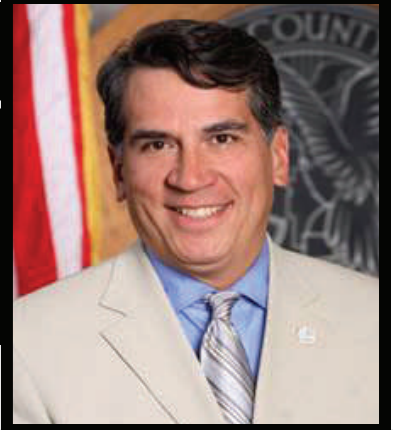


Councilman Garcia's Council District One Newsletter

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District 1 Spring Community Forum Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.

With the Democratic National Convention just around the corner, Denver local government has been steadily working for months on plans to welcome 30,000 visitors to Denver as well as implementing new and amended laws to help facilitate those who will protest and want to exercise their First Amendment rights to assemble while in town. Neighborhoods close to downtown and including the central business district have been wondering how parades, marches and traffic might impact their daily routines near the Pepsi Center and area parks.

On April 10, 2008, Denver Councilman Rick Garcia who chairs the City Council's Neighborhood, Community and Business Revitalization committee will host and moderate a panel of persons on Democratic National Convention authority about how the plans are going. The presentation will address the Convention's challenges, opportunities and impacts on the city and its neighborhoods. The panel will include:

Sky Gallegos, DNC Deputy CEO, Intergovernmental Affairs

Katherine Archuleta, Mayor's Office, Policy Advisor, Policy & Initiatives

Mike Dino, CEO Denver Convention Host Committee

Michael Battista, Deputy Chief of Operations, DPD

David Quinones, Division Chief, Special Operations Division, DPD

Sharon Linhart, Downtown Denver Partnership, DNC Task Force

Councilman Rick Garcia represents the historic neighborhoods of Northwest Denver which are the closest to the Convention's epicenter and where all expected activities might occur when hosting a national political convention. Garcia says, "hosting a DNC is a once in every 100 years opportunity for intermountain western cities and states. All eyes will be on Denver and Colorado during August 25-28 and all our citizens should know what's expected of them to ensure that Denver shines."

Security and public safety are major concerns to residents who work and travel to downtown Denver from surrounding neighborhoods. Denver Police Department panel representatives will discuss general safety plans and any expected interruptions on streets and thoroughfares during the Convention week in August. In addition, any approved city permits for park use and parades will be covered as well as updates on the many planned free events for the public to participate in the convention outside of the convention hall. Local small businesses interested in selling services and seeking contracts with the DNC has been another regular topic of questions in business circles. DNC Host Committee Executive Director Mike Dino will certainly discuss the Convention's progress on local business utilization and any continuing opportunities.

"For the last year, the Downtown Denver Partnership's DNC Task Force has been developing a unique array of projects and initiatives," said Sharon Linhart, Partnership DNC Task Force chair, and Linhart Public Relations managing partner. "We are creating programs to encourage people to come Downtown and enjoy the excitement before, during and after the DNC. This historic event gives us a wonderful opportunity to showcase our city center as a premiere place to live, work and do business."

The Forum will be held on Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., at North High School Auditorium, 2960 N. Speer Boulevard, (enter off of 32nd/Decatur into school parking lot).

"I applaud Councilman Garcia for his efforts to engage as many local residents as possible in this historic event – the 2008 Democratic National Convention," said Sky Gallegos, DNC Deputy CEO, Intergovernmental Affairs. "Come August, the eyes of the world will be on Denver and the entire Rocky Mountain West as we nominate our candidate for President of the United States. This is a tremendous opportunity to show the thousands visiting and millions more watching on TV what Denver has to offer."

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Council At-Large
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720-913-0400
- ◆ Police Non-Emergency
720-913-2000
- ◆ Non-Emergency & Info
3-1-1
- ◆ Parking Management
720-913-1720
- ◆ Graffiti Hotline (STOP)
720-865-7867
- ◆ Neighborhood Inspection Services
720-865-3200
- ◆ Denver Recycles
720-865-6815

Highland Park Master Plan Project to Begin

Passage of the bond last fall providing \$300,000 for irrigation improvements and \$200,000 from last year's CIP for park improvements allows for the project to move forward all based on the completed Highland Park Master Plan. The project will include improving the irrigation, installing new walks, installing a few new pedestrian lights, replacing the old tennis court turned basketball court into at least a half court, and creating a low cost connection to the library as well as replacing the turf that gets disturbed. These are largely infrastructure improvements that will help to establish the framework of the design called out in the master plan based on the central green idea.

Design development to take place April and May with construction documents to be ready June to September. This places the bidding as soon as October depending on what type of bidding/contracting process the project will need to go through. The actual construction will be determined by the bidding process and the weather.

In mid-May, Parks and Recreation hopes to have an informational meeting with the public and neighbors to present the design development plan and project schedule. As this project moves along you will be able to follow the project on the Denvergov website. Stay tuned for the announcement of the public informational meeting on this exciting news!

Celebrate Arbor Day in Style...Buy a Tree on April 19th!

The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* week-long Arbor Day celebration kick's off with the Denver Digs Trees annual tree sale Saturday, April 19th from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at Sloan's Lake Park boat house (25th & Wolff). If supplies last, a tree sale extension will take place at Washington Park the next day, Sunday, April 20th from 9 a.m. to noon.

For sale tree varieties have been selected based on their suitability for Denver's arid climate. All varieties offered will have low or moderate water requirements after becoming established. Available species include: White Oak, Turkish Filbert, Cleveland Flowering Pear, Crimson King Norway Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Ginko, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Snow Fountain Weeping Cherry, Hackberry, Redbud, Bur Oak, Toba Hawthorn, Skyline Honey locust, Ruby Red Horse Chestnut, Ivory Silk Tree Lilac, Greenspire Linden, Tulip Tree, Golden Rain Tree, Northern Catalpa, Bloodgood London Plane Tree, Upright European Hornbeam, and American Sentry Linden.

Bare root trees are \$45 per tree, while balled-and-burlapped varieties are \$65 each. All trees are one inch in caliper, and 5-9 feet tall, depending on variety.

The springtime celebration continues on Saturday, April 26 with a large-scale tree planting effort in the Sunnyside neighborhood in NW Denver. Hundreds of community volunteers, including those from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, will plant several hundred trees to enhance the urban forest and beautify this underserved neighborhood. The Denver Housing Authority's Quigg Newton Homes site will benefit from the addition of 300 trees from this special community effort. For information on volunteering please call 303 722-6262.

Northwest Rezoning Public Hearings Scheduled before City Council

The two northwest rezoning applications (Council Bill 160—West Highlands and Council Bill 161—Sloan's Lake) are scheduled for City Council first reading on Tuesday, April 1, 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

If these bills move forward, they will come before City Council at a **public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, City & County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 450.** If you have any questions about the hearings, please feel free to call the office at 303.458.4792

Neighborhood Meetings

- ◆ *Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.*
**Jefferson Park United Neighbors @
Riverside Baptist Church,
2401 Alcott Street.**
- ◆ *Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.* **West
Highland Nbrhd Assn. @ Highlands
Lutheran Church, 40th /Irving Street**
- ◆ *Thursday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.*
**SLOANS Neighborhood meeting @
1750 Meade Street**
- ◆ *Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.*
**Sunnyside United Neighbors Annual
Pizza Party @ Smedley Elementary
School, 4250 Shoshone St.**
- ◆ *Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.*
**Sloan's Lake Citizens Group
@ Merritt Memorial Church, 23rd
and Irving**
- ◆ *Monday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.*
**Commander's Advisory Group (CAG
Meeting @ Police District One, 1311
W. 46th Avenue (all are invited to
attend)**

Public Hearing Notice

Northwest Denver Rezoning, Council Bills 160 & 161

Monday, April 28, 5:30 pm

City Council Chambers, 4th Flr

Liquor License Hearings

- ◆ *Monday, April 10, 9:00 a.m.* **Hotel &
Restaurant Liquor license hearing
Shazz Café 4262 Lowell Blvd. @ E&L
Webb building, 2nd Floor**
- ◆ *Monday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.* **Hotel &
Restaurant Liquor license hearing
Brasserie Felix 3901 Tennyson St. @
E&L Webb building, 2nd Floor**

Upcoming Events

- ◆ *Thursday, April 10, 2008*
**District 1 Spring Community
Forum @ North High School
6:00-7:30 p.m.**
**Topics to Include DNC &
Safety Issues**
- ◆ *Saturday, April 19, 2008*
**9a.m. -11:30 a.m. Denver Digs
Trees distribution & Sale @Sloan's
Lake Boat House**
- ◆ *Sunday, May 18, 2008*
**Colorado Colfax Marathon
6:00a.m. @ Denver City Park**

Free Days SCFD

- **Friday April 4, 2008**
Denver Botanic Gardens/Chatfield
- **Saturday April 5, 2008**
Denver Art Museum
- **Sunday April 20, 2008**
Denver Botanic Gardens
- **Sunday April 20, 2008**
Denver Museum of Nature & Science