

# Inside District 8

Councilman Christopher Herndon | Denver City Council | October 2016

## A message from Councilman Herndon

With the beginning of fall, there are a number of seasonal activities occupying our time. We begin to think of preparing for the holidays, Broncos football, the changing leaves and cooler temperatures. However, the most important event of the season, I believe, is Election Day, which happens November 8 this year.

I know it seems we are in a constant state of campaigning and some races can only be described as deflating. However, we must not forget the importance and significance of our votes. This November's ballot is quite lengthy, starting with the president and ending with several questions at the state and local level dealing with constitutional amendment thresholds, minimum wage hikes, and Denver Public Schools bond and mill questions, to name a few.

There are a number of important issues voters will decide next month and that's why I urge each and every eligible person to vote. This November will have an impact on our country, state and city. Please take the time to research each issue and make an informed decision.

Denver Elections offers many election resources to voters, including information on 24-hour ballot drop-off locations, Ballot TRACE and access to detailed information on all ballot initiatives. Ballot TRACE allows voters to track their mail ballot envelope from the time it's printed through each phase of processing. Voters can receive messages through



*Digging In: Councilman Chris Herndon and Punch Bowl Social CEO Robert Thompson joined forces on Sept. 16 to break ground at the Stapleton air traffic control tower. The Stapleton location is expected to open in the spring of 2017.*

the Denver Elections Division website, automatic updates via email and tracking updates via text message.

To learn more or sign up for Ballot TRACE, visit the Denver Elections Division website: [denvervotes.org](http://denvervotes.org)

*Christopher Herndon*

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### Road Home Needs Volunteers

Denver's Road Home needs more than 600 volunteers for the annual Project Homeless Connect on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Colorado Convention Center. Project Homeless Connect is a free, one-day event open to people of all ages who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless. Volunteers are paired with individuals and families to help them navigate the many resources available.

For more information on this event and to register to volunteer, please visit [www.bit.ly/denverphc](http://www.bit.ly/denverphc)

# Know your neighbors: Amanda Allshouse

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

I've lived in Stapleton for all of my time in Denver - I moved here 9.5 years ago.



**What do you like most about your neighborhood?**

The proximity to the Anschutz Medical Campus allows me to spend less time in a car commuting.

Over time, the people in this community have become a major part of what makes it special. Now that my oldest child is in elementary school, I am exceedingly grateful to have such amazing public schools. I love that living here allows my son and I to bike to school/work often and that we will be joined by his younger brother when he starts kindergarten next year.

**How are you involved in the community?**

I've had a few different roles over the years, but I'm currently the President of the Board of Directors for Stapleton United Neighbors.

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

In 2009 we conducted a mini community census. I'm a faculty member in the department of Biostatistics and

Informatics in the Colorado School of Public Health, so my background was helpful on this project. Our results were part of what persuaded Denver Public Schools an additional school was needed in our community and Swigert International School was built earlier than would have happened otherwise.

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

SUN is working to set a tone of embracing diversity and inclusivity in Stapleton.

**How do you like to spend your free time?** Before I was a mom, I completed the Boulder Triathlon Series; now I am doing my best to run on Stapleton's wonderful trails several times a week. I love playing piano or guitar and singing loudly, photography, astronomy and the book I'm currently reading is about mindfulness and relaxation.

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

My favorites are driven by not just quality products but relationships with the people who keep the businesses going. Mici's Italian is a family favorite; their owners and staff are so kind and have sponsored SUN regularly over the years. Also, their gelato is delicious. All of my sons' bikes have come from Cycleton and their maintenance crew has been incredibly helpful in keeping our bikes and trailer going over the years. I'm pleased to see progress is still being made on the Nourish Community Market which has early roots in efforts by SUN board members.

## Stapleton Food Drive

Mark your calendars for the annual Stapleton Food Drive, sponsored by New Perspective Real Estate. Food donations will be accepted from Saturday, Oct. 1 - Monday, Oct. 10. [www.StapletonFoodDrive.com](http://www.StapletonFoodDrive.com)



**Donations Accepted  
Oct 1-10, 2016**

## Ethics Board Opening

The Denver City Council is seeking qualified individuals to apply to serve on the City's Board of Ethics.

The Council's appointment will serve with four other members of the board to oversee implementation of the Denver Code of Ethics.

For more information on the selection process, contact Shelley Smith in Denver City Council Legislative Services at [shelley.smith@denvergov.org](mailto:shelley.smith@denvergov.org) or by mail or phone at Denver City Council Office, 1437 Bannock, Room 451, Denver, Colorado 80202 or 720-337-2004.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume, including two professional or community references, by Oct. 12, 2016 via the email or postal address noted above.

DENVER CITY COUNCIL AIDE- DISTRICT 8

## Meet Bonnie Guillen

### What does your job entail?

I am the newest City Council Aide with the District 8 team. I mainly focus on business outreach, office communications and social media. In addition to my communications emphasis, I also assist with constituent services and support.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I am such a people person, so I was really drawn to this job because of the focus on community outreach. I am excited to help plan our District 8 events, including Northeast



Denver Leadership Week and our annual Family Bike Parade. I also look forward to working more closely with our Registered Neighborhood Organizations and other community groups.

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

I hope to establish strong and lasting relationships with the community organizations in our district and truly become a trusted and easily-accessible resource for our wonderful residents!

### What do you do for fun outside of work?

I really enjoy practicing yoga and going to concerts. My husband and I recently adopted our first puppy, so that is taking up a lot of our time! I also love traveling and hope my husband and I continue to have the opportunity to do so.

### What is something the community might not know about you?

I am a second-generation Colorado native and the oldest of three girls. I went to the University of Colorado Boulder where I received my B.S. in Journalism & Mass Communications, with a minor in Political Science. I really miss school and continue to think about pursuing a Master of Business Administration in the future.

### Is there anything else you want to share?

I am really looking forward to beginning the process of buying my first home, ideally in Northeast Denver. I'm also an avid reader and love any chance I can get to sit down with a good book.

## DPD Honors Top Cops



Officers Blake Bishop (Center Left) and Andrew Nielsen (Center-Right) with the Top Cop selection committee.

### District 2

Officers Andrew Nielsen and Blake Bishop heard a call over the radio looking for a suspect involved in two armed robberies traveling in a stolen car. Nielsen and Bishop saw a car matching this description and attempted to stop the vehicle. Rather than pull over, the suspect accelerated. The suspect lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a building and three parked cars. Immediately after the accident, the suspect exited his car and ran from officers. Nielsen and Bishop located the suspect in a nearby store and took him into custody.

### District 5

Corporal Fred Kitchens was dispatched to a domestic violence incident that turned into a barricade situation when the armed suspect refused to come out of his apartment and allow officers to take him into custody. The victim was safely out of the apartment when officers heard a single gunshot. Shortly afterward, the suspect called the victim's cell phone to speak with her. Kitchens answered the call and began a dialogue with the suspect.



The suspect was noticeably intoxicated and easily agitated, however Kitchens continued speaking with the suspect and tried convincing him to come out and safely surrender. The dialogue continued for several hours, as the suspect refused to disarm or surrender. Kitchens ultimately convinced the suspect to come out unarmed and submit to arrest without further incident.

Kitchens is commended for his persistence in maintaining a running dialogue with the suspect, which likely prevented him from hurting himself or escalating the encounter.

# The District Two and District Five Halloween Party & Haunted House



**DATE: Saturday, October 29, 2016**

**TIME: 5:00pm — 8:00pm**

## *Arcade Games*

(Special Guest appearance by)  
McGruff the Crime Dog



**For Children  
0-12 Years of  
age  
With parent or  
guardian**

## Free to the Public



**At the Denver Police  
Academy 2155 Akron Way  
Near Montview & Central  
Park Blvd  
720-913-1000**

# Park Hill Bikes Together brings community closer

What started as a local cycling club eight years ago has turned into a multi-dimensional bike shop and nonprofit. The founders of Bikes Together saw a need for a local bike shop that focused on serving Park Hill and the surrounding communities. Bikes Together strives to foster an accessible bicycling environment in Denver by providing bike education, bike maintenance and access to bikes through their free and earned bike programs and retail sales. With a mix of full and part-time employees and dedicated volunteers, Bikes Together has earned a reputation for making a difference in the community.

The organization's ultimate goal is to get as many people on bikes as possible, while cultivating an atmosphere that teaches the community about bike safety and proper maintenance. "The more people know about their bikes, the better they take care of them and the more they ride them," said Andrew Thomas, General Manager of Park Hill Bikes Together.

Hundreds of active volunteers help keep Bikes Together a dynamic part of the community. Volunteers have the ability to work on general bicycle maintenance, including: wrenching, patching tubes and cleaning bikes. They also have the opportunity to teach classes and participate in off-site events. "We could not keep the doors open without our volunteers," said Thomas. "They are the ones taking the parts off bikes and refurbishing all of the bikes we give away."

Bikes Together offers a variety of programs, including: Fix Your Bike, Earn a Bike, Bike Rodeo, Bike Camp, and classes such as Mechanics 101 and Wheel Building.

Fix Your Bike offers adults and youth the chance to work one-on-one with a



*Volunteer Shop Leads John Elmblad (Left) and Rod Leman (Right) work on two bikes for the Bike Rodeo and Earn a Bike Programs.*

volunteer to learn how to fix and maintain their bike at minimal cost. Bikes Together provides the space, tools, and volunteer help for free and sells new and used parts in their retail shop.

The popular Earn a Bike program is geared toward individuals 14 years and older who do not have access to a bicycle. Participants are required to volunteer 10 hours at either Bikes Together or a partner organization and attend a bike basics and safety class. At the end of the class, they receive a bike, new helmet and lock.

Bike Rodeo is open to kids 3-13 years of age and focuses on creating life-long cyclists. Participants attend a 90-minute class focusing on safety and maintenance and receive a free bike, new helmet and bike lock. Thomas says an added bonus is allowing youth who go through the program to 'trade up' for another refurbished bike when they outgrow their current one. The organization has given out over 1,200 bikes through Bike Rodeo since 2008.

Thomas said his favorite part of working at Bikes Together is the people. "Every day I stop and think about how amazing the atmosphere here is because of the unbridled generosity of everyone coming in and working together on something to help others. It's not like any other place I've ever volunteered or worked."

Bikes Together recently opened a second retail location at 1060 Osage St. and is in the process of fully opening their 4,000 square foot warehouse location in Park Hill. The warehouse will allow the organization to store bicycles for their Earn a Bike and Bike Rodeo programs.

"We need both donations and volunteers to keep us open. People donate their time, their old parts and financially. That's the amazing thing about Bikes Together - the incredible generosity," Thomas said.

Park Hill Bikes Together is located at 2825 Fairfax St. For detailed hours and program information, visit [bikestogether.org](http://bikestogether.org) or call 303-393-1963.

## 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  
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City of Denver Services  
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*Councilman Chris Herndon congratulates the Denver Outlaws lacrosse team on their 2016 MLL Championship.*

## What's Happening in October

### Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

**Montbello 2020**  
Oct. 6, 6 p.m.  
4685 Peoria St

**Greater Park Hill Community**  
Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
2823 Fairfax St.

**Northeast Park Hill Coalition**  
Oct. 13, 6 p.m.  
3921 Holly St.

**East Montclair Neighborhood Association**  
Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.  
CounterPath Press  
7934 E. 14th Ave.

**Stapleton United Neighbors**  
Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Park Recreation Center  
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

### Community Events

**Farmer's Market**  
Oct. 2, 9 and 16  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
The Green at 29th Ave.

**Star Wars Reads Week**  
**Come to the Park Side of the Force**  
Oct. 15, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Park Hill Library  
4705 E. Montview Blvd.

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**  
Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Denver Police District 2  
3921 Holly St.

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science - Free Day**  
Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
2001 Colorado Blvd.

**Police District 2 Community Advisory Board Meeting**  
Oct. 27, 6 p.m.  
3921 Holly St.

**Active Minds Seminar-Yemen**  
Oct. 27, 6:45 p.m.  
Montbello Branch Library  
12955 Albrook Dr.

**Denver Police Department Districts 2 & 5 Halloween Party**  
Oct. 29, 5 - 8 p.m.  
Denver Police Academy  
2155 N. Akron Way

## Technology Can Help Prevent Garage Burglaries

When we leave for work in the morning or go about our daily activities, it can be easy to forget to close the garage door. When garage doors are left open, it can result in a burglary to a garage and possibly the home. Automatic garage door closing devices can help prevent this from happening.

A few options are the Garage Guardian, Magic Closer and MyQ Universal Smartphone - Smartphone Garage Door Closer. Most of these devices give the user several options as to how long the door stays open with simple programming. The controller typically

wires into the inside button to activate the door and is easy to install.

### Simple Safety Tips:

- Never leave your garage remote inside your vehicle
- Replace your clip-on remote with a keychain version
- Let your neighbors know if their garage door is open
- Report any suspicious activity or people in your neighborhood to police

Please be mindful of your garage doors and help keep everyone safe!