Happy New Year!

I hope that you enjoyed your holidays and that your 2016 is off to a great start. I am looking forward to the new year and getting some work done! I am especially excited to kick off the year with the first session of our 2016 Senior Series. Please join me, Lori & Tate, and bring a friend:

2016 SENIOR SERIES
Session 1 – Chores & Transportation
Wednesday, January 27, 1-3 pm
Eisenhower Recreation Center
4300 E Dartmouth Ave, Denver

Speakers include Hilary Lenz from A Little Help, a representative from RTD, and Jennie Creasey from Jewish Family Service. We will lead a conversation and provide resources on chores (snow shoveling yard work, grocery shopping, etc.) and transportation services. Please RSVP to lori.grohskopf@denvergov.org or 720-337-4444. Stay tuned for future Senior Series meeting details. Topics include: Communication and Technology, Socialization, Housing, and Health and Safety.

One of my top goals is to keep you informed about what is happening in the District and in the City via the Southeast Denver Scoop, NextDoor, Facebook, Twitter and our
THINK YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED?
If you suspect you've been scammed or exploited, call the District Attorney's Fraud Hot Line to report it. 720-913-9179

COMMUNITY
Hamden Heights Library: 720.865.0185
Ross University Library: 720.865.0955
Eisenhower Rec Center: 720.865.0730
Kennedy Golf Course: 720.865.0720
Wellshire Golf Course: 303.757.1352

STAY CONNECTED
Legislative Session of Denver City Council
Meets/airs Mondays at 5:30 pm

Neighborhood & Planning Committee
Meets bi-weekly/airs on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Safety and Well-Being Committee
Meets bi-weekly/airs on Tuesday at 1:30 pm

Technology and Governance Committee
Meets bi-weekly/airs on Tuesday at 1:30 pm

Business Development Committee
Meets bi-weekly/airs on Tuesdays at 10:30 am

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Each edition of the Scoop will feature a variety of topics including a monthly update on our City, its rapid change, and what that means for us. In this issue you’ll find a message from Denver’s Chief Economist, Jeff Romine. This information is intended to inform, and to prepare us for our visioning process, beginning in the fall. I will hold several informational meetings throughout the year.

As the New Year begins, my Council colleagues and I are working on some very important issues, including:

- **Marijuana Ordinances**: With the passage of Amendment 64 in 2013, Council passed an ordinance regulating the marijuana industry for two years, placing a moratorium on new licenses (retail, grow houses and edible manufacturing).
- **Short-term Rentals**: We are also considering ordinances that will regulate short-term rentals, ensuring that they are licensed and taxed, and that zoning is aligned. For more information, visit [www.Denvergov.org/STR](http://www.Denvergov.org/STR).
- **Housing**: With Denver’s incredible growth, there is a shortage of housing, especially affordable housing. The Council will continue to look for solutions to ensure that our residents—at every income level—can afford to live and work in Denver.

Please let me know your thoughts on these important issues. And, lastly, please know that my staff and I are available to meet or talk with you, or attend community meetings.

Happy New Year and Go Broncos!

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**SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTHEAST DENVER**

**Construction Projects in the District**

- The Dunkin Donuts is taking shape at Happy Canyon Shopping Center. Two additional tenants (TBD) will occupy the building.
- The Public Storage and strip mall behind Goldsmith Shopping Center have been torn down. Public Storage is building a larger structure on their site, and an apartment building may be constructed where the strip mall was.
- The Rockies Inn on Evans and I-25 will be torn down in
2016. A storage facility will be constructed on the site.
- The Denver Christian Van Dellen campus (Warren Ave & Ash) is being developed into 79 town homes.

Over 100,000 people moved to Colorado in 2015.

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE CITY**

*Outlook from the Office of Economic Development, Jeff Romine*

During the recession recovery, Denver has been one of the leading cities in the nation for economic growth. Denver’s total employment is now the highest in its history, with more than 477,000 jobs. This number is more impressive because our labor force has grown by 65,000 since 2000.

Our economy is thriving on small business and entrepreneurial energy. Nearly 45% of all employment in Denver is in smaller businesses with an average business size of fewer than 20 employees. As we look forward, DIA is our front door to the global economy – and efforts are underway to further to strengthen our economic linkages.

This economic growth is also leading to the reinvestment in many Denver neighborhoods. You can easily see new businesses, new buildings, and new housing development throughout our city. Denver is renewing itself and is the envy of many communities nationwide.

In District 4, as you drive or walk around, you can see homes and businesses changing before your eyes. From large developments like the retail center at Hampden and I-25 and the Belleview Station, to the Colorado Center Station. What makes District 4 a great place to live – and work – is the blending of our thriving strengths and supporting new opportunities.

**SENIORS**

*Low Income Tax Credits for Seniors*

1. **Senior Tax Exemption:** Any senior that is over the age of 65 and has owned their house ten or more years AND lives in the house may qualify for a reduction of taxes up to $600. [http://denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/assessors-office/senior-tax-exemption.html](http://denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/assessors-office/senior-tax-exemption.html).

2. Refunds of taxes or rent to seniors and persons with disabilities may qualify for the income restricted program that refunds up to $400 of taxes or rent paid the previous year. [http://denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/treasury-division/property-taxes/refund-payment-to-seniors-and-disabled.html](http://denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/treasury-division/property-taxes/refund-payment-to-seniors-and-disabled.html)

For questions or more information, please call 720-913-1311.
seasons and only 6 losing seasons-- one of the NFL’s most successful teams.

NON-PROFITS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Jewish Family Service CEO to Retire
After 37 years, CEO of Jewish Family Service, Yana Vishnitsky, will retire from the same nonprofit that helped her family resettle in the U.S. after departing the Soviet Union in the 1970s. In the decade and half that she was the CEO, the agency’s annual budget tripled from $4.8 million in 2000 to $14.4 million in 2015.
Happy Retirement Yana!

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Neighborhood Reminders
Here are some friendly tips to help your neighbors during the winter months!

- Check on elderly and/or disabled neighbors during major snow storms to ask if they need help.
- Always clear your sidewalk of snow as soon as possible.
- Go the extra step to make sure the sidewalk on your block is clear of snow so it can be accessible to all.
- Get to know your neighbors - keep a list of phone numbers on hand for emergencies.

Remember, once snow has stopped falling, businesses have four hours, and residents have twenty-four hours, to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. For more information, visit http://www.denversnowplan.com/.

TRANSPORTATION

New, Simplified RTD Fares

- A one-way local trip (bus or light rail) now costs $2.60. A one-way ticket from Southmoor to Union Station costs $2.60 (Zones 1 & 2). Stations from Belleview to Lincoln fall in Zone 3 and will cost $4.50 to Union Station.
- Local day passes (Zone 1 & 2) offer unlimited rides for $5.20. For trips in zone 3, day passes for unlimited rides will cost $9.
- Simplified rail zones. See map below to check which zone your station is in.
- Southeast Denver to DIA is a flat $9 fare from any station to the airport light rail line (CU A Line). The airport line will open on April 22. The $9 airport fare includes transfers and a same-day return trip (if your flight is cancelled or you need to drop someone off). Southeast residents can take the E line from one of our stations to Union Station and connect to the CU A Line. Later in 2016, the R Line will open from Belleview to Peoria and connect to the CU A Line, further reducing transit time to DIA.
**Real-Time RTD Arrival Information**

Apps enabled with real time information allow you to see exactly where your bus is and accurate arrival times. Check out all apps for RTD at:
http://www.rtd-denver.com/mobile.shtml

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**Changes to Trash Service 2016**

- Large Item Pickup and Cart Overflow have been replaced with the NEW Extra Trash Service.
- Extra Trash will be collected every four weeks, instead of six weeks as before.
- Maximum five large items per home
- Check your schedule and map and set reminders at DenverGov.org/trash
- Place your items out by 7 am during your collection week

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**Top Waste Reduction Actions**

Denver has been making strides to improve sustainability, but we are still lagging behind the national average in recycling.

- **GO SMALL**: Start reducing what you throw away by requesting a smaller sized trash cart. Smaller carts serve as a reminder to reduce your waste and recycle or compost materials.
- **GO PURPLE**: Let your friends or neighbors know about their FREE purple recycle cart. Call 311 to request your cart today!

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**Denver Water Rate Changes**

Denver Water raised its monthly fixed charge by 3.8 percent, while adopting a new three-tiered rate that drops some per-1,000 gallon charges. The new rate is designed to distinguish between inside water usage and water charged for outside use. The increased revenue is needed for infrastructure updates.

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**Denver Digs Trees**

Since the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Boulder in 2013, The Park People and the Office of the Denver City Forester have been preparing for the invasive insect’s inevitable discovery in Denver. To lessen the impact, The Park People will plant 20 percent more trees and offer free and low cost trees to residents
through the Denver Digs Trees program. Applications are available at www.theparkpeople.org, or by calling 303-722-6262. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2016.

Did you know that the Evergreen ice skating pond and golf course are owned by the City and County of Denver?

PARKS AND RECREATION

*Eisenhower Rec Center*

Is your new year’s resolution to be healthier, meet new people or learn a new skill? Check out classes at the Eisenhower Rec Center (4300 Dartmouth Ave. 80222) such as yoga, tai chi, senior pickleball and many more. Monthly memberships from $7-$15.

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ARTS

*Looking for Artists in Southeast Denver*

Have you noticed art in southeast Denver: in front of the Eisenhower Rec Center, the *Mindful Bridge* installation on the new I-25 pedestrian bridge, or the Babi Yar sculpture? Are you interested in increasing arts & culture in our District? Check out these opportunities!

- Are you an artist—or do you know any artists in southeast Denver who might be interested in doing a proposal? Grants are available.
- Have you noticed any areas in southeast Denver where
graffiti is a problem? Is your business a target for graffiti? If so, local artists can create murals to cover the graffiti. These murals are interesting and beautiful, attract attention to the property or business, and can prevent future graffiti.

Denver is committed to arts and culture in every part of the city. For more information: [http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/](http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/)

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**Colorado Ballet**

Colorado Ballet's education and community engagement programs serve in-need students, teachers, families, people with disabilities and lifelong learners in Colorado. The Ballet's outreach programs make more than 50,000 contacts each year in 225 schools and organizations. For more information on how to connect with the ballet in your community, visit [coloradoballet.org/community](http://coloradoballet.org/community).

"The Denver metro area continues to be the number one real estate market in the country," according to Anthony Rael, chairman of the DMAR Market Trends Committee (Aldo Svaldi, Denver Post 1/6/16)

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**ET CETERA...**

**Improve Your City Services through Denver’s Pocketgov.com**

- You can skip the DMV and register your vehicle with [www.pocketgov.com](http://www.pocketgov.com).
- Sign-up for street sweeping and trash and recycling collection day reminders through [www.pocketgov.com](http://www.pocketgov.com). Street sweeping season starts again in April 2016.

Pocketgov has many other neat features, allowing Denver residents to ask questions about city services, report problems, and make payments on parking tickets, boot fees, and DMV renewals.
Short-Term Rentals Town Halls
Denver is currently developing a framework to license and regulate short-term rentals (STRs) with community input. You are invited to join Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman to learn more.

- Presentation to INC Zoning and Planning Committee; January 23rd, 9:30 to 10:30am - 1201 Williams Street (19th Floor)
- Community Town Hall; February 3rd, 6:30 to 8:30pm – South High School, 1700 East Louisiana Avenue
- Community Town Hall; February 11th, 6:30 to 8:30pm – East High School, 1600 City Park Esplanade
- Community Town Hall; February 17th, 6:30 to 8:30pm – North High School, 2960 Speer Boulevard
- Community Town Hall; February 25th, 6:30 to 8:30pm – Christ Church United Methodist, 690 Colorado Blvd

For more information: www.Denvergov.org/STR.

I-70 East Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
CDOT is planning on making major improvements to I-70 from I-25 to Tower Road. The purpose of the project is to implement a transportation solution that improves safety, access, and mobility and addresses congestion on I-70. To learn more, you can attend this public meeting to discuss and review the EIS.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 5-8 pm
Bruce Randolph Middle School, 3955 Steele Street

The Optimist Club of Monaco South Seeks Volunteers
One of the Club’s premier youth projects is Brain Bowl, an academic competition for middle school students which features 100 teams from schools throughout the state. If you would enjoy helping on Saturday, January 30, please contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Winter of Reading
The Denver Public Library wants to encourage adults to read more this winter. As an incentive, the library is kicking off its second annual Winter of Reading program which features a variety of activities and prizes to inspire adults to increase reading.

Winter of Reading Kickoff Party
Jagged Mountain Brewery, 1139 20th St, Denver
February 3 at 7 pm

Registration for Winter of Reading is free. For more information, visit denverlibrary.org/winterofreading. For library events in our district, see the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Cherry Creek Dam Water Control Plan
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District will hold a public meeting to gather input on modifying the Cherry Creek Dam Water Control Plan to release more water from the dam during extreme flooding events.

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