

Inside District 8

Councilman Christopher Herndon | Denver City Council | August 2017

A message from Councilman Herndon

August is here and it's back to school time! I wish the very best to our students as they get ready for another academic year. August also means Denver Days and with that, our Family Bike Parade! Please join us on Saturday, August 5th, at 9 a.m. at the 29th Avenue Green in Stapleton. We'll bike from there to the Smiley Campus at 26th Avenue and Holly Street in Park Hill, where there will be food, music, games, and a host of community partners. We'll even have a special guest appearance by a mascot from one of our professional sports teams. It's a great event for all ages and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

On the legislative front, the bond process continues to move forward. During the last two weeks of July, City Council discussed the proposed list from the mayor. There are 460 projects on the list, totaling over 900 million dollars. The proposed improvements will impact all neighborhoods, with updates to parks, facilities and our roads. District 8 will benefit significantly from the bond. Of the 11 districts, our district received the 5th highest amount of funding - over 60 million dollars. Pauline Robinson Library will receive much-needed renovations and our Police District 5 will move to a new, larger facility. Perhaps most exciting: the East Colfax corridor will see some long-overdue attention with a 20 million dollar investment for improvements.

This November, voters will decide if Denver can move forward with this General Obligation Bond, which will not raise taxes. On Monday, August 7th, there will be a public hearing for people to share their thoughts on the General Obligation Bond. For information on signing up to speak, call 720-337-2000.



The District 8 team and Northeast Denver Leadership Week 2017 students at the Park Hill 4th of July Parade.

Adoptable pet of the month



Digit has been at Denver Animal Shelter for over two months and would love to meet her new family! Digit is a sweet girl who is four years old and loves attention. She would do well with other cats but can be overwhelmed by kids so she'd love an adult only home.

Contact the District 8 Office

4685 Peoria St., Suite 245
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday
720-337-8888

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Councilman Herndon's Family Bike Parade

Saturday, August 5 at 9 a.m.
Denver Days Event

Parade route begins:

The Green at 29th & Roslyn in Stapleton

Parade route ends:

Smiley Campus
2540 Holly St.

Celebration:

Smiley Campus until 11:30

FOOD!

MUSIC!

FREE GAMES!

FAMILY FUN!



CrossPurpose: career and community development program

CrossPurpose is a career and community development program which equips individuals to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

The free 12-month program provides soft skills development, individual coaching, and pays participants to complete certification programs in some of Colorado's most rapidly growing industries. Participants build skills to help them enter careers that lead to higher wages and advancement opportunities.

CrossPurpose is also in need of Allies - volunteers who make a 10-month commitment to a participant in the program. Allies provide relational support and encouragement as participants make the difficult journey to financial freedom.

For information about the program and Ally opportunities, visit crosspurpose.org/get-involved, or contact Bekah Ciccarello, Community Partner and Volunteer Coordinator, at Bekah@crosspurpose.org or by calling 720-577-5725.

General Obligation (GO) Bond update

Mayor Hancock and City Council recently released a list of infrastructure improvement projects to be included on the November ballot. The list includes 460 projects in every area of the city and is valued at \$937 million. Without raising tax rates, these projects will allow the city to make essential repairs to streets, parks and recreation centers, police and fire stations, and libraries and cultural centers. Council meets August 7th and 14th to consider the final package.

The list includes:

- Transportation projects that will help complete and connect pedestrian, bicycle and transit systems – and repave streets, fill potholes and make roadways safer.
- Projects to repair and improve parks and playgrounds.
- Upgrades to police and fire stations, including the Police District 5 Station and Fire Station 27.
- Renovations to libraries – including improvements to the Downtown Central Library, Pauline Robinson Library and branches across Denver.

For more information about the 2017 GO Bond process, visit denvergov.org/2017GObond. For questions or to add a comment about a project, email 2017gobond@denvergov.org.

Please Join Us For

MAYOR MICHAEL B. HANCOCK'S CABINET in the COMMUNITY

Saturday, August 26, 2017 | 9:00 - 11:00am

Johnson & Wales University

EVENT CENTER

1900 Olive St. | Denver, CO 80220

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Interactive City Fair

Town Hall

Job Fair

FREE

Continental Breakfast and
Multiple Parking Lot Choices

For Questions, Email:

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SIGNLANGUAGESERVICES@DENVERGOV.ORG

For Spanish Translation Services, Email:

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Meet Reverend Dr. James E. Foucher Jr.

Tell me about how you first got connected with the United Church of Montbello?

The United Church of Montbello engaged in a national search for their Senior Pastor. I came to know the church through the Pastoral Search Committee. I was pleased when they extended an offer for me to come from Sarasota, Florida to be their Senior Pastor in March 2003.



From L to R: Angelle Collins Foucher and Rev. Dr. James Ellis Foucher, Jr.

Tell me about your connection with the Montbello community?

I am living for the first time with my family in the church parsonage; we live one mile from the church. I'm a founding member of Montbello Organizing Committee (MOC). The committee has come together over the last three years to organize the community and make sure community power is shared by residents of all racial, ethnic heritages and backgrounds. We continue our work to get a full-service grocery store for the Montbello area.

What do you like most about your neighborhood?

I love our Montbello parks. I am an avid walker - I have a Fitbit and I try to take at least 8,500 steps a day. This has given me the opportunity to walk Silverman Park, Montbello Central Park, Falcon Park - all over the community. I also love our community recreation center.

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

I am proudest of the relationships I've been able to build person-to-person. I also work with our church liturgical dancers; they are their own 501 (c) (3). I don't think any change happens without relationships, especially within our community that is changing so quickly and has changed significantly over the past 14 years I've been here.

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

I certainly hope all residents know that Food Bank of the Rockies runs a mobile food bank on the parking lot of our church where no identification is needed. Folks can come every first and third Thursday from 8 - 11:30 a.m. They are here to make sure more residents who need food, get food.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I enjoy golf, reading and walking. I also enjoy quiet times with my wife and two daughters when we are able to get around the table together. Those times are special for me.

What is one of your favorite businesses/restaurants in the community? Trina's is a wonderful establishment. I love their rib tips. I love the people who run the restaurant, they are very genial and hospitable; I appreciate them very much.

Free small business development services

Are you interested in starting your own business or expanding your existing one? Denver's Office of Economic Development is offering free business development services at the Arie P. Taylor building in Montbello. Meet with an expert who can help answer your questions about financing, licensing, tax credit programs, and much more. Walk-in assistance is available every first and third Friday, noon – 3 p.m. in the first floor conference room.

ARE YOU READY TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

DENVER OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WE CAN HELP!

FREE ADVISORY HOURS
Arie P. Taylor Building
4685 Peoria St. Denver, CO 80239
1st and 3rd Friday of every month
Noon to 3 p.m.

Walk in. No appointment needed.

- Options for financing
- Learn about tax credits
- How to get licensed
- Find a great location
- Tap into a wealth of free training, counseling, support, and networking
- What to expect when you hire employees
- And much more!

Northfield Safety Expo



When:
08/05/2017
10:00am-2:00pm

Where:
Next to Northfield main street
E 47th Ave. & N Verbena St

What:
Come join us at the Northfield Safety Expo. We will be right next to the Horsefeather's Classic car show. We will have All kinds of people coming out to teach you about safety.

- Denver Police Department
- Denver Police Command Post
- Denver Sheriff Department
- Xcel
- Denver Fire Department
- Denver 911
- Colorado Rapids
- and many more.

Come out and stop by and get to see some cool stuff.



JAMMIN' 101.5
Will also be out with us!!

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FAMILY AND ADULT ASSISTANCE DIVISION
SATELLITE OFFICES MANAGER, DENVER HUMAN SERVICES

Meet Pam Flowers

What does your job entail?

As the manager for Denver Human Services satellite offices (East and Montbello), I oversee the business processes at those locations, monitoring our progress and making sure we're serving clients in the best way we can. Our teams of eligibility technicians and supervisors strive to provide our clients with same-day service (something we're very proud of), which ensures access to needed services and benefits in a shorter amount of time.



Pam Flowers

What do you enjoy most about your job?

My favorite part of my job and what I enjoy most is knowing that we're providing services that help our neighbors and fellow community members live healthier, happier lives. We're providing these services in the neighborhoods where they live, making a visit to one of our offices easier and more convenient.

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

I would say our impact is pretty big and pretty positive. We know that people don't generally want to come to see us, but in reality, DHS serves roughly one in three Denver residents, so there's definitely a need. Our goal is to protect those in harm's way and help all people in need, and we work really hard to make our clients comfortable and give them the most positive experience with us that we can.

What do you do for fun outside of work?

My husband and I work different hours, so the time we get to spend together is very precious to me. We enjoy playing cards together in our card club. I also enjoy reading.

What is something the community might not know about you?

I grew up in the bologna capital of the United States, also known as Lebanon, Pennsylvania. On New Year's Eve, they drop a giant bologna instead of a ball.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

Our teams at East and Montbello are absolutely fantastic and I'm extremely proud of the work we do and the culture we've built. Everyone is so committed to the work we do, the people we serve and each other. It's really a unique and incredible environment.

Denver Police Department honors Top Cops

District 2

Officers responded to a robbery in progress call where the suspect reportedly had a hand grenade. Officer Brandon Tucker observed the suspect attempting to pull the retaining pin on the grenade and tased the suspect, striking him in the back. Officers Alex Solano and Jeremy Jenkins arrived on scene. After the Taser cycle completed, the suspect rose, started running, and pulled the retaining pin on the grenade. Tucker reactivated the Taser and the suspect fell, dropping the grenade. The suspect began to stand again. Tucker contact tased the suspect on the shoulder and officers took him into custody. Officer Reyes Trujillo kicked the grenade away from officers and the suspect. A perimeter was established around the grenade and residents from nearby homes were advised to shelter in place. The grenade was rendered inert, but it was confirmed to be a military-issue grenade.

District 5



Corporal Rigoberto Gomez



Officer Aldo Salayandia

Corporal Rigoberto Gomez and Officer Aldo Salayandia were on routine patrol when they came across a vehicle stopped in traffic. Gomez and Salayandia approached the vehicle and discovered the driver had run out of gas. Officers worked to push the stalled vehicle out of traffic and discovered that the driver was accompanied by two children in car seats. Once the car was safely to the side of the road, officers offered to help the driver get to a gas station, but the two children could not fit in the police car with their car seats. The officers drove to the nearest gas station and bought a gas can with their own money, filled it with fuel, and then returned to the stranded driver. After filling the empty tank, the officers discovered that the car's battery had died. The officers found cables to jump the car and sent the family safely on their way.

Gomez and Salayandia are commended for their selfless assistance to a citizen in need.

Greater Park Hill Community's emergency food pantry puts community first

Greater Park Hill Community's (GPHC) emergency food pantry has been an integral part of the neighborhood organization since the late 1960s. GPHC provides Park Hill neighbors in need with a three-day supply of food, up to nine times per year. The pantry serves approximately 30 - 50 households per month and an average of 1,300 residents per year.

The pantry operates year-round on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Residents can select food and other items from eight categories: vegetables, fruits, protein, packaged meals, carbohydrates, miscellaneous, bonus items and household/hygiene items. Sierra E. Fleenor, executive director of GPHC says that their client-choice model gives residents freedom to choose their food and reduces waste.

In addition to donations received from individual residents, the pantry receives a large portion of food from 6 - 8 community organizations each month, including St. Thomas Episcopal Church and community garden, Messiah Community Church, Park Hill Branch Library and AARP Queen City Chapter #995. GPHC also partners with Food Bank of the Rockies to purchase food and implement best practices, including proper food storage.

"The most incredible part is that we don't actually end up purchasing food very often," said Fleenor. "If we were to purchase food, Food Bank of the Rockies has the most remarkable program. You can get a case of 300 of something for three dollars; it's just not comparable to what people can buy on their own."



From left to right: Volunteers Erin Green, Donna Westmoreland, and Greater Park Hill Community Executive Director Sierra E. Fleenor.

Along with the emergency food pantry, the organization operates a free farm stand, weekend food program for students and a Thanksgiving box giveaway. The farm stand is open on Mondays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (June through October). The weekend food program provides Park Hill school children with a combination of breakfast, lunch and snack items each weekend to replicate the food they receive during the week through the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, as well as providing additional food to supplement the families' meals. The Thanksgiving box giveaway distributes 300 baskets, including a turkey and all the fixings for a full holiday meal.

The emergency food pantry welcomes new volunteers and the opportunity for more community engagement. The organization is hosting a volunteer fair and ice cream social on Saturday, August 12th, noon – 2 p.m at the Park Hill Branch Library. Donations of food, money and kitchen essentials are always welcome.

Fleenor is thankful for support from the community, including the many volunteers who help keep the emergency food pantry, fresh farm stand, weekend food program and Thanksgiving box giveaway running.

"It's amazing that people have this desire to give and our clients really appreciate it. It's not an easy time for a lot of our neighbors and it's a time when there is a lot of uncertainty in many ways."

The Greater Park Hill Community Emergency Food Pantry is located at 2823 Fairfax St. For more information on the pantry and other GPHC programs, visit greaterparkhill.org, or call 303-388-0918.



Fresh vegetables at the free farm stand.

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 and Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman at the Park Hill 4th of July Parade.

What's happening in August

Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

Montbello 2020
Aug. 3, 6 p.m.
4685 Peoria St.

Greater Park Hill Community
Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m.
2823 Fairfax St.

East Montclair Neighborhood Association
Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Counterpath Press
7935 E. 14th Ave.

Stapleton United Neighbors
Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Central Park Recreation Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

Community Events

Fresh Farm Stand
Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
4685 Peoria St.

Denver Days
Aug. 5 - 13
denvergov.org/denverdays

Family Bike Parade
Aug. 5, 9 - 11:30 a.m.
The Green at 29th Ave. & 2540 Holly St.

Creepy Crawly Storytime
Aug. 10, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Montbello Branch Library
12955 Albrook Dr.

Greater Park Hill Community & Denver Public Library Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Fair
Aug. 12, noon - 2 p.m.
Park Hill Branch Library
4705 Montview Blvd.

Shakespeare on the Green
Aug. 17 - 19, 7 p.m.
The Green at 29th Ave.

MHCD Dahlia Campus 2nd Annual Family Block Party
Aug. 26, 1 - 5 p.m.
3401 Eudora St.

Internet safety tips from the Denver DA

- Beware of adware, spyware, and viruses. These can mess up your system, slow computer performance, and steal any personal passwords and information you use and keep on the computer or on the web.
 - Install trustworthy protection software and keep yourself protected with updated versions.
 - Use a firewall to prevent hackers from attacking your computer remotely.
 - Never open unscreened email from a contact you don't know: if in doubt, trash it.
 - Block pop-ups.
 - Download free software only from a reputable and trustworthy company.
 - Use encryption to protect your personal information.
 - Log off all websites and shut down your computer when not in use. This is a difficult discipline, but very worthwhile.
 - After using a public computer, log off all websites and delete history, downloads, and cookies.
 - Protect your home/work wireless network with encryption. Hide your network name and use Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA). Frequently change your encryption password.
- If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, fraud or identity theft, call the Denver District Attorney Fraud Line: 720-913-9179.