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Councilman Christopher Herndon | Denver City Council | December 2016

A message from Councilman Herndon

Though it might be difficult to tell from November's warm weather, it is the holiday season. I hope that while everyone enjoys time with friends and family we also take time to serve and help others. There are many opportunities available throughout the city but I want to highlight our District 8 toy drive benefitting Toys for Tots. Every child should experience some holiday cheer and I sincerely thank everyone who has made this successful in the past and will make it successful this year. Check out page two of our newsletter for more information on this year's drop-off locations and important dates.

I want to congratulate the Colorado Veterans Project on a spectacular Veterans Day Parade. An estimated 10,000 people came out to honor those who committed to ensure our freedoms are protected. To all the men and women who have selflessly served our country in the armed forces: thank you.

2016 was a great year for our district and 2017 will continue the trend. A few notable items include: Punch Bowl Social's opening, which brings an exciting adaptive reuse to the Stapleton control tower; Northeast Denver Leadership Week will continue to connect our youth with civic and leadership experiences; Catholic Charities Samaritan House Women's Shelter opens in District 8, creating a safe harbor for women experiencing homelessness and providing a path to help them transition into permanent housing.

Christopher Herndon

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8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday

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Councilman Chris Herndon with Captain Alan Kennedy-Shaffer, Colorado Army National Guard, at the CU Denver Veterans Day ceremony.

Isabella Bird Community School Swimsuit Drive

The Isabella Bird Community School is holding a swimsuit drive to support children in their Newcomer Program. The school is asking for donations of new and gently-used swimsuits for students in the program.

The Newcomer Program is part of the English Language Acquisition (ELA) Program and helps students learn English vocabulary and English language structures. By the end of 2015, Isabella Bird had enrolled students from Burma, Nepal, Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, Iraq, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo and Indonesia.

Donations are accepted at Isabella Bird Community School located at 2701 Lima St., and Central Park Recreation Center located at 9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd, through December 31. For questions, please contact Kimberly Hundley, 720-423-9924.

Denver's Treecycle Program begins collection on Jan. 7. For more information, visit denvergov.org/treecycle

TOY DRIVE

Donate new toys and games at one of the drop-off locations by Thursday, Dec. 15.



*Please join
Councilman Chris Herndon
in collecting toys for
Denver's children in need.*

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Central Park Rec Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

Councilman Chris Herndon's Office
4685 Peoria St. Ste. 245

Denver Police District 2 Station
3921 Holly St.

East Montclair Neighborhood Association
Accepting toys at its Dec. 13 potluck
7934 E. 14th Ave., 6:30 p.m.



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GIVE Denver Launches 2016 Adopt a Family and Holiday Gift Drive

GIVE Denver, a program of Denver Human Services (DHS), is looking for donations for their Adopt a Family, Teen or Senior Holiday Gift Drive. Each year, GIVE Denver pairs donors with hundreds of families, teens and seniors served by DHS Child Welfare, Veteran Services and Adult Protection programs.

There are three easy ways to donate:

1. Team up with your network or register as an individual to adopt a family, teen or senior and receive a personal wish list from the recipient(s).
2. Drop off a gift to any designated site by December 17 and GIVE Denver will deliver it to someone not adopted by a donor.
3. Make a tax-deductible financial contribution. Let GIVE Denver do the shopping for you and make a credit card donation or send checks to 1200 Federal Blvd. Denver, CO 80204 with 'Adopt a Family' in the memo line.

To adopt a family, teen or senior, make a donation, or for more information, visit www.denvergov.org/GIVE or call 720-944-4483.

2016 Drop-off dates and locations:

Gifts for specific gift recipients and general gifts may be dropped off at 1200 Federal Blvd. between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the following dates:

- 12/7
- 12/9
- 12/10
- 12/14
- 12/16
- 12/17



General donations may be dropped off at the Wellington E. Webb Building located at 201 W. Colfax Ave. through Friday, 12/9, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on business days.

NOTE: If you need to drop off to the GIVE Center outside of the scheduled times, please call GIVE Denver at 720- 944-4483 to schedule a time when a staff or volunteer will be available to assist you.

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Know your neighbors: Ann White

What neighborhood do you live in and how long have you lived there?

My husband and I moved our family to Montbello in September 1979. We were attracted to Montbello because of the spacious homes and large yards and a great place to raise our children. Since the passing of my husband in 2000, I continue to cherish many memories and enjoy our home, especially when our children and grandchildren visit.



What do you like most about your neighborhood?

What I love and enjoy about Montbello is its diversity, beautiful homes, parks and accessibility to shopping and restaurants.

How are you involved in the community?

I volunteer at my church. I also volunteer and partner with other organizations for community events. I currently am the chair of Montbello 20/20, a registered neighborhood organization (RNO). Our vision and goal is to inform, educate and empower Montbello residents.

What's something you've done in the community that you're proud of?

Most recently I worked on the planning of the Montbello 50th Anniversary held on September 24, 2016. It was a very successful event.

What's something about your community that you wish more people knew?

I want those who reside outside Montbello to know that we are a strong, resilient and diverse community. We have an educated workforce and economic power with a higher than average income base. Our community is safe for growing families, adults, seniors and new businesses wanting to move into our neighborhood. Montbello also has a low crime rate when compared to other communities with comparable populations.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I spend my free time with family, friends, attending church and gardening.

What is one of your favorite businesses/restaurants in the community?

My favorite business is Home Depot, I enjoy the garden shop, home improvement and home decor sections. My favorite restaurant is Olive Garden; I enjoy the soups, salads and entrées.

Office of the Independent Monitor Releases 2016 Semiannual Report

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM's) 2016 Semiannual Report is now available to the public. The 2016 Semiannual Report provides an overview of the complaints received, closed and monitored by the OIM during the first half of 2016. The report also contains information on internal affairs investigations, disciplinary findings and critical incidents in both departments.

The OIM is charged with monitoring the disciplinary systems in the Denver Police (DPD) and Denver Sheriff Departments (DSD), making policy recommendations to those departments and conducting outreach to communities throughout Denver. The OIM is led by Independent Monitor Nicholas E. Mitchell and advised by a seven-member Citizen Oversight Board.

The full report is available at www.denvergov.org/OIM.

ideaLAB opens in Montbello Branch Library

The newest ideaLAB in Montbello Library brings high-tech equipment to Northeast Denver residents. The lab features sophisticated technology to make music, art, movies, photography, games, websites, inventions and more and is free for all Denver residents.

The ideaLABS give unprecedented access to tools normally available only in professional settings. The Montbello ideaLAB features a full music studio where customers can record music, audiobooks and movie tracks. Personal computing workstations feature Adobe Creative Suite and game-making software. A green screen is also available for making movies and special effects.

The Montbello Branch Library ideaLAB is open four days a week with different hours for different age groups. For more information and detailed hours, visit denverlibrary.org/idealab.



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DIRECTOR OF DENVER ANIMAL PROTECTION

Meet Alice Nightengale

What does your job entail?

I lead the Denver Animal Protection team. We have decreased animal length of stay while increasing the percentage of animals returned to owners. We foster partnerships with area shelters, veterinarians, and the community to find positive outcomes for Denver's animals.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy working with the incredibly compassionate and competent people who work at Denver Animal Protection and being a resource for the Denver community and its animals.



What kind of impact do you hope to have in the community?

I hope to be able to unify the Denver community around pet welfare while continuing to make safety in the community a priority.

What do you do for fun outside of work?

I love to hike and spend time with my family.

What is something the community might not know about you?

I am a geologist by education and enjoy using my science background to help me in my current job.

What do you wish more people knew about the Denver Animal Shelter?

Denver Animal Shelter is the place to find your lost pet in Denver. We know that so many lost pets that end up at the shelter do come from a loving home that is missing them and we strive to make more and more reunions with families and their lost pets every year. Additionally, there are a few easy but vital safeguards that pet owners can use to increase the chance of their pet finding its way back home: license, microchip and ID your pet. All of these are simple and low-cost services provided at DAS.

Is there anything else you want to share?

I would love for the community to look to Denver Animal Protection as a resource for their pets and talk to us about what they need from us so we can work together to make Denver a great place for people and pets.

To contact the Denver Animal Shelter, call 311, or 720-913-1311, or visit denvergov.org/denveranimalshelter

DPD Honors Top Cops



District 2

Corporal Jeff Jenkins responded to a call from Aurora Police who were pursuing a car. The driver was a homicide suspect who had killed his wife and was randomly shooting at cars in the area. As Jenkins approached the car and tried to block it, the suspect jumped a median. Jenkins moved his car in front of the suspect, striking the suspect's rear passenger door with the front of his car, causing the suspect's car to slide. Jenkins saw the suspect move to the passenger side of the vehicle and disappear onto the floor board at least twice. Each time, the suspect re-appeared and put his hands up but would not exit the car and lie on the ground. Several officers on scene approached the vehicle and told the suspect to keep his hands up. A MAC-10 machine gun was recovered from the car. The suspect, a Compton Crip Ride gang member, was removed from the car, handcuffed, searched for additional weapons and taken into custody.

Jenkins is commended for his quick thinking, selflessness and decision making skills.

District 5

At the beginning of the school year, Officer Armando Cruz began brainstorming for an opportunity to create positive engagement between Denver Police and youth in far northeast Denver. Cruz organized a basketball game between District 5 officers and middle and high school students at the MLK Early College campus. Both officers and students were excited for the event and the opportunity to engage in a fun and positive manner.



Cruz is commended for recognizing that positive interaction between youth and police is important and for taking the extra steps to see that the event was memorable.

An authentic British chippy experience on East Colfax

Alex Stokeld grew up visiting his dad's "massive family" (his dad is one of 16 children) in England for a couple of months every summer. During those trips, Stokeld remembers falling in love with fish & chips and other traditional English fare. Born and raised in Denver, Stokeld dreamed of opening a fish & chips joint in his hometown. "I grew up with a love of fish & chips and when I came back to Denver, I was let down everywhere I went for fish & chips," said Stokeld.

In 2007, Stokeld made the move from the finance industry to the restaurant business, opening the first Get Battered (GB) Fish & Chips on South Broadway. The restaurant's mission is to cook and serve the best fish & chips around, while introducing patrons to other English specialties, such as bangers & mash, pork pies, shepherd's pies, pasties and more.

Over the last decade, he has grown his business to include additional locations on East Colfax, in the Sloan's Lake neighborhood and a fourth location in Arvada that will open in the coming months.

As a Colorado native, Stokeld is very familiar with the northeast Denver community. While he grew up in the Washington Park neighborhood, he spent a lot of his free time in Park Hill with friends and remembers passing by the East Colfax location regularly.

"I've always wanted to have a location on Colfax, this street has always been dear to my heart," said Stokeld.

Stokeld describes the East Colfax spot as a traditional English chippy (how the Brits refer to a fish & chips shop), but with a distinct Colfax flavor, including signed music memorabilia and football jerseys hanging from the ceiling. When guests walk in, they are welcomed by the smell of fresh fish & chips. With picnic tables in the dining room and beers at the bar, Stokeld and his staff have created a



Alex Stokeld, owner of Get Battered Fish & Chips, stands at the counter of the East Colfax location.

comfortable atmosphere for guests.

Stokeld is proud to give guests a unique fish & chips experience in Denver. "We've dedicated our kitchen to fish & chips, which is a big deal. We have a fryer we only put our fish in and a fryer we only put our chips in."

GB's menu has a variety of fish to choose from (referred to as swimmers) and other English specialties, including bangers (spiced English pork sausage), shepherd's pie, meat pies, pasties (baked pastry), sausage rolls and clam chowder. The chippy offers daily specials, including kids eat free on Sundays, Tilapia Tuesdays and Catfish Saturdays. Patrons can also purchase frozen bangers, meat pies and pasties to cook at home.

The East Colfax location is responsible for making the meat pies and pasties for all three locations from scratch. Stokeld's dad has been making bangers and meat pies since he came to the U.S. in 1963. He and his brothers had a business - Pickwick Pies - in San Francisco until the mid-seventies, supplying bars and restaurants with bangers and pies. Stokeld still uses his dad's meat pie

recipe and his grandfather's pie press from the 1950's.

Giving back to the local community is important to Stokeld. GB hosts two restaurant nights each month in partnership with local schools. The restaurant donates 20 percent of its proceeds from that particular night to local schools when customers mention they are dining in support of a participating school.

Stokeld said his favorite part of owning his own business is the relationship with customers. "I love the interaction with customers and I really love cooking. I love the hospitality side of it - taking care of people and putting smiles on their faces."

GB Fish & Chips is located at 5325 E. Colfax. It is open Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

For the menu and information on catering and private events, visit www.gbfishandchips.com or call 303-333-4551.

Resources

Denver Human Services
Montbello Office
720-944-3666

District 2 Police Department
720-913-1000
Michael.Calo@denvergov.org

District 5 Police Department
720-913-1400
dist5@denvergov.org

Department of Motor Vehicles
720-865-4600

Denver Public Schools
720-423-3200

Denver Workforce Center at
Montbello
720-865-4600

City of Denver Services
311

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Councilman Chris Herndon with volunteers at the 26th Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down at the Colorado National Guard Armory.

What's Happening in December

Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

East Montclair Neighborhood Association Membership Potluck
Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.
CounterPath Press
7934 E. 14th Ave.

Community Events

Winter Movie Night
Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.
The Green at E. 29th Ave.

Parade of Lights
Dec. 2, 8 p.m.
Dec. 3, 6 p.m.
www.paradeoflights.com

Coffee & Cocoa with the Cops
Dec. 3, 1 - 3 p.m.
The Hub
8230 Northfield Blvd. Suite 1350

Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 10, 10 a.m. - 1p.m.
\$5 per person
Central Park Recreation Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

Hiawatha Davis Senior Luncheon
Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel
3203 Quebec St.

Hanukkah
December 24 - January 1

Christmas
Dec. 25
City offices closed Dec. 26

Kwanzaa
December 26 - January 1

Kwanzaa Celebration
Dec. 28, 2 - 3 p.m.
Pauline Robinson Branch Library
5575 E. 33rd Ave.

Noon Year's Noon Celebration
Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Park Hill Branch Library
4705 Montview Blvd.

New Year's Day
Jan. 1
City offices closed Jan. 2

LEAP heating assistance program

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is available to assist Denver residents with home heating costs.

LEAP helps qualifying individuals and families stay warm, save money on heating costs and use their remaining cash to pay for other necessities during the winter months.

During the 2015/2016 season, nearly 12,000 people received assistance paying a portion of their heating costs through LEAP, an increase of nearly 2,000 over the previous year.

Both families and individuals with incomes of up to 165 percent of the federal poverty index may qualify for LEAP.

The annual LEAP program accepts applications through Sunday, April 30, 2017.

To request an application, call 1-866-432-8435 or print an application from www.denvergov.org/LEAP.

Ways to save energy and money:

- Replace your furnace filter every two months during winter.
- Keep curtains, shutters and blinds closed at night and when it is cloudy.
- Turn down your heat; each degree you turn it down will save about three percent on your heating bill.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.