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## Voter Registration Deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Make sure your address is current for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> mail ballot election!**

Denver voters who have recently moved should verify their address information on file with the Denver Elections Division. Correct address information helps ensure that voters will receive their mail ballot. **The deadline to register to vote or to change an address is 5pm on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Mail ballots for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election will be sent to all eligible voters between October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>. Ballots are not forwardable.

Voters can verify their address information or download a voter registration form at [www.denvervotes.org](http://www.denvervotes.org). The form can be returned by fax to 720-913-8600, scanned and emailed to [voterregistration@denvergov.org](mailto:voterregistration@denvergov.org), or mailed or dropped off to 3888 E. Mexico Ave., Denver, CO 80210. Voters needing more information can visit the Denver Elections Division website at [www.denvervotes.org](http://www.denvervotes.org) or call 311.

## Help Put the Beds to Bed

Denver Parks and Recreation are looking for over 300 volunteers to help put the Beds to Bed at Civic Center Park, Washington Park, City Park, and Cheesman Park. On **October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am- 12:30pm help remove annual flowers, drag tarps, load flowers in trucks, over-turn dirt, and dig dirt at this annual event. All tools will be provided for the project. It is suggested you bring your own gloves and water bottle. Dress for any weather. Do not bring pets.

Call the volunteer hotline at 720.913.0330 or email:

[dprvolunteers@denvergov.org](mailto:dprvolunteers@denvergov.org) to register.

Please specify the location you are interested in and the number of volunteers.

For more information visit [www.denvergov.org/dprvolunteers](http://www.denvergov.org/dprvolunteers).



## Living Streets Initiative Public Workshops

The Living Streets Initiative is the City and County of Denver's effort to explore ways to make our streets more accessible to users of all ages and abilities and to feel comfortable using any mode of transportation (walking, biking, transit, or private auto).

Come to the workshop most convenient for you and learn more about living streets and provide important feedback on the creation of great places with transportation options that work for everyone. Visit the website at [www.denverlivingstreets.org](http://www.denverlivingstreets.org).

- **Northeast:** October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm - Montbello Recreation Center (15555 E 53rd Ave)
- **Southeast: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm - Schlessman Family YMCA (2625 S. Colorado Blvd)**
- **Southwest:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm – Athmar Recreation Center (2680 W. Mexico Avenue)
- **Northwest:** October 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm - Highlands Masonic Center (3550 Federal Blvd.)
- **Central:** October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-8pm - EXDO Events Center - 1399 35th Street (35th & Walnut)

## FAMILY Project Homeless Connect

Connect one-on-one with families who are at-risk of becoming homeless or are currently homeless by helping volunteer at **FAMILY Project Homeless Connect**.

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pepsi Center**  
**8am- 12pm**

FAMILY Project Homeless Connect assists with eviction and housing assistance, basic health care, legal aid, job assistance, public assistance, and community resources.

For more information, please contact Kara Joseph at 303-561-2254 or [kara.joseph@unitedwaydenver.org](mailto:kara.joseph@unitedwaydenver.org). Register to volunteer online at [www.unitedwaydenver.org/howtogive\\_volunteer](http://www.unitedwaydenver.org/howtogive_volunteer). Volunteers are required to attend a one-hour training session prior to the event.

## Re-zoning Public Hearing

**Sunset Village Re-zoning**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**  
**City & County Building, 1437 Bannock, Room 451**

MDC Holdings/Richmond Homes has filed for a re-zoning of the property at the southwest corner of Yosemite and Jefferson Streets (next to the post office and first station). They are re-zoning the property to an R-1 (Residential) from the currently zoned B-2 (Business) and O-1 (Open Space). They are proposing to build single family homes at the site.

## Public Meeting on State Historic Preservation Plan

The Colorado Historical Society will hold a public meeting to give residents of Denver an opportunity to participate in the development of an upcoming State Historic Preservation Plan. The historical society wants your input in order to develop the most effective State Historic Preservation Plan possible, and seeks to identify your community's strengths and weaknesses in terms of historic preservation. The historical society is also interested to learn how it can provide support and assistance with your community's local historic preservation goals.

**October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6:30 pm**  
**Colorado History Museum (Boettcher Auditorium, 1300 Broadway)**

For more information or to RSVP please call 303/866-2825 or visit [www.coloradohistory.org](http://www.coloradohistory.org)

## Bank On Denver - Community Partners Workshop

**Bank on Denver** is an exciting new initiative that will increase the number of residents that have access to bank accounts, financial education and other asset-building opportunities. The city would like your help in designing and implementing this initiative.

On **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**, the Bank on Denver program will host a **community workshop** to gather input about the challenges and opportunities of connecting people to bank and credit union accounts. Your participation is needed to create a successful program. For more info about the workshop visit: [www.douglinkhart.org](http://www.douglinkhart.org). To learn more about the Bank on Denver Program visit: [www.milehigh.com/bankondenver](http://www.milehigh.com/bankondenver).

## JFS Volunteer Food Sorting Day

Please join Jewish Family Services for a volunteer food sorting day.

**Sunday, October 18**

**9 am to 12 pm**

**JFS building**

**3201 S. Tamarac Dr.**

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Nancy Benjamin at (303) 597-5000 x369 by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Denver Water Considers Rates Adjustment for 2010

Denver Water staff presented to the Board of Water Commissioners a preliminary proposal to adjust water rates for 2010 at a recent meeting. The adjustment will help fund the utility's 10-year capital plan which includes 300 projects, including upgrades to aging infrastructure to prevent putting reliable water service at risk. Denver Water has determined the cost of making repairs and replacements to its aging infrastructure and building new supply within its system will total \$1.3 billion over the next 10 years.

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In 2010 the water department will need an additional \$13.5 million in revenue to cover rising costs associated with maintaining and improving the city's water system. Denver Water owns and maintains 2,800 miles of distribution pipe — enough to stretch from Los Angeles to New York — as well as 12 raw water reservoirs, 22 pump stations and four treatment plants. Rehabilitation and replacement of infrastructure is needed throughout the water distribution system, much of which dates back to post-World War II installation or earlier.

Under the current rate proposal, average Denver residential customers would see their bills increase by about \$40 a year — an average of \$3.30 per month, or about \$12 on a summer bill. Typical suburban residential customers served by Denver Water would see an increase of \$51 per year. The effects of the proposed changes on customer bills would vary depending upon the amount of water the customer uses. If the proposed adjustments are approved, they would take effect February 2010. Rates for Denver Water customers living inside the city would remain among the lowest in the metro area.

Denver Water is funded through rates and new tap fees, not taxes. Its rates are designed to recover the costs of providing reliable, high-quality water service and to encourage efficiency by charging higher prices for increased water use. Most of Denver Water's costs are fixed and include maintenance of the system's distribution pipes, reservoirs, pump stations and treatment plants. Denver Water also examines and adjusts its capital plan as necessary each year.

The Board is expected to vote on the proposed changes on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, after considering public comment. Public comment will be taken at the October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am, and October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am board meetings. The meetings are open to the public and will be held at Denver Water, 1600 W. 12th Ave. Public comment also will be taken at Denver Water's Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., at Denver Water. Comments also may be sent to the Board via e-mail at [dbwc@denverwater.org](mailto:dbwc@denverwater.org).

Details of the 2010 rates proposal are posted on Denver Water's website: [www.denverwater.org](http://www.denverwater.org). Members of the public who have questions about the proposed rate adjustment may call 303-628-6320.

## One Book, One Denver



Mayor John Hickenlooper and the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs have announced this year's **One Book, One Denver** selection, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

One Book, One Denver is a citywide book club, building community through the shared experience of reading the same book and the first year that the book was chosen by public vote. Denver citizens are encouraged to participate in the program by checking out or purchasing the book and attending related events through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**This year's One Book, One Denver has something for everyone:** film series, craft classes, food demonstration and tasting, slam poetry, art installations, dramatic radio readings and podcasts, writing workshops, and book discussions. Event Guides with complete details on the programs are available at all Denver Public Library branches and participating bookstores, or online at [www.DenverGov.org/OneBook](http://www.DenverGov.org/OneBook). All events are free, but some require reservations.

## New DPS Trash and Recycling Services

Mayor John Hickenlooper and Denver Public Schools (DPS) Superintendent Tom Boasberg announced the formation of a partnership where Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management (SWM) will provide trash collection services to all Denver Public Schools. In addition, Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management, will roll out a district-wide school recycling effort over the next year.

The formation of this partnership is another example for how Denver and DPS employees are working to cut costs and gain efficiencies in the services they provide.

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 gain collection efficiencies since many schools will become part of existing residential trash collection routes.

In addition to trash collection services, Denver Recycles will begin rolling out recycling collection services to all schools during the 2009-2010 school year. The recycling collection service will be complemented by an education and outreach program designed for DPS students. For more information, visit [denvergov.org/DenverRecycles](http://denvergov.org/DenverRecycles) and click on School Recycling or call Solid Waste Management through 3-1-1.

## Street Repair

By Pat Kennedy, Denver Street Maintenance



To the layman, it seems Denver chooses which streets to pave each year by throwing darts at a map. Public Works has promised that that is not the case, nor do they choose streets by who calls the most. **Approximately every 4-5 years all 2000 miles of streets in the City are inventoried and the condition assessed. The last time this was done was in 2008.** Engineers with the Street Maintenance Division take this condition data and build a multi-year work program to optimize the use of the annual capital maintenance funds.

Pavements last 15 to 30 years depending on the traffic volumes and how the original construction was performed. **The life of a pavement can be extended considerably with the use of interim treatments to restore the surface layer and repair minor structural defects.** There are a number of available treatment options the selection of which depends on the condition of a street and anticipated traffic loads. Often the treatment is scheduled at a time when the condition is still at a fairly high level. An analogy to this would be house-siding. If caulking and painting were not done when siding was still in decent condition the siding would deteriorate and a full replacement would be necessary after a short life. Early treatments on streets such as crack seal and chip seal add many years to the life of pavement at very little cost.

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The City can treat many miles of streets with these interim treatments at low cost and the overall condition of the network is improved. Some funds are set aside each year for significant paving on low condition streets, but if all funds were expended on the low level streets, over time the entire network condition would drop. **A balancing act must be performed to keep good streets good at the same time a select number of poor streets are brought back to a high standard.**

Decisions on where to pave are also split between local sectors and arterial segments. A typical local sector is a neighborhood area 4 to 8 blocks on a side. When selected, all streets in that area are paved with the same treatment. Arterial segments are high volume streets paved in roughly ½ mile sections. Since arterials carry far greater traffic volumes at higher speeds, the average condition of arterials is kept at a higher level than local streets. In a typical year the City will pave about a dozen neighborhood sectors and roughly 15 arterial segments. In recent years annual paving has amounted to about 3% of the network.

## Youth Winter Recreation Programs

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) has three wonderful and affordable programs this winter. The following youth programs are being offered this winter by the Outdoor Recreation Division of Denver Parks and Recreation. **For more information contact Outdoor Recreation 720-865-0680 or email us at [outdoor.recreation@denvergov.org](mailto:outdoor.recreation@denvergov.org)** Get outside and play this winter!

### Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program

DPR is teaming up with Winter Park Resort for a tremendous “Learn to Ski and 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 - 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). Only 40 spots are available. This is an incredible opportunity for your child to establish a life-long interest in winter snow sports. Interested individuals can call their local recreation center or Outdoor Recreation to learn of participating centers.

### Discovery Snowshoe Program at Echo Lake

This winter Outdoor Recreation will team up with local schools for a unique hands-on learning opportunity in the Rocky Mountains. Join a 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 **ages 10-18** 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 environmental education program is geared towards 5th through 8th grade students, but can be modified to meet the needs of any age group. They can accommodate groups as large as 40. Snowshoes and hot cocoa are provided.



# October Calendar of Events

## Denver Police Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

**October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.** *Denver Police Department- Dist. 3 Community Room* (1625 South University Blvd.). The objective of CAB 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. For questions, please contact Tech Cari Jimenez, [cari.jimenez@denvergov.org](mailto:cari.jimenez@denvergov.org) or Tech. Tony Burkhardt, [Anthony.burkhardt@denvergov.org](mailto:Anthony.burkhardt@denvergov.org).

## Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; There will be lots of activities for children throughout the museum including Family Back Packs, Art Tubes, Hot Spots, Gallery Games, Just for Fun Family Center and Kids Corner.

[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

## The Great Pumpkin Harvest Festival

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 4pm.** Four Mile Historic Park (715 S. Forest St.). Admission is FREE. Make a scarecrow, pick your pumpkin from the patch and take a bite of a caramel apple. For additional info call 720-865-0800 or visit [www.fourmilehistoricpark.org](http://www.fourmilehistoricpark.org).

## Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

**October 4<sup>th</sup>.** 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

## Denver Zoo FREE DAY

**October 7<sup>th</sup>.** 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)

## Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

## Boo at the Zoo

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 5pm.** Denver Zoo (2300 Steele Street). Get your costumes ready. Trick-or-treaters can visit more than 30 trick-or-treat stations, enjoy close encounters with the creepy kind, viewing vampire bats, reptiles, spiders and Denver Zoo's other creatures. Activities free with admission. 303-376-4800; [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org).

## Denver Zoo FREE DAY

**October 25<sup>th</sup>.** 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)

## Green With Envy: ReCycle, ReInvent, RePurpose

**September 18<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>.** TACtile: Textile Arts Center (Tamarac Square, 7777 East Hampden Avenue Suite #114). The "Green with Envy" Exhibit will demonstrate art made from reused, recycled, repurposed fibers, textiles and related objects. For more info please visit [www.tactilearts.org](http://www.tactilearts.org).

**Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit [www.Denver365.com](http://www.Denver365.com), the online comprehensive event calendar or [www.thescen3.org](http://www.thescen3.org).**

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