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Dist. 4's Zoning Code Meeting: AUGUST 27th



THE NEW ZONING CODE
PUTTING BLUEPRINT DENVER TO WORK

Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann and Denver's Community Planning and Development Department invite you to Round 3 of the Zoning Code Community Meetings.

Please join us to learn about the New Code and review the revisions to the draft that were made in response to community input from our June 25th workshop. We value your input. Please attend the August 27th workshop because your comments are important.

August 27th
6pm to 9pm
Schlessman YMCA (Colorado Building)
2625 S. Colorado Blvd., on the lower level.

Everyone is encouraged to go online, www.newcodedenver.org, to view, search and comment on the draft zoning code map. Maps for each city council district and statistical neighborhood are available on the website along with an easy, interactive tool for providing comments. If you have questions, please contact our office at 303-504-5781.

Senior Resource Day

Save the Date

October 1st
8:30am – 12pm
Location: TBD

Join Councilwoman Lehmann, Mayor John Hickenlooper, and Denver's Office on Aging for a morning of speakers and resources for Council District 4's seniors.

DogaPOOLooza

Help your pooch escape the dog days of summer by taking them for a swim on **August 16th** at the annual DogaPOOLooza event. Two swimming sessions will be held: **9am- 10:30am** and **11am - 12:30 pm**. Admission is first come, first served. The cost is **\$5 per dog** per session. Dogs **must be** vaccinated and licensed to participate in DogaPOOLooza. There are two locations:

Berkeley Park
5031 W. 46th Ave
(46th and Sheridan)



Cook Park
7100 Cherry Creek South Dr.

For more information, call 720.865.0660 or visit www.denvergov.org/parks.

Sponsored by Denver Parks & Recreation and Denver Environmental Health Animal Care & Control. DogaPOOLooza takes place the day after pools close for the summer to human swimmers.

West Nile Virus Prevention Tips

Standing pools of water left by the unseasonably wet weather can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes and West Nile. For this reason, Denver's Department of Environmental Health (DEH) provides the following 4 D's West Nile prevention tips to help residents stay healthy this summer:

1. **Drain.** Standing water provides an environment for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. By draining standing water people can reduce the amount of mosquitoes in the area and reduce their exposure to West Nile Virus.
2. **Dusk and Dawn.** Mosquitoes that carry the virus are most active during these times of day, so limit outdoor activities or take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.
3. **DEET.** An effective ingredient that is found in many insect repellent. Users should follow the directions on packaging carefully, and use product with lower DEET concentrate for children.
4. **Dress.** During times of the day when mosquitoes are active, and in areas with a high infestation, it is important to wear long sleeves and pants when possible to avoid getting bitten. Mosquito netting is also a valuable tool when protecting infants who should not be exposed to DEET.

What is the City and County of Denver doing to help prevent the spread of West Nile Virus?

- **Mosquito Surveillance Program.** Participating in a statewide program that involves collecting and testing mosquitoes throughout the state.
- **Site inspections.** Conducting inspections of suspected breeding grounds, and providing recommendations to reduce the mosquito population.

West Nile Virus is treatable, and is not transmitted person to person. For more information about West Nile Virus, visit <http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com/>.

Outsmarting Investment Fraud

Join AARP, DORA, FINRA, and AARP Foundation for a FREE educational investor forum with special guests including Fred J. Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner, John Gannon, Sr. Vice President of FINRA and *with opening remarks by* John Suthers, Colorado Attorney General.

August 11th from 11am- 1pm
Marriott City Center Hotel
1701 California Street

You'll Learn

- Key questions to ask before making any investment decision
- How to verify the legitimacy of investment products and professionals
 - How to identify and report suspected investment fraud
 - Common tactics fraudsters use, and how to avoid them

To register or for more information, go to www.denverchamber.org/investored or contact Erin Walker at 303-620-8023.

Smart Energy Living Consumer Workshop

Smart Energy Living Alliance is sponsoring a workshop to give residents information they need to save money, energy and water, and to find green jobs and job training. The workshop will cover everything from emerging energy technologies, do-it-yourself weatherization tips, how to select a qualified contractor, taking advantage of Xcel Energy's rebates, and how wind, solar and geothermal sources could power your home. For more information or to register, go to www.SmartEnergyLiving.org or call 303-216-2026 Ext. 105.

August 30th from 9am - 4:30pm
Colorado School of Mines
Green Center, 924 16th Street
Golden, CO 80401



Community Resources when Facing the Mortgage Crisis

Are you about to lose your house or is it about to happen to someone you know? There are trusted, free, and confidential community resources available.

Colorado Foreclosure Hotline
1-877-601-HOPE
or visit
<http://rmpbs.wordpress.com/>

Fraud Alert: Phony Water Department Employee Reported

From the Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey:

Denver Water is warning customers that they should not allow persons claiming to be water department employees to enter their homes without proper identification.

An incident was reported of a man posing as a Denver Water employee who said he needed to enter a home to conduct a random water quality check. Fortunately, the customer did not allow him to enter the home.

In the past, persons claiming to be utility company contractors and employees have gained access to customers' homes on the pretext of checking water pressure, water quality, telephone lines, gas and electric issues. After entering the home, they look for cash and valuables. Some have asked for direct payment for the "service call" from the homeowners.

It is important to know that Denver Water does not conduct random water pressure or quality checks. All Denver Water employees carry photo-identification cards. Service personnel wear shirts, jackets or caps, and drive vehicles clearly marked with Denver Water's logo.

Customers who are approached by suspicious individuals should **call the police and Denver Water Customer Care at 303-893-2444**. Xcel Energy, on rare occasions, may require access in order to read an older gas meter located inside the home. Contractors and employees of Xcel will have properly labeled vehicles *and* identification. To verify that an Xcel representative is working in your area, call 1-800-895-4999. In addition, contact the businesses that provide service to your home – such as internet, telephone, cable – to learn about their specific policies regarding in-home access and service calls.

Questions about financial fraud - call the Denver District Attorney's office at 720-913-9179.

Thousand Cankers Disease a Threat to Denver Black Walnuts

Black walnut trees in Denver are facing a very serious threat called *Thousand Cankers disease*. It is caused by a newly discovered fungus that is carried to trees by a tiny twig beetle. Trees typically die within a couple of years after they first show symptoms of leaf yellowing and branch dieback.

Jude O'Connor, City Forester for Denver, reminds residents, "Early detection and prompt sanitation are keys to slowing the spread of this disease." Denver residents with black walnut trees should call the **City Forester's Office at 720-913-0651** to schedule a free inspection of their tree.

For more information, please visit www.denvergov.org/forestry.



August Calendar of Events

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

August 1st. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

TACtile: Bonus! Button Trunk Show

August 3rd- August 8th. Tamarac Square (7777 E. Hampden Ave). TACtile is featuring original handmade buttons by a dozen area artists in celebration of the National Button Conference coming to Denver. For more information on TACtile's calendar of events and classes, visit www.tactilearts.org.

Denver Municipal Band FREE Concert

August 4th at 7:30pm. Cook Park (S. Monaco at Cherry Creek Dr. South).

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

August 7th. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; www.botanicgardens.org

Energize!- A Five Step Guide to High Energy Living

August 7th from 11:30am- 1pm. \$20 per person (includes lunch). *Creative Expressions Center*, Tamarac Square, Ste 233 (7777 E. Hampden Ave.). An entertaining and informative program that offers simple and effective techniques that promote optimum vitality, health, and creativity! Ultimate secrets to staying focused and energized while creating a more Successful and Fulfilling Life. For Reservations call 720-227-8685.

Civic Center SOUNDS

August 8th from 5pm- 7:30 pm. Free. Community concert featuring Gary Sinise & The Lt. Dan Band and Opie Gone Bad. Civic Center Park (14th Ave. & Broadway).

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

August 12th. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

August 20th. 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; www.botanicgardens.org

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events. Visit www.Denver365.com, the online comprehensive event calendar.

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