on **Sunday, May 3rd** at **George Wallace Park**. Festivities begin at 12:30pm and at 2:00pm, 3,000 rubber ducks will drop into Goldsmith Gulch to race for over \$6000 in prizes. All Duck Drop proceeds will go directly to the participating schools.

How it Works:

Participants can sponsor one duck for \$5 or five ducks for \$20. Sponsors of the winning ducks will receive amazing prizes. Sponsoring a duck is easy! Visit Councilwoman Lehmann's Office (3540 S. Poplar St., Ste 102) or any of the participating schools before race day, or at George Wallace Park on the day of the race. With your sponsorship, you will receive a numbered entry ticket that corresponds to a numbered rubber duck. You do not need to be present to win.

Come Early to Participate in the Duck Fest:

In addition to the excitement of watching the race, the Duck Drop will include a Duck Fest starting at 12:30pm. The Duck Fest will feature music, food, balloon artists, face painting, and fun, interactive crafts to entertain race spectators.

For additional information, visit www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com or call 303-504-5781. George Wallace Park is located at the northeast intersection of Belleview and DTC Blvd.

Press Your Luck; Sponsor a Duck for School Bucks!

New Plans for Four Points Land

Neighborhood meeting on future plans for the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel

Thursday, April 9th
7pm

Four Points by Sheraton- Evergreen Room
(6363 Hampden Ave.; I-25 and Hampden)

The Gaiser-White Family has scheduled a meeting for interested neighbors and neighborhood representatives for input regarding their plans for the conversion of the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel to residential and retail space.

Hampden Heights Park Playground

Community Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th at 7pm- 8pm
Whole Foods (community room)
7400 E. Hampden Ave.



Denver Parks and Recreation needs your help to determine the future design of the Hampden Heights Park playground, from benches to the play structures. The renovation of Hampden Heights playground is a part of the Better Denver bond program approved by residents in 2007. Bring your best ideas for renovating and creating a fun-filled playground. Conceptual playground design will be presented.

For more information, please email Nicole.Hadley@denvergov.org.

Doors Open Denver

Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19 from 10am-4pm

Doors Open Denver celebrates the local architects that have shaped Denver during a FREE two-day event that allows you to go behind the scenes of the city's significant architectural gems and lesser-known treasures.

Spend the day on a self-guided tour of both historic and modern buildings, register for an Expert Tour or embark on an Urban Adventure, or a self-guided tour based on a theme. Check out the list of participating sites, Expert Tours, Urban Adventures and special activities.

Volunteers are needed for the success of the event. If you would like to volunteer, please go to: <http://www.denvergov.org/VolunteerInformation/tabid/385302/Default.aspx>. Click on "Volunteer application" on the right side of the page ("To Register") to download the form. Please return the form to me in any of the following ways: Email: caroleyji@aol.com; Fax: 303-282-5074; Mail: 108 W Byers Place #306, Denver, CO 80223



Dog Park Master Plan- We Need Your Help

Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) is in the process of kicking off a **Dog Park Master Planning & Policy Recommendation Process**. 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 through **April 30, 2009**. The survey will ask for individuals to leave their contact information for future meeting notification and opportunity to be involved with various committees.

DPR 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. Many other strategies are being considered for implementation, including enforcement of City ordinances and community outreach efforts.

New Hours for Denver Animal Shelter

The Denver Municipal Animal Shelter is offering extended weekday evening hours to provide customers with additional time to visit the shelter during the week. The Denver Municipal Animal Shelter has more than 75 animals available for adoption, including dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals. The shelter is located at 678 S. Jason Street in Denver. To learn more information, call 311. To view a list of adoptable animals, visit www.denvergov.org/animalcare.

New hours:

Shelter Hours:

Monday through Friday: 11 am – 6:30 pm; Adoptions: 11 am – 6 pm
Saturday: 11 am – 5 pm; Adoptions: 11 am – 4:30 pm

Animal Intake/Office hours:

Monday through Friday: 9 am - 6:30 pm; Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Closed Sundays



Wellshire Golf Course Update

Wellshire Golf Club will be doing a series of controlled burns on the golf course from **March 31-April 3rd and April 13th - April 17th in the mornings**.

They have obtained burn permits from the Denver Department of Environmental Health and the Denver Fire Department. They will be burning off the vegetation on the dam and one area on the west end of the golf course. The necessity of this is to control the woody type vegetation like small trees, to control noxious weeds like Canadian Thistle and to help revitalize the native grasses that cover the dam. The State of Colorado, Division of Water Resources, supports this decision for the dam.

Parks Pesticide Notification Registry

Residents who would like to be notified at least 24 hours before the Denver Parks and Recreation Department applies pesticides to the parks are encouraged to sign up for a pesticide notification registry by calling **720-865-5452, 3-1-1**, or by sending an e-mail to Sharon.Armijo@ci.denver.co.us.

The Environmental Quality Division of the Denver Department of Environmental Health maintains the registry to give people concerned about the possible health risks associated with pesticide exposure to take precautions such as closing windows and keeping children or pets away from sprayed areas. The registry provides for prior notification to persons who are especially susceptible to pesticides, such as people with asthma, respiratory disease, multiple chemical sensitivities, or allergies.

When practical, Denver Parks and Recreation utilizes non-chemical pest management practices such as manual and/or mechanical weeding, permitted controlled burns, and natural control strategies.

Let's Help Clean Up

Join the **2009 GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP**
April 18th to May 16th*



Neighborhood and community cleanups – Rally your neighbors for an afternoon “Spring Cleanup.” Schedule it for the Saturday prior to your Large Item Pick-up (LIP) collection and receive priority trash pickup the following week. We’ll even provide the trash bags. Clean your alleys, yards, and patios – even cover the graffiti on the alley dumpsters (dumpster paint provided). The LIP schedule is available at www.DenverGov.org/LIP or by calling Solid Waste Management, 720-865-6800.

Campus & community cleanups – Students, teachers, parents & neighbors – demonstrate environmental stewardship on school campuses and in communities around town

“Adopt-A-Spot” Cleanups – Adopt-A-Spot volunteers – This is the time to make your “spot” shine!

For more information, call Keep Denver Beautiful at 720-865-6800, email neddra.niblet@denvergov.org, or visit www.DenverGov.org/KeepDenverBeautiful.

Denver Boards and Commissions Openings

Mayor John W. Hickenlooper appoints approximately 700 people to serve on over 130 City and County of Denver Boards and Commissions. Appointments to boards and/or commissions are a vital part of local government and provide for direct citizen involvement in city affairs. Denver needs your help by taking the time to serve as an active member of a board or commission. Working together we can successfully prepare for our city’s future.

If you have questions or are interested in applying, please contact Suzan Moore at 720-865-9034 or by email suzan.moore@denvergov.org. For more information, please visit <http://www.denvergov.org/BoardsandCommissions>.

Current Openings:

Adjustment for Zoning	Parking Commission
Asian Pacific American Commission	Parks and Recreation Board
Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs	Commission for People with Disabilities
Denver office of Strategic partnerships	Water Commission
Board of Ethics	Women’s Commission
Landmark Preservation Commission	

Beekeeping 101: Info to Start Beekeeping

In November 2008, the Denver City Council passed an amendment to allow the keeping of *two* domestic honey bee hives in residential zone districts with restrictions. For anyone who might be interested in taking up beekeeping, it is highly recommended to enroll in a beekeeping course. To keep you informed about those opportunities, we are including the following information:

Sunday, April 19th from 8 am- 5:30 pm
Roxborough Community Center (6237 Roxborough Dr., Littleton)

Learn all about beehives and setup, equipment and tools, bee anatomy and behavior, diseases and medication, harvesting honey, extraction, products from the hive, bee stings, Apitherapy, and more. Space is limited so registration early. Registration is \$100.00 per person, due by April 10th. (No individuals under 18 yrs.). Call Jo at 303-972-4952 or Liz at 303-335-8392 for more information.

The Tax Man Cometh And So Do Tax Scammers

The IRS is warning U.S. taxpayers about an increase in scams and virus attacks via e-mail, telephone, and the Web as the April 15 tax-filing deadline approaches.

SCAMS:

- The most common type of scam arrives via e-mail claiming to come from the IRS or Treasury Department. They typically try to either scare consumers into thinking there is an error with their tax filing, or that they are eligible for a tax rebate or benefit from the government economic stimulus package.
- "Phishing" e-mails typically arrive in an e-mail that urges users to link to a site, which in turn prompts visitors to enter their personal and financial data, information that is then sent off to identity thieves.
- Tax Preparation Services (while mostly legitimate) can file fraudulent tax returns on behalf of their "clients".

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- The IRS does not communicate with taxpayers via unsolicited email.
- The IRS never requests passwords, PIN numbers, or other secret access information for bank or credit card accounts.
- Do not link on a website address provided in an email. Access the site address through an independent source.
- Check out qualifications of any tax preparer and double-check your return to see if the numbers and your social security number are accurate before signing and filing. Be sure the tax preparer personally signs your return.
- Get a copy of your completed tax return for your records and never sign a blank tax form or one that is filled out in pencil.
- Be aware that "Refund Anticipation Loans" carry up to 500% interest.

As always – please consider Freezing Your Credit File! (Go to: [Credit File Freeze](#))
For Assistance Call the DA's Fraud Hotline: 720-913-9179

April Calendar of Events

Denver Police Dept. Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

April 2nd at 6pm. District 3 Police Department (1625 S. University Blvd.) The objective is to form a partnership of communication where crime prevention and crime trends can be shared with the community and the community can report on quality of life issues. Detective Rick Schneider from the Sex Offender Registry will be present to address issues and concerns. For any questions, please contact Tech Cari Jimenez at cari.jimenez@denvergov.org.

Denver Center for the Performing Arts FREE DAY *Sunsets and Margaritas*

April 2nd- Ricketson Theatre at DCPA (1103 13th St.). No reservations; box office opens 2 hours before performance; one ticket per person; first-come first-served; no children under 6 years old. For more information on times, please call 303-893-4000 or visit www.denvercenter.org.

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

April 3rd- 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; botanicgardens.org.

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

April 4th- 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org.

Children's Museum of Denver FREE Night

April 7th from 4 pm- 8 pm- 2121 Children's Museum Dr. Target sponsors a free night for playtime with special story times and more! 303-433-7444; www.cmdenver.org.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

April 19th- 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org.

Colorado Arts Education Summit

April 25th from 9 am- 3:30 pm. FREE. Auraria Campus. The Summit offers a way for individuals to come together, share ideas and resources, build skills and develop tangible action steps to improve arts education at their schools. Free Childcare and kids art workshops. Register to attend at www.denvergov.org/artsedsummit.

Save The Date

Council District Four's
Town Meeting
Tuesday, May 19th
7pm

Please look for more information in our May newsletter.

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