Inside District 8

Councilman Christopher Herndon | Denver City Council | September 2017

A message from Councilman Herndon

In August, City Council voted on several major legislative items that will have significant impacts on our city. There are two in particular I'd like to highlight here.

Council approved Denver International Airport's (DEN) $1.8 billion Great Hall renovation project. I am a strong supporter of the project for a number of reasons, the first being security. We know there are vulnerabilities with our current security configuration. All airports had to adjust to post- 9/11 needs and DEN did its best, but it's time for a safer configuration to move passengers through the security screening process. The second reason is the need for modernization. The airport's 1990s design isn't aligned with today's needs. Over the past few years, the airlines have given nearly 15 percent (over 158,000 square feet) of ticketing space back to the airport. With current technology, there simply isn't a need for the space and the airport is wise to modernize and find new ways to use their space effectively. Lastly: efficiency and experience. The new equipment DEN will utilize for security is state-of-the-art and DEN will be the first airport in the country to implement it. I traveled to Europe to experience the new technology already in use there and it will move passengers more efficiently and, I believe, reduce stress for travelers. Ferrovial, one of DEN's partners in this public-private partnership, currently runs one of the terminals at London Heathrow, which was just voted the 9th best airport in the world. DEN is on track to create a travel experience that rivals major international airports. I'm incredibly excited about this and look forward to the final product.

Another notable piece of legislation was Council's decision to approve a $937 million bond package to go before voters this fall. I encourage voters to view the list of projects at denvergov.org/2017GOBond and make an informed decision.

Councilman Chris Herndon and Bernie, the mascot from the Colorado Avalanche, lead riders in the annual Family Bike Parade.

Adoptable pet of the month

Rhea and Loki are best friends who have lived together their whole lives. They can be a little shy at first, but once warmed up, these two are absolute love bugs. Rhea is a sweet girl who loves to be scratched behind her ears. Loki is a shy boy, but with some coaxing (and some treats), he will be rolling around on the floor and purring at you in no time. Loki will need a little time to adjust to his new home and would very much like to be adopted with his sister, Rhea. You can meet Rhea and Loki at Denver Animal Shelter, 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

Contact the District 8 Office

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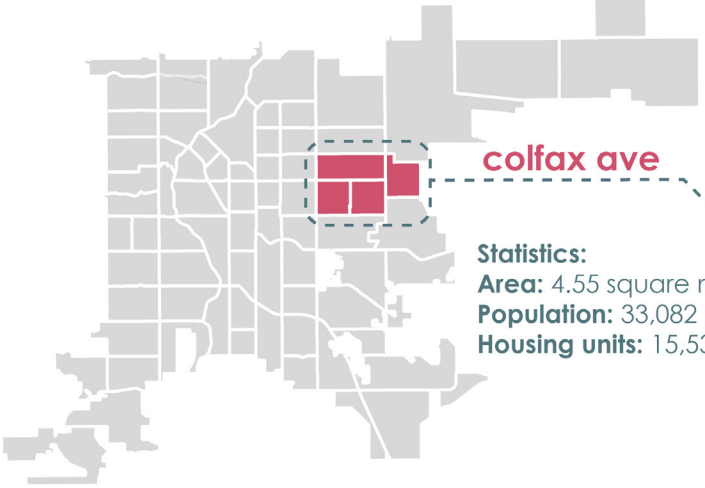
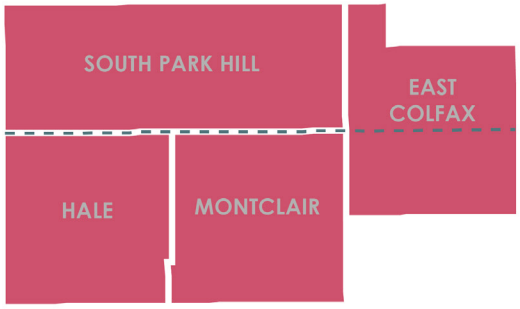
EAST AREA PLAN



Statistics:
Area: 4.55 square miles
Population: 33,082 people
Housing units: 15,533 units

Do you live or work in one of these neighborhoods?



Help shape the future of your neighborhood!

NPI neighborhood planning initiative

DENVER COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The East Planning Area includes the statistical neighborhoods adjacent to Colfax Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Yosemite Street (Denver's eastern city limit). The area is experiencing some significant changes, including the 9th and Colorado mixed use project and planned Bus Rapid Transit along Colfax. The Neighborhood Planning Initiative provides a great opportunity to establish the community's vision for maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in these neighborhoods for decades to come.

To learn more and help shape the plan, please visit: denvergov.org/eastplan

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

TAKE THE SURVEY!

The East Area Plan is underway. The City needs your help establishing the community's vision for the next 20 years. Your participation is crucial for making sure the plan truly reflects the community's hopes for the future.

This survey is the first of several activities – both online and in-person – that will take place in the coming months. Please take a few moments to complete the survey at denvergov.org/eastplan and share with your friends and neighbors!

Know Your Neighbors: Terry Whitney

What neighborhood do you live in and how long have you lived there?
I have lived in Stapleton for the past 14 years.

From L to R: Jolene, Miranda, Amelia and Terry Whitney.

What do you like most about your neighborhood?
I like the friendliness of my neighbors and the amenities in the community (library, recreation center and Central Park). I also like the proximity to other parts of the city.

How are you involved in the community?
I sit on the Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC) Board as a mayoral appointee from Mayor Wellington Webb. I don't have any kids in Stapleton schools right now, but I used to be active in William Roberts Elementary over the years as a parent on the PTA. I also try to attend various events hosted by the Stapleton Master Community Association (MCA) at Founders Green.

What's something you've done in the community that you're proud of?
I'm proud to represent my fellow Stapleton residents on SDC and strive to make sure the vision of the Green Book has been pushed forward with the emergence of Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) as our first neighborhood organization.

What's something about your community that you wish more people knew?
Diversity is hard and all of us have to work at it for Stapleton to truly evolve into the type of community we all want to be a part of.

How do you like to spend your free time?
I like to spend my free time with family and friends at Aviator Pool, Torchy's Tacos, Harkins Theatre and Stanley Marketplace.

What is one of your favorite businesses/restaurants in the community?
In Park Hill I love Station 26 Brewing and in Stapleton I love the Berkshire in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. One of my favorite businesses is Wine Cellars at 29th and Uinta. Karl, the owner, is a great conversationalist in addition to being a resident wine enthusiast.

4TH ANNUAL

SENIORS IN SEPTEMBER

Educational & Resource Fair

Friday, September 15, 2017
9:00am- 2:00pm

Learn about opportunities & programs for older adults.

- Workforce opportunities for 55+
  - ✓ Reinvent yourself
  - ✓ Entrepreneurship
  - ✓ Other work options
- Caregiving: Aging in Place

Sign-language interpreters and open captioning via CART can be provided upon request with at least three business days' notice (720) 913-8487 or SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org

COMMISSION ON AGING
DENVER HUMAN RIGHTS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Over 60 vendors specializing in older adult resources

Free Admission

Registration Required
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seniors-in-september-tickets-36440535623

Need A Ride? RSVP at 720-865-0600 for one of the below recreation center pick-up sites!!

NE: Hiawatha Davis
NW: Highland
SE: Harvard Gulch
SW: Harvey Park

New location!

Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 York St.,
Denver, CO 80206

CALDER MONUMENTAL
APRIL 28 – SEPT. 24, 2017
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

For More Information:

Perla Gheiler
720.913.8456

City Council District 8

DENVER THE MILE HIGH CITY | GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND 2017

Parks		**$**	**1,829,166**
Recreation Center Improvements	Proposed Facilities: Hiawatha Davis, Martin Luther King		$429,166
Neighborhood Park Improvements	Proposed Facilities: Skyland, Martin Luther King, Ferguson, McNichols		$1,400,000
Transportation		**$**	**41,073,333**
Street Paving (57.45 arterial lane miles)	Proposed Facilities: E 46th Ave Access, N Dahlia St, N Peoria St , Interstate 70, Monaco Pkwy, E Smith Rd, E 56th Ave, E 48th Ave, E 32nd Ave, E 56th Ave		$6,960,000
Bridge Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Proposed Facilities: Quebec Street over Airlawn Road, Smith Road over Quebec Street		$8,000,000
Sidewalks (6.50 miles)	Proposed Facilities: E 23rd Ave, E 40th Ave, E 47th Ave, E 48th Ave, E Martin Luther King Blvd, E Northfield Blvd, E Smith Rd, N Central Park Blvd, N Colorado Blvd, N Holly St, N Nome St, N Peoria St, N Quebec St		$6,830,000
Bikeways (5.31 Miles)	Proposed Facilities: Kearney/Krameria, Central Park Blvd (1-way)		$2,200,000
Colfax Corridor Improvements*			$3,333,333
Colfax Transit Implementation (BRT)**			$13,750,000
Facilities		**$**	**22,316,290**
Fire Station Improvements	Proposed Facilities: Fire Station 27		$427,290
Facilities Deferred Maintenance	Proposed Facilities: Roslyn, Police Firing Range, Fire Academy, Arie P. Taylor		$1,565,000
Pauline Robinson Branch Library Renovation			$1,524,000
County Jail Improvements			$1,500,000
Police District 5 Replacement			$17,300,000
City Council District 8 Total GO Bond Investment* **		**$**	**65,218,789**

Notes:
*Council District project amount was derived by dividing the total project cost of $20M by 6 (number of Council Districts that the project traverses.)
**Council District project amount was derived by dividing the total project cost of $55M by 4 (number of Council Districts that the project traverses.)
***Citywide projects subject to change based on changing conditions, coordination with other public or private projects, utility coordination, and further scope and cost refinements. Citywide bond allocations not included in the above summary include curb and gutter ($11M), ADA improvements ($10M), $300K in fire station improvements, parks maintenance facilities ($2M), and irrigation renovation projects ($5M).

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST- OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Meet John Hill

What does your job entail?
I work with prospective entrepreneurs to help them start their businesses. I also work with existing operators to help them navigate city agencies, secure financing and access the support services the city has to offer. Another aspect of my job is helping attract retailers into Denver to give residents additional retail options.

John Hill

What do you enjoy most about your job?
It sounds cliché but I like working with people to help make their dreams come true. I get to help them start their businesses and hopefully move up the economic ladder. Owning a successful business can have a positive impact on a family for generations and can benefit communities in so many ways.

What kind of impact do you hope to have in the community?
I hope to help small businesses thrive and help attract neighborhood-serving retail to give residents a variety of options for goods and services close to home. Ultimately this means helping to fill gaps in what's available and increasing access for residents across Denver.

What do you do for fun outside of work?
I love to travel. I go to Nuggets games and sometimes travel to watch summer league games. I enjoy cooking, trying new recipes, and checking out new-to-me bars and restaurants. I really like walking around Denver and will frequently walk from Cap Hill over to Wash Park.

What is something the community might not know about you?
I used to own and operate restaurants and bars in Atlanta, so I can relate to the challenges small business owners face. I used to work for Congressman John Lewis in Atlanta and I also spent time as a speechwriter for the Lord Mayor of Westminster in London.

Is there anything else you would like to share?
I'm in Montbello twice a month for free business development hours at the Arie P. Taylor Building. On the first and third Friday of every month from noon - 3 p.m. I'm available for folks who are interested in starting their own business or who want help expanding an existing business.

Denver Police Department honors Top Cops

District 2

Officers Brayan Silva and Susan Mercado responded to a strong-armed robbery, in which three suspects took a cell phone and threatened to kill the victims if they called police.

From L to R: Officers Susan Mercado and Brayan Silva.

Witnesses told officers the three suspects boarded the light rail. The officers boarded the train and approached the suspects, one of whom tried to exit. Officers attempted to handcuff the suspect. Silva was able to take the suspect to the ground, but the suspect got back up and forced the officer against the train. Mercado assisted Silva and they were able to take the two suspects into custody. At that time, only the two males who were in custody were identified as suspects. Officers continued the investigation and located the third suspect and took him into custody. All three males were documented Crip gang members and positively identified as the robbery suspects.

District 5

Sergeant Glenn West was flagged down by a citizen who needed help changing a flat tire. Due to the size of the vehicle, West was unable to use his patrol car's tire jack to change the flat tire and suggested calling a tow truck. When the tow driver arrived and quoted the total cost of the tire change, the citizen indicated that they did not have enough money to cover the service. West agreed to pay for the tire change with his own funds. Once the tire had been changed, the tow driver realized that the officer was the one paying for the service and offered a discount. West told the tow driver the discount was not necessary, as he was glad to have been of service.

Sergeant Glenn West

The actions of Sergeant West reflect positively on the Denver Police Department and he was commended for demonstrating a desire to truly be of service.

Family-run Alpine Summit customizes produce orders

Since 1985, family-run Alpine Summit Sales has operated in Montbello, selling fresh produce and other food items in the Northeast Denver neighborhood. The 17,000-square-foot warehouse offers a year-round indoor produce market open to the public with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. The company also caters to wholesale, retail and food service companies. The produce and food items are sourced locally, nationally and internationally.

Part of the sales team from left to right: Randy Brown, Brandon Brown, Mason Brown and Addam Page.

Brandon Brown, a member of the sales team who has been with the company for 12 years, says the company sees roughly 1,000 customers walk through their doors each day. Mondays tend to be the busiest, along with holidays, including 4th of July and Thanksgiving. The company caters to a wide range of customers, including individuals, folks buying for large families, and church groups looking to buy large/wholesale quantities.

Alpine works to fill in the gaps left by traditional grocery stores by offering clients the ability to buy quantities of food that fit their specific needs. The team sees customers come to the warehouse and purchase several hundred dollars worth of produce, while others purchase 10 dollars worth of food.

"Part of the vision of what we do out here is for people who have large families or have small restaurants, they can shop here," said Brown. "We fill in the in-between."

With 100 years of combined produce experience, Alpine offers the community a wide variety of affordable produce.

Fresh vegetables on display at Alpine Summit.

The warehouse strives to meet different customers' specifications and requirements through repacking produce. Alpine Summit staff will customize boxes of produce to meet the specific needs of individual customers.

"We cater to the neighborhood," said Brown. "In this industrial part of Montbello, there really is no place for people to shop. I think another thing that separates us from other produce firms is that we take requests."

Alpine Summit recognizes the importance of giving back to the local community and is involved through sponsorships with local churches, Denver Police Department, Denver Fire Department and a local Girl Scout troop.

Brown enjoys the diversity in Montbello and values the customers and challenges of the fast-paced work environment.

"We've learned a lot about different cultures and shopping habits," said Brown. "It's been a lot of fun for us and very educational."

Alpine Summit Sales is located at 11170 E. 47th Ave. It is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, including a produce list, visit alpinesummit.com, or call 303-756-6554.

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 Denver International Airport CEO Kim Day watch the solar eclipse.

What's happening in September

Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

Greater Park Hill Community
Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.
2823 Fairfax St.

Northeast Park Hill Coalition
Sept. 14, 6 p.m.
3921 Holly St.

East Colfax Neighborhood Association
Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Counterpath Press
7935 E. 14th Ave.

Stapleton United Neighbors
Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Central Park Recreation Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

Community Events

Labor Day
Sept. 4
City offices closed

NeighborhoodLIFT homebuyer event
Sept. 8 - 9, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Denver Marriott Tech Center
4900 S. Syracuse St.
wellsfargo.com/lift and 866-858-2151

Park Hill Home Tour & Street Fair
Sept. 10, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tickets: parkhillhometour.org

Seniors in September
Sept. 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 York St.
For more information, please call
720-913-8456

Police District 5 Community Meeting
Sept. 21, 6 p.m.
Community Hub at Northfield
8230 Northfield Blvd. Ste. 1350

FarmFest
Sept. 23, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Stapleton Urban Farm
10200 Smith Rd.

Police District 2 Community Meeting
Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m.
3921 Holly St.

Medicare scam tips from the Denver DA

Medicare and Medicaid impostors are calling older beneficiaries and threatening to cancel benefits if they don't pay to renew their health insurance cards. In some instances, the offenders also demand personal information, such as Social Security numbers or financial accounts for purposes of committing identity theft. Never give out Medicare or bank account numbers over the phone unless you initiate the call, such as to replace a lost or stolen card.

Facts about Medicare:

- Medicare does not charge to get a new card.
- Medicare will never call to verify a consumer's account number or to promote a Medicare product or service.
- Medicare accounts and Social Security numbers are one and the same, which puts recipients at risk of identity theft. Beginning April 2018, SSN's are scheduled to be removed from Medicare cards and will be replaced with a randomly selected account number.

If you receive a suspicious call, record the number on your caller ID and report it to Senior Medicare Patrol Colorado at 1-800-503-5190, or the Office of Inspector General at 1-800-447-8477 or oig.hhs.gov/fraud/hotline.