Dear Southeast Denver Neighbors,

It has been a year since I was sworn in as your representative on Denver City Council. Keeping to my campaign promises, my focus has been, and will continue to be advocating for southeast Denver. We are in the middle of the budgeting process, and I am proposing more money be allocated for paving and parks maintenance. I’m fighting to protect our neighborhoods and improve major corridors while ensuring that neighbors have a voice in planning decisions.

Join me this fall to learn how Denver is changing and share your ideas at our interactive town hall. Using your vision, we will develop a work plan to implement our ideas in the follow-up workshop.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Town Hall & Visioning:
Sept. 20, 6 - 7:30 pm OR
Sept. 24, 12:30 - 2 pm at TJHS (3950 S Holly St)

Follow-up Workshop:
Oct. 25 6 - 7:30 pm OR
Oct. 29, 12:30 - 2 pm at TJ

Also, please fill out the visioning survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPW9RTB. If you prefer a paper survey, one will be mailed in our annual newsletter. Look for it in your mailbox in July!

Feel free to contact me with your questions, comments or concerns.

Save the Dates
services. The website allows you to check recycling and large-item pick-up dates, find property values, sign up for street sweeping reminders, and ask questions. You may also call 311 for city services.

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

Finance and Services Committee
Meets bi-weekly/airs on Tuesday at 10:30 am

Senior Office Hours
July 13, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
District Office, 3540 S. Poplar Street, Suite 100

Diane Young, from the Denver Commission on Aging, will be available to answer your questions on transportation options, home modifications services, benefits of Medicare, and much more. Please call the office 720-337-4444 or e-mail Kathy.gile@denvergov.org to set up an appointment time.

Senior Series 4: Housing & Finance
July 27, 1-3 pm
Eisenhower Rec Center, 4300 E. Dartmouth Ave.

Join us for our 4th Senior Series meeting when experts will discuss housing resources and finance support. Topics include downsizing, home sharing, reverse mortgages tax credits, and much more. Learn about senior independent and assisted living-housing in our community.

Denver Days Picnic & Jazz
August 3, 7-8:30 pm
Eisenhower Park Pavilion

Bring a summer picnic, enjoy a snack and the smooth sounds of the Denver Municipal Brass Band, and meet your neighbors in this celebration of southeast Denver. Please donate new socks/underwear or school supplies to Clothes to Kids and Be the Love Foundation. Don’t miss this fun event!

High Line Canal Conservancy: Community Meetings
Participate in the open houses to shape the Canal’s future in the 2nd chapter of the series. Learn more at highlinecanal.org/community.

• July 20, 11 am-1:30 pm, Expo Rec Center (10955 E Exposition Ave, Aurora)

• July 20, 4-8 pm, Eloise May Library (1471 S Parker Rd, Denver)

• July 21, 4-8 pm, Eisenhower Rec Center (4300 E. Dartmouth Ave)

Councilwoman Black at Bike to Work Day
NEW EDITOR OF DENVER POST

Lee Ann Colacioppo, has been named editor at The Denver Post, becoming the first woman to hold the position in the newspaper’s 124 year history. Colacioppo has covered various roles in her 17-year tenure, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning Aurora Theater shooting coverage. Lee Ann grew up in southeast Denver and attended TJ with Kendra.

ACADEMY OF LIFELONG LEARNING

It is never too late in life to learn something new! Check out all the interesting classes offered at the Academy for Lifelong Learning’s this fall HERE. A free event to preview classes will be held on August 24, 10 am - 1:30 pm at their new location, the Calvary Baptist Church (6500 E. Girard Ave.) For more information or to register, visit AcademyLL.org.

FARMER’S MARKET AT BELLEVIEW STATION

Enjoy a variety of “street food” booths and trucks, local produce, locally crafted beverages with music and entertainment for all ages at FOODIES, the new outdoor market at the Belleview Station. FOODIES Thursday markets are open 11:30 am - 5:30 pm (June 23 - Oct. 27) and Sunday markets start at 10 am- 4 pm (June 23 - Oct. 27). For more info: www.foodiesoutdoormarkets.com.

Denver is #10 on AAA’s Top Ten Summer Travel Destinations.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CITY

Affordable Housing Meeting
July 21, 6-8 pm at North High School

Join the Mayor and City Councilmembers for a follow-up discussion on affordable housing policy and long-term funding proposals, resources and services. For more info, contact: Rodolfo.Rodriguez@DenverGov.org or (720) 337-7731.
SENIOR SERIES 4: HOUSING AND FINANCE

We have had four successful Senior Series programs in 2016. These programs are interactive workshops designed to educate and provide solutions and information for our retired and active constituents. Please join us for our next program:

Senior Series 4: Housing & Finance
July 27, 1-3 pm, Eisenhower Rec Center
4300 E. Dartmouth Ave

Looking forward to 2017, please share your input on topics you feel would be relevant to being an active, retired member of our community. In addition, we would like to host at least two social events; luncheon with a speaker or Happy Hour at a local restaurant, a play, or music concert. Please let us know what would be fun for you! Send your ideas to Kathy.gile@denvergov.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION

RED ROCKS TO ADD PARK LAND
On June 16, Parks & Rec announced it will add 98 acres to the existing 640 acres that make up Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater. Parks will look at creating trail connections with the surrounding properties. The City has not added any substantial park acreage to the Mountain Parks system since 1960 when 85 acres was added to Newton Park.

EISENHOWER REC CENTER
Teens ages 13-17 years will have the opportunity to participate in Weight Room Training at Eisenhower Rec Center. The 4-week certification program instills education, discipline, and safe practices for fitness room equipment. The cost is $30 and begins August 5. Register online @ www.denvergov.org or at Eisenhower. Questions? Please call 303-937-4600 or email Tommy.Karaffa@denvergov.org.

KENNEDY GOLF COURSE
• 27-Hole Regulation Course
• 9-Hole Par 3 Course
• Putt Putt Course
• Lighted Driving Range
• Pro Shop with Snack Bar
• Tavern Restaurant

Proposed changes to outdoor public events rules and regulations within Denver parks are available for public inspection. Input is welcomed at the public hearing:

**Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 pm**
Wellington Webb Municipal Building
201 W. Colfax Ave., Room 4.F.6

**SCHOOLS**

**JASON KLIMCZAK WINS COACH OF THE YEAR**
Congratulations to TJ lacrosse coach, Jason Klimczak who not only won the 4A Metro Conference Coach of the Year but also the DPS Coach of the Year. Go Spartans!

**PRESCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Worried about the cost of preschool tuition this fall? The Denver Preschool Program makes preschool possible for all Denver families with a 4-year-old through tuition assistance and access to more than 250 high quality preschool programs—regardless of income or neighborhood. Tuition assistance is provided on a sliding scale. For more information visit, www.dpp.org/NOW or call 303-595-4DPP.

**TJ STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP**
The Optimist Club of Monaco South awarded the Robert Sullivan scholarship to 6 graduating seniors. The scholarship is named for the late Robert Sullivan, who was active in his service to the community and a fervent TJ booster. Way to go seniors!

The 2016 Sullivan Scholarship winners: Blaise Hokkanen, Mahdi Ramadan, Mohammad Ramadan, Franz Torres, Gabriella Harrison and Evan Anderson.

DIA set a new April record of 4.38 million passengers.

**SUSTAINABILITY**
RUSH CREEK WIND PROJECT
Xcel Energy is seeking to build a $1 billion wind farm that would supply 600 megawatts of clean, renewable energy or the equivalent to powering 325,000 homes. If the PUC approves the Project, construction would begin in late 2017, becoming the largest wind project in the state.

RECYCLE YOUR APPLIANCES
Solid Waste Management offers FREE recycling service of large appliances. Appliances accepted include: refrigerators, hot water heaters, freezers, furnaces, air conditioners, dishwashers, washers & dryers, microwave ovens, stoves/ovens. To recycle your appliance:

1. Make an appointment by visiting DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or 1-800-479-4159.
2. Put your recycled appliance on the street for collection.

Remember, if your appliance is still in good working condition, consider giving it a second life by donating it to a thrift store.

EMERALD ASH BORER DISCOVERED IN LONGMONT
The destructive, evasive EAB has been detected in Longmont, representing the first appearance in the state outside of Boulder. The detection caused forestry to expedite their management plan of the insect that threatens the destruction of ash trees. Denver has taken a proactive approach by launching the Be a Smart Ash campaign, encouraging property owners to plant new trees before losing established ones to EAB. You may be eligible for a free tree. Visit http://beasmartash.org/what-can-i-do/apply-for-a-tree/ to learn more.

SAFETY

JULY CAB MEETING
District 3 Police will host a special CAB meeting on how to protect your identity and advice on how to avoid becoming victim to fraud. Guest speakers include Ralph Barocas from RBC Wealth Financial and Maro Casparian from the Denver District Attorney’s Office. The July CAB meeting for both Sector 1 and Sector 2 is Monday, July 11 at 6 pm at District 3 Police Station (1625 S University). The meeting on July 12 is cancelled.

Everyone is susceptible to scammers and fraudsters. Follow these tips to reduce your exposure.

- Keep an inventory of all jewelry.
- Shred identifying information such as old checkbooks and pre-authorized credit card applications.
- Choose caregivers with caution. Request a background check.
- Protect your incoming and outgoing mail. Check your unsecured mailbox daily.

DENVER POLICE APP
The Denver Police News app is the newest community outreach effort that delivers timely info on breaking news events, major road closures, traffic crashes, wanted suspects, crime alerts, social media content, and more.
Citizens are encouraged to download the app by searching for "Denver Police News."

Denver had a record of 16.4 million visitors, who spent $5 billion, in 2015. That's 1 million more visitors than the previous year, and it set a new tourism record for the 10th year in a row.

**TASTE OF DISTRICT 4**

**MIYABI JUNIOR EXPRESS-7400 E. Hampden Ave**

Looking for a quick, fresh, budget-friendly lunch spot? The district 4 office was impressed with the Japanese quick-serve hibachi restaurant, Miyabi Junior Express. The staff is extremely friendly and the food is freshly prepared to order. Try their delicious teriyaki or hibachi chicken served with brown rice and steamed vegetables.

**PEBBLES PERSIAN BAKERY-2160 S Holly St**

Just south of Evans, we stopped by Pebbles and sampled some of their delicious pastries. Pebbles specializes in whole wheat sour dough bread that is baked on actual pebbles.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

Whether you are entertaining guests or looking for a new activity, we've listed some fun activities to try this summer!

**DENVER FIRE SUMMER CAMPS**

Interested in what a firefighter career would be like? The DFD day camps provide middle school students the opportunity to participate in hands on emergency skills and simulate fire and rescue situations while having fun. There is no fee to attend. Contact Capt. Greg Pixley at 303-503-7490 or greg.pixley@denvergov.org to register.

**Dates:** July 19-21 – girls and boys, July 26-28 – girls only  
**Times:** 9 am- 1 pm  
**Location:** Rocky Mountain Fire Academy (5440 Roslyn Bldg., F)

**MILE HIGH BIKE TOUR**

Explore the best of Denver by bike! Mile High Bike Tour provides personalized tours through the riverside bike paths and protected bike lanes. Visit and learn more about our
public art, important government buildings, beautiful parks, distinct architecture and professional sports arenas while exploring our trail system and beautiful neighborhoods. Tours are 10 miles in distance and cost $50 per person. Call 303-801-1766 or visit milehighbiketours.com to book.

SUMMER EVENTS AT THE AIRPORT
Last month, DIA launched “Events at DEN,” an ongoing series of family-friendly fun and entertainment on the open-air plaza between Jeppesen Terminal and the Westin Hotel. In June, they kicked off the series with a Denver-themed putt-putt course. Check out what else is planned: http://www.flydenver.com/enjoy_relax/eventsden.

FREE ACTIVITIES WITH MY DENVER CARD
The MY Denver Card, which works as a recreation center membership and library card is available at no cost to any Denver resident ages 5-18. Our rec centers offer a wide variety of activities from painting to soccer to drumming and more plus free meals and snacks. Visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/denver to register online.

CHERRY CREEK MARINA
The Cherry Creek State Park is 4,200 acres of open space with a marina and beach! Check out the special events and concerts happening all summer long at the marina For more info: http://themarinaatcherrycreek.com/.

• Throw down-Tuesdays – Free Wakeboard events
• Live at The Lake- Wednesdays – summer concert series
• Rocky Mountain Luau-Thursdays – Free Stand Up Paddle Board events

OUTDOOR ART EXHIBIT AT THE COMMONS
The Wings of the City exhibit is an urban artistic project that includes nine large-scale bronze sculptures created by internationally known artist, Jorge Marin. The exhibit will be on display from June 10 – September 30, 2016 at Commons Park and is part of Denver’s plan to activate downtown parks, The Outdoor Downtown.

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HEAD START BOARD SEeks MEMBERS
Passionate about Denver’s Early Childhood Education Efforts? The Great Kids Head Start Policy Council is seeking community representatives to serve on the board. To learn more please visit www.denvergov.org/headstart or contact Al.martinez@denvergov.org or at 720-913-0888.
GODENVER APP
The free GoDenver app allows you to plan your trip using all available public and private types of mobility. The app provides public transit options in real time and allows users to compare transit options to decide the best route. Download GoDenver!

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