

## Denver City Council District 4

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We would like to welcome **Commander Kris Kroncke** to the District 3 Police Station and congratulate former District 3 Commander Tracie Keesee for her recent promotion to Division Chief in Technology and Support.

### Press your luck...Sponsor a Duck for School Bucks.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

George Wallace Park

(NE corner of Belleview & DTC Blvd.)

My office is hosting a rubber duck race to raise money for Council District 4 elementary schools: Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens K-8, and Southmoor. Festivities begin at **12:30 p.m.** with a Duck Fest, featuring food, face painting, crafts, music, and fun interactive exhibits to entertain race spectators. The race will begin at **2:00 p.m.** when the rubber ducks drop into the gulch and battle their way down an exciting race course.

Amazing prizes will be awarded to the sponsors of the first ducks to cross the finish line. Prizes include 4 round-trip Southwest airline tickets, Whole Foods Market gift certificates, Winter Park Resort passes, and much, much more. **You can sponsor a duck with a \$5.00 donation or five ducks with a \$20.00 donation at George Wallace Park on race day.** Ducks will be available while supplies last!

For more information, please visit our website at [www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com](http://www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com) or call our office at 303-504-5781.

### Town Meeting

Councilwoman Lehmann would like to invite you to attend our

**TOWN MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Four Points by Sheraton**

(6363 E. Hampden Ave.).

Starting at **6:30 p.m.**, come and meet Legislative Candidates. At **7:00 p.m.** House Speaker *Andrew Romanoff* will give a legislative session wrap-up, Clerk and Recorder, *Stephanie O'Malley* will present an election update. Denver Councilmembers At-Large will speak on city issues. If you have any questions, please call our office at 303-504-5781

## Hampden Heights Civic Association Meeting

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**Whole Foods Community Room**  
(7400 E. Hampden Ave.)

Mike Anderson and Steve Choi from the City of Denver will be briefing the neighborhood about the upcoming project for new storm drainage in Hampden Heights. The storm drain construction and revamping will address the problems that were experienced in the 2005 flood in the area. They will discuss the timeline for the project, which is expected to begin in 2008, and areas that will be impacted during construction. Please plan to attend this very important meeting for Hampden Heights residents.

## Parks & Recreation Alcohol Policy- Public Hearing May 8<sup>th</sup>

The Denver Parks & Recreation is proposing to amend its alcohol policy related to the consumption, serving and selling of alcoholic beverages in Denver parks and facilities. A following is a summary of the proposed changes:

- Adding the Stapleton Central Park shelter to the Special Occasion Permit site list.
- Adding Stapleton Central Park to the Festival Permit site list.
- Adding Stapleton Central Park to the Race/Walk Permit site list.
- Adding City Park Pavilion to the Event Facility Permit site list.
- Changing the language under "Conditions for Event Facility Permits" to allow the serving of spirituous liquor in addition to beer, wine, and champagne which is currently allowed.

A complete copy of the proposed changes is available in the Parks & Recreation Manager's office. The public hearing will occur on **Thursday, May 8, 2008** from **6 to 8 p.m.** at the **La Alma Recreation Center**, located at **1325 W. 11th Avenue**. Public feedback will be taken into consideration in drafting the final policy amendment. Authority to establish governing rules and regulations for Parks & Recreation is vested with The Manager of Parks and Recreation.

## First Tee of Denver

The **2008 First Tee of Denver** summer brochure is out and can be found online at [www.thefirstteeofdenver.com](http://www.thefirstteeofdenver.com). Programs are available for youth ages 4 to 17-years-old and instruction for skill levels from beginner to advanced.



The First Tee of Denver is offering a new caddie program, **Building Great Kids and Great Swings**. This age-old tradition of youth caddies is being revived at City Park, Wellshire and Willis Case golf courses. By using this service, patrons will be helping local kids learn valuable business experience and gain a sense of pride that comes from a job well done. Patrons interested in this service are asked to make reservations 48 hours in advance by calling 303-295-4082. If you are interested in becoming a youth caddie please contact Paul Crossland at 303-370-1554 or email at [paul@thefirstteeofdenver.com](mailto:paul@thefirstteeofdenver.com).

## Pesticide Notification

Denver residents have the opportunity to be notified of Denver parks pesticide application schedule. To sign up for this notification registry, call 720-865-5417 or send an email request to [Sharon.Armijo@denvergov.org](mailto:Sharon.Armijo@denvergov.org).

Denver Environmental Health, with the support of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department, maintain the registry to provide people concerned about the health risks associated with pesticide exposure. The notification gives residents the opportunity to take precautions such as closing windows and keeping children or pets away from sprayed areas.

In order to sign up for the notification registry, Denver residents must provide their full name, mailing address, telephone number and/or email address and the full name of up to three parks for which they are requesting notification. **Registration is required annually.**



## Spring is Here

Spring is here, the grass is growing and so are the weeds and other vegetation. We would like to remind you that property maintenance is important to our residents and neighborhood inspectors will be enforcing these codes. Non-compliance is subject to a fine.

### **The following are regulated and not allowed by the city:**

- Unattended vegetation over 6" in height (grass or weeds)
- Accumulations of rubbish in yards or along alleys
- Appliances or furniture intended for inside use in yards or on porches
- Trash cans and Recycling containers must be stored in the garage or behind the fence, not in the front of the house.
- Accumulations of cut branches in yard
- Accumulations of dog manure in yard
- Defective or illegal fences, proper height (4' in front, 6' in sides and back for residential zones), good repair, approved material (no barbed wire, corrugated metal, or salvage materials)

### **For the safety of pedestrians and motorists on your streets and sidewalks, the following regulations apply to your trees and tree limbs:**

- Tree limbs extending over the streets must be at least 13'6" above the street surface.
- Plant growth cannot extend over the sidewalk. It must be cut back to the property line.
- Low limbs over the sidewalk must be a minimum height of 8' .
- Trees or shrubs blocking the line of sight at an intersection or blocking signs must be trimmed so they don't obstruct views .
- Trees with dead or broken limbs over 2" in diameter must be pruned or removed.
- Dead, diseased or dangerous trees (trees with extensive deadwood) must be removed.
- Licensed tree companies must perform tree work on the right-of-way.

## Take a Peek Behind the Voting Booth Curtain

Looking for a way to find out what's happening with Denver's preparations for the 2008 elections? Elections Director Michael Scarpello has begun a new weekly column on the Denver Elections Division website, at [www.denvergov.org/elections](http://www.denvergov.org/elections).

The new column is the place to follow the city's progress as it gears up for an expected record voter turnout this presidential election year. You'll learn about the major projects and hurdles, as well as the kinds of things that don't necessarily get reported in the news media.

You will learn:

- where the early voting locations will be
- how to vote by mail
- how polling places are chosen
- preparations for moving the Elections Division to a new location
- how paper ballots will be tabulated
- the process of designing ballots

## Celebrate the 150th Anniversary with a Denver Daisy

The Denver Daisy is a one-of-a-kind flower created and named in honor of the City's 150th anniversary. It is a totally new cultivated variety ("cultivar"), officially named *Rudbeckia* Denver Daisy, the new flower is based on the *Rudbeckia hirta*, a daisy native to Colorado when the pioneers founded Denver 150 years ago, and *Rudbeckia* 'Prairie Sun.'

Perfectly suited for Colorado's arid climate, the Denver Daisy thrives in hot, sunny areas with minimal moisture and quickly develops eye-catching golden flowers with a deep-red color encircling a dark-brown center.

300,000 packets of the Denver Daisy will be distributed free throughout the City. Seed packets are now available at all metro-area KeyBank branches, most metro-area garden centers, Denver Botanic Gardens, and Denver Historical Society.

## Denver Forestry Announces Tree Grants for Greener Streets

Applications are now available for neighborhood tree planting projects for the fall of 2008. This is your opportunity to organize a neighborhood tree-planting project for street trees in your area. All that is needed is an application and a maintenance agreement to qualify for trees on your block or entire neighborhood. Make the project a special event or gather neighbors to beautify your street. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 27, 2008. Applications are available through [www.denvergov.org/forestry](http://www.denvergov.org/forestry) or you can call Kiki Romero at 720-913-0649, or email [kiki.romero@denvergov.org](mailto:kiki.romero@denvergov.org).

## Bicycle safety tips

Bike riding season is here! As you ride, the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee would like you to please remember:

1. Don't ride on the sidewalk. It is illegal unless otherwise posted.
2. Stay to the right.
3. Remain 3-4 feet away from parked cars to avoid unexpectedly opening doors.
4. Ride predictably and maintain a straight line so that motorists can gauge what you are doing. Don't weave in and out of parked cars.
5. Take the entire lane of traffic if there is not enough room for you and a passing car to share the lane. Ride in the center of the lane when you need to take the whole lane.
6. Use hand signals to indicate when you will stop, slow down, turn, and make a lane change.
7. Make eye contact with motorists at intersections.
8. If you're in a crash with a motor vehicle. Call the police and file a report.

Also, review these online resources to help make your rides more enjoyable.

Commuting: <http://commutebybike.com/cats/commuting-101/>

Maintenance videos: <http://bicycletutor.com/>

Bicycle Glossary A-Z: <http://www.sheldonbrown.com/>

NHTSA Bicycle Safety Tips For Adults: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdrxlpQpt4>



## Garage Burglary Prevention

With the advent of warmer weather and more people being involved with a variety of outdoor activities, the Denver Police Department advises the following tips to reduce the possibility of you being a victim of a garage burglary:

1. Keep your garage door and any side entrance door to the garage closed and locked.
2. Be sure your garage door and any side entrance door are in good repair so that they close completely and lock. Double keyed dead bolt locks are best for side entry doors.
3. If you have an attached garage, keep the entry door from the garage to your home locked.
4. If you have windows that allow a view inside your garage, cover the windows.
5. Be a good neighbor. If you see a neighbor's garage door open and unattended, let them know.
6. Bicycles are a favorite item stolen from garages. Keep your bicycle locked to a fixed object while in the garage. Record the serial number, makes, and color of your bicycle. If possible, store your bicycle with a wheel or seat removed from the frame.
7. Lock your car while in the garage and do not leave valuables in your car including keys.
8. Do not leave items like golf clubs and ski equipment in plain view from the street.

Report any suspicious activity. You can remain anonymous. In an emergency call 911, in Denver for a non-emergency, call 720.913.2000. If you are the victim of a crime in Denver, report the crime to the Denver Police Department using the phone numbers listed above.

# Street Sweeping

Citywide seasonal street sweeping has begun and we need your help to keep your street clean. **Denver's residential streets are swept once a month between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm from April through November.** This helps to clean neighborhoods and improve our water and air quality.



Street sweeping schedule signs are posted on the street. However, most neighborhoods in Council District 4 have little on-street parking demand and do not have these signs. The streets are still swept regularly without advance notice or parking tickets.

To find your street's sweeping schedule, please visit: <http://www.denvergov.org/StreetSweeping/>.

# Fraud Alert!

A message from the Denver District Attorney's office:

Information from the FBI 2007 Internet Crime Report reveals the top internet scams in 2007. Here is how they work:

**Pet Scams:** Consumers see an ad selling an adorable pet; they mail a check, or provide a credit card number, plus a little extra for delivery. Unfortunately, the fraudster gets your money and you don't get the pet.

**Funds Transfer Scams:** If you are legitimately selling an animal or renting property, you may receive a check that is more than the agreed upon sale price. When you ask the buyer, he apologizes and asks if you can just deposit the check and send him the balance.

**Adoption and Charity Scams:** A spam email makes an urgent plea for a donation to a charity – perhaps even using the name of a legitimate charity. Unfortunately, your donation goes to a fraudster.

**Romance Scams:** You strike up a romance with someone you meet in an online dating or social networking site who lives in another country. Your new romance is anxious to meet you but needs money to cover travel expenses. Unfortunately, this may be just the beginning – typically the person ostensibly, ends up with an emergency hospital bill or being mugged which leads to a plea for more financial help.

**Report an internet scam:**

- Log on to [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) and File a Complaint.

**Need help or have a question?  
Call the Denver DA Fraud Line: 720-913-9179**

# May Calendar of Events

## Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

## Cinco de Mayo Celebrate Culture Festival

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Civic Center Park (Colfax & Broadway). For a complete festival event guide, please visit [www.newsed.org/cinco.htm](http://www.newsed.org/cinco.htm).

## Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

## Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 3pm. George Wallace Park (NE corner of Belleview & DTC Blvd.). For more information, please visit [www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com](http://www.DenverRubberDuckDrop.com)

## University Park Home Tour

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 5pm. \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the event. University Park Neighborhood, just south of Interstate 25 between University and Colorado boulevards. Benefits students of University Park Elementary School. For more information, visit [www.uparkhometour.org](http://www.uparkhometour.org)

## Denver Center for the Performing Arts FREE DAY: 3 Mo'Divas

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (ticket office opens at 4:30pm). Stage Theatre at DCPA (1103 13<sup>th</sup> St.) 303-893-4000. No reservations; box office opens 2 hours before performance; one ticket per person; first-come first-served; no children under 6 years old.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Public Schools Shakespeare Festival

Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Denver Center for the Performing Arts (1101 13<sup>th</sup> Street). For more information, please visit <http://shakespeare.dpsk12.org>

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