

# Inside District 8

Councilman Christopher Herndon | Denver City Council | October 2017

## A message from Councilman Herndon

The weather is cooling off but City Council's agenda is heating up. We're moving through the annual budget process and I encourage you all to share your input on the 2018 budget. Mayor Hancock submitted a nearly \$1.4 billion spending plan to Council. It focuses on issues such as mobility and transportation, housing, homelessness, behavioral health and public safety to name a few. This is your budget and I welcome your feedback on it. I'd like to know if you feel the city is utilizing your tax dollars effectively and on issues that matter to you.

The next election is in early November and I want to stress how important I believe it is for everyone to participate and make informed choices. There are two issues that will be particularly impactful: school board seats and the General Obligation Bond. Last month we listed the improvements that will happen in District 8 should the Bond be approved and I hope that will help you make an informed decision. For more information on the bond, visit: [denvergov.org/2017GObond](http://denvergov.org/2017GObond). For school board seats, most of council district 8 residents will vote for school board district 4 and at-large. Please take time to research the candidates and make an informed decision.

Please join me at the police academy this month for their Halloween extravaganza. Denver Police Districts 2 and 5 do an incredible job creating a fun, festive and safe place for children each Halloween. There will be carnival games, a haunted house, and of course candy. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Councilman Chris Herndon with the owners of Goldfish Swim School in Stapleton. From L to R: Amy Kohl Turner, Councilman Herndon and Patrick Turner.

As you're preparing your yards for fall and winter, please remember you can drop off your leaves at locations across the city to be turned into compost. For more information on the program visit [denvergov.org/denverrecycles](http://denvergov.org/denverrecycles) and click on the 'composting' tab.

## Adoptable pet of the month



Sweet Arnold is a 10-year-old Chihuahua who is hoping to find his forever home. He is a charming gentleman looking for a quieter retirement spot where he can relax and be pampered. Arnold does well with other small dogs and walks nicely on leash. Come meet Arnold at Denver Animal Shelter, 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

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

**DATE: Tuesday, October 31, 2017**  
**TIME: 5:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Arcade Games**  
(Special Guest appearance by)  
McGruff the Crime Dog

**Free to the Public**

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

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



## Low-cost spay & neuter services

The Dumb Friends League Lulu Mobile will be at the Montbello Family Health Center (12600 E. Albrook Dr.) every Wednesday.

Why get your pet fixed? He/she will be:

- Calmer and more affectionate
- Less likely to develop cancers and therefore live longer
- Less likely to cause fights or jump the fence and run away
- Most importantly, unable to produce unwanted puppies

Surgery is \$50 with income qualification and includes core vaccines. You must be at the clinic location by 7:30 a.m. with your pet and service is on a first-come, first-served basis. Spay/neuter surgery is safe for puppies eight weeks and older, weighing two pounds or more. Feed a small amount to all animals under the age of six months the morning of the surgery. All animals over six months of age – withhold food after midnight. You must pick up your pet the same day at the specified time given to you at check-in. Pre-surgical blood work is recommended prior to surgery, but is not required. Denver city ordinance require dogs over six months be fixed. For more information on income qualification requirements and pre-surgical instructions, visit [ddf.org/spayneuter/](http://ddf.org/spayneuter/) or call 303-751-5772.

## Free e-Tuk circulator in Stapleton

Every Sunday, October 1 – December 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Northeast Transportation Connections (NETC) in partnership with Denver-based eTuk will provide a free trial circulator from 29th Avenue Town Center to Stanley Marketplace. An eTuk is a 100 percent electric TukTuk (essentially an electric pedicab).

The eTuks will stop along 29th Avenue at Central Park Boulevard and at Beeler Street with signs clearly displayed at each stop. There will be two circulating eTuks that can fit six people each.

For more information on the eTuk circulator, visit [etukride.com/circulators](http://etukride.com/circulators).



## Help Build a Playground



**Sat. October 14th, 2017**

**NE Park Hill Children's Campus: 3350 Hudson St.**



DENVER  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY



**Volunteer Sign Up:**

**WEB: <http://tiny.cc/play17>**

**EMAIL: [play@joinroots.org](mailto:play@joinroots.org)**

## Know your neighbors: Mary Blackmon

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

I live in Park Hill and I've been here for the last seven years since the Dahlia Square Senior Apartments opened.



Mary Blackmon

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

I like the diversity of the neighborhood, the potential for growth, and I enjoy the opportunity to be a part of that growth.

### How are you involved in the community?

I like to keep seniors actively involved in what is going on in the community. I'm organizing an end of the year dance to encourage seniors in Park Hill and Northeast Denver to network with each other, dance, meet friends and to celebrate the coming new year. I'm also involved at the Dahlia Campus for Health & Well-Being. It's a state-of-the-art facility with a lot of opportunities for the community. I am involved in an art program at the Dahlia Campus where I mentor kids, which is very rewarding for me.

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

Being on the board at Salvation Army to make the community of Park Hill and Northeast Denver a better place to live.

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

I want people to know about the Dahlia Campus and the many opportunities available for the community. It is not only for Park Hill but for surrounding neighborhoods in Northeast Denver.

### How do you like to spend your free time?

When I have free time, I like to read and help people find resources. More importantly, I like to spend time with my family and friends. My immediate family is on the East Coast but I do have relatives in Denver as well.

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

I enjoy the Welton Street Café in Five Points, the catfish is excellent. I also like Famous Dave's barbecue off 36th Ave.

## Stapleton Community Food Drive

Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Stapleton Community Food Drive, sponsored by New Perspective Real Estate. Food donations will be accepted through Monday, October 9.

There are three ways to donate:

- White collection bags will be delivered to Stapleton homes on Saturday, September 30. Place the bag, filled with non-perishable food items on your front porch by Saturday, October 7 before 9 a.m.
- Make a cash donation to the Food Bank of the Rockies. For more information, visit <http://fbr.convio.net/site/StapletonFoodDrive17> or to give to the school food pantry of your choice, visit [stapletonfooddrive.com](http://stapletonfooddrive.com).
- Bring your donations to one of the food drive sponsors or participating schools.



## Denver Sheriff Department academy

The Denver Sheriff Department is currently seeking 40 qualified applicants for the position of Deputy Sheriff to begin on February 26, 2018.

Application deadline is Monday, January 8, 2018. For more information, visit <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/sheriff-department/jobs.html>.



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SENIOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, DENVER  
ELECTIONS DIVISION

### Meet Alton Dillard

#### What does your job entail?

I'm the spokesperson for the Denver Elections Division. In addition to doing media relations, I serve as legislative liaison and manage our web and social media presence along with our communications specialist. Our team also provides customer service to elected officials, candidates, campaigns and issue committees and does community outreach.



Alton Dillard

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

The fact that no two days are alike. One day I'm taking photos, Facebooking and Tweeting and the next I'm working with producers from international media outlets or meeting visiting delegations who've come to see our organization's processes. As someone who was on staff in the old Election Commission days when the 2006 election went south, it's gratifying to have worked for the visionaries who have turned us into an organization that has won numerous national and international awards. I work with some brilliant people here.

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

As a former U.S. Senate Press Secretary who also played a constituent service role, I try to have impact in the community by being responsive and keeping the public informed. I'm that person who's been on terminal hold or not responded to so that drives my commitment to customer service. I also have been a volunteer assistant basketball coach for the past 15 years and I've been the varsity boys assistant at Montbello High School for the past six seasons.

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

In addition to loving live music, I am an avid cyclist. I took up the sport at 47, have been riding for seven years and will hit the 12,000-mile mark this month. For context, a pro covers 25,000 miles a year, but not too bad for a weekend warrior.

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

That I was an All-City vocalist in high school (and an East Angelaire) and still take the drums for a spin from time to time. My first city job was as a seasonal laborer in Washington Park and I'm a fourth generation college graduate who graduated into a recession so I drove a rental car shuttle at the old Stapleton Airport in my 20s. Don't let the suits fool you, I'm a lunch-bucket guy.

## Denver Police Department honors Top Cops

### District 2

Corporal Jeff Behnke, Corporal Timothy Scudder and Officer Crystal Thomas were dispatched to a family disturbance call. The caller told dispatch she had been diagnosed with schizophrenia, that her mother and sister were hypnotizing her and she was armed with a kitchen knife. Paramedics arrived and determined she needed to be placed on a mental health hold. When officers informed the woman she would have to go to the hospital, she refused to stand up from her chair. Scudder reached for the woman's arm to help her, while Thomas stood behind the chair. The woman drew a large fixed blade knife and Behnke deployed his Taser, striking her in the midsection. She dropped the knife and the officers placed her in handcuffs. Paramedics provided immediate medical assistance and removed the Taser probes. The woman was transported to the hospital where she received a full medical evaluation.



### District 5

Officer Kyllion Chafin was conducting a routine patrol when he saw an individual matching the description of a suspect involved in several residential burglaries. Chafin attempted to contact the suspect, but he ran away. Chafin followed the suspect and requested additional officers respond. The suspect reached into his waistband, pulled a handgun, and pointed it at Chafin. Despite the immediate deadly threat, Chafin did not fire his weapon but instead took cover and ordered the suspect to disarm at gunpoint. The suspect complied with the order, tossed his weapon to the ground and submitted to arrest. The suspect was later found to be wanted for several violent felony crimes.



Officer Kyllion Chafin

Chafin is commended for his safe, measured approach and his clear recognition of the sanctity of life, which served to avert a potential deadly force encounter.

# Ed Moore Florist: decades of experience and a personal touch

Ed Moore Florist has been a part of the East Colfax and Park Hill communities for the past 69 years. Owner Lydia Mary has over 43 years of experience in the floral industry and is an accredited member of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD). Lydia has always had a passion for the floral industry and began her career at a young age.

“I was 15 and there was flower shop on the corner of the street where I lived in Detroit,” said Lydia. “I was out with my mom looking for a job. The flower shop owner happened to walk out and said he could use a janitor. The first day I actually started putting mums in crosses for funerals and knew I was destined to be a florist.”

The 4,000-square-foot shop includes a greenhouse with a variety of house plants, refrigerated section for fresh flowers, balloons, greeting cards, seasonal décor and special occasion gifts. Customers can order custom floral arrangements and gift baskets for a variety of occasions, including weddings, birthdays, parties and anniversaries. Arrangements start at around \$20, with delivery across the Denver metro area. The floral shop orders flowers from all over the world, including California, Colombia and Ecuador.

Unlike some online floral delivery services, Ed Moore does not charge a service fee when customers place an order. Lydia explains that customers of these online services can be caught by surprise at the total price they pay after services fees are added.



*Ed Moore Florist owner Lydia Mary stands behind the counter of the shop.*

“If someone spends \$50 on a bouquet of flowers from an ‘order gatherer,’ once it’s all said and done with tax, service and delivery fees, it’s \$75. Customers then expect to see a \$75 arrangement, but they only get a \$50 arrangement.”

Staying current within the floral industry requires Lydia and her designers to attend floral shows and seminars. Lydia is proud of her designers and their commitment to customer service.

“I have really good designers and am really proud of them,” said Lydia. “They are very creative and produce good, clean work. I receive a lot of compliments on my staff being very helpful and friendly.”

Lydia values the challenges and flexibility that come with owning her own business. She enjoys the central location of the shop and the sense of community in the Northeast Denver neighborhood.

Lydia and her team give back to the community through silent auction donations to local schools and organizations. Ed Moore Florist donates flowers and balloons to the Park Hill Home Tour every year.

Ed Moore Florist is located at 6101 E. Colfax Ave. It is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and closed on Sundays. For more information or to place an order, visit [edmooreflorist.net](http://edmooreflorist.net), or call 303-322-7735.



*Customers can purchase balloons and greeting cards at Ed Moore Florist.*

## 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 Mayor Michael Hancock at Cabinet in the Community at Johnson & Wales University.*

## What's happening in October

### Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

**Montbello 2020**  
Oct. 5, 6 p.m.  
Montbello Recreation Center  
15555 E. 53rd Ave.

**Greater Park Hill Community Annual Community Meeting**  
Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Park Hill Golf Club  
4141 E. 35th Ave.

**Northeast Park Hill Coalition**  
Oct. 12, 6 p.m.  
3921 Holly St.

**East Colfax Neighborhood Association**  
Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Counterpath Press  
7935 E. 14th Ave.

**Stapleton United Neighbors**  
Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Park Recreation Center  
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

### Community Events

**7th Annual Stapleton Community Food Drive**  
Sept. 30 - Oct. 9  
stapletonfooddrive.com

**Compost Workshop with Denver Urban Gardens**  
Oct. 7, 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
2823 Fairfax St.

**Pumpkin Patch & Final Farmers Market**  
Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
The Green at 29th Ave.

**Upcycled Spooky Castles**  
Oct. 31, 4 - 5 p.m.  
Montbello Branch Library  
12955 Albrook Dr.

**Denver Police Department Districts 2 & 5 Halloween Party**  
Oct. 31, 5 - 8 p.m.  
Denver Police Academy  
2155 N. Akron Way

## Equifax data breach advice from the Denver DA

The Denver District Attorney's Office has been working closely with the Colorado Bureau of Investigations to provide the most up-to-date information on the Equifax data breach. The recent announcement regarding the data breach at Equifax has many people concerned about how to respond. Here are a few ways to help protect your identity:

- If you already have a credit monitoring/ID theft protection service, contact them immediately to determine what assistance they can provide.
- Obtain a copy of your credit report via [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).
- Set up a fraud alert or credit freeze with the credit reporting agencies via [consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov).
- At this time, you may have difficulty placing the fraud alert or credit freeze at Equifax. Set it up with the other two credit reporting agencies and return to Equifax at a later date to set the freeze up on their site.
- Consider your children's credit reports

as well as your own. In Colorado, the law says that "all consumers" may place a credit freeze. As your child's guardian or parent, you may freeze their credit to protect them.

- Notify all financial institutions that you may be the victim of a data breach and see what protections they have available to protect your accounts, including bank or credit union and all credit card or loan companies.
- Monitor accounts for any suspicious or fraudulent activities. Do not access accounts on a public WI-FI network.
- If you know your ID has been breached, complete an IRS Form 14039 (IRS ID Theft Affidavit) to alert the IRS that someone else may file fraudulent tax returns in your name.

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.