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A message from Councilman Herndon

Thank you to everyone who organized or attended a Denver Days event. There were several throughout the district and it was great to see neighbors come together. The District 8 Family Bike Parade was a huge success! Thank you to McAuliffe International School for their partnership in making the community event what it is today.

I want to encourage everyone to comment on the various Denveright plans released last month. For the last two years, the City has engaged in a community-driven process to determine the community's vision and expectations for a more inclusive, connected and healthy Denver. The five plans are: Comprehensive Plan 2040, Blueprint Denver, Game Plan for a Healthy City, Denver Moves: Transit and Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails. The plans are available for public review and feedback through October 31 at denvergov.org/denveright.

City Council begins the 2019 budget process this month. If there are any areas where you feel our dollars can be better allocated, I encourage you to watch the presentations, which will be available online and on Denver Channel 8, and please reach out to my office to let me know your thoughts. There will also be an opportunity to speak to the whole council before the budget is approved. My budget amendment from the 2018 cycle brought the Pets for Life program to Northeast Denver, making supplies and spay/neuter packages which include vaccines, microchips and pet licenses available for free to pet owners in our community. I hope to see that program renewed in 2019 so Denver Animal Protection can continue delivering innovative support services to our residents.



Councilman Chris Herndon and Mayor Michael B. Hancock at the 5th Annual Family Bike Parade.

Adoptable pet of the month



Waffles is a spunky little 8-year-old female beagle mix. Waffles doesn't need syrup, whipped cream, or a cherry on top, but she does need a home! She has a heart for adventure and would love to be your companion as you explore the great Colorado outdoors. Once you're all tuckered out, nestle into a cozy spot and count some sheep with this little cuddle bug. Meet Waffles at the Denver Animal Shelter, 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

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Brewability Lab: brewing beer, fostering community connections

Tiffany Fixter opened Brewability Lab in October 2016 in Montbello. The former special education teacher saw a need for more job opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and imagined the craft brewery as a way to offer meaningful employment to adults with IDD.

Fixter chose the name Brewability Lab to promote and elevate her employees and the IDD community.

“First and foremost, they are my employees,” said Fixter. “They just happen to have strengths and weaknesses like everyone else.”

In addition to Fixter and the head brewer Tanner Schneller, the brewery has six part-time employees. The menu currently features a Ginger Lime Zest Saison, Pale Ale, Irish Red Ale, Hefeweizen, India Pale Ale, Nitro Coffee Stout and a Raspberry Sour.

The menu is color-coded to make the ordering process easy; beers are not named but rather associated with colors. For example, green is always associated with India Pale Ale. The menu is printed in English, Spanish and Braille.

Fixter sees the brewery as a welcoming and accepting place where customers of all ages and beer knowledge can meet one another, while supporting Brewability Lab’s mission. Brewability Lab hosts events regularly, including yoga on Wednesdays, food trucks for fundraisers and free tours.



Brewability Lab owner Tiffany Fixter (right) stands at the front of the bar with employees Tony Saponaro (left) and Devon Agan (middle).

The team is looking forward to hosting the first wedding at the brewery over Labor Day weekend.

A prominent feature of Brewability Lab’s décor is the ability wall. The ability wall is covered with Polaroid photos of the staff and customers. When customers take a photo with a staff member, they come up with an ability they share. Fixter came up with this idea as a way to get her customers to connect and engage with the staff.

Fixter is grateful for the community and the neighborhood for coming together to support Brewability Lab. She says her staff members’ social skills and confidence have grown as a result of working at the brewery.

“I believe this is a good social outlet for people who are typically tucked away in the community,” said Fixter.

Fixter is in the process of opening her next venture, Pizzability. The Cherry Creek pizzeria will employ 30 part-time staff and Fixter hopes to be able to sell both beer and pizza at both locations.

Brewability Lab is located at 12445 E. 39th Ave #314. It is open Wednesday through Saturday, 3 – 9 p.m. For more information on the brewery and events, visit brewabilitylab.com, email BrewabilityLab@gmail.com or call 303-598-0809.



The brewery uses a color-coded menu to make the ordering process easy, associating beers with a particular color.

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Know your neighbors: Lori Pace

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

I've lived in Stapleton for six years.

What do you like most about your neighborhood?

I love the diversity of incomes that Stapleton offers, which gives my family the exposure to different perspectives. I worked on the Green Book Plan 25 years ago as an urban planner with the Denver Urban Renewal Authority. I worked on Stapleton when it was on paper when it was still the airport.



Lori Pace

How are you involved in the community?

I started two organizations that have turned into more than I ever thought. Gainfully Earning Moms (GEMs) identifies Stapleton moms who have similar needs to create work-life balance and tries to create a community. It started off as a Facebook group and we now have more than 400 moms who are a part of this community. I host events and we share information on everything from tutors, babysitters and happy hour locations to career changes, referrals and recommendations. Soulfully Stapleton stemmed out of wanting my kids to connect with other families of color. I want my kids to recognize that we chose this community for a reason and they are not the only family of color. We now have 87 members and I am working on connecting with more families.

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

Being a connector, whether it's with neighbors or businesses, that's where my heart is. I've served on a lot of boards over the years, including the Denver Metro Association of Realtors Board. I've come to realize while board service is important, it's the connections with different groups of people I love.

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

Stapleton is one of the most active neighborhoods with one of the fastest appreciations in housing values in Colorado because of the new urbanism plan and the public and private partnership.

How do you like to spend your free time?

Getting involved in different communities. I'm a realtor and a lot of my time is spent getting to know different neighborhoods. As a keynote speaker specializing in diversity and inclusion, I spend my free time practicing what I preach and stepping outside my comfort zone and exploring new opportunities by getting involved throughout my community as a volunteer and philanthropist.

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

Central Park and Central Park Rec Center because you see a cross-section of everyone there. I'm there regularly with my kids and when I want to work out with colleagues.

Denver Police Department honors Top Cops District 2



Officer Ramone Young

Officer Ramone Young responded to a report of a missing child. Young contacted the child's mother who identified her daughter and gave him the girl's cell phone number. Young called the child and learned she was the victim of sexual assault allegedly committed by a family member. Young contacted the Sex Assault Unit for a follow-up investigation. Interviews with the victim revealed she suffered from a severe developmental and

intellectual delay and had been assaulted before. The investigation led to the arrest of the family member.

District 5



Officer Joshua Harvey

Officer Joshua Harvey was dispatched to a 911 hang up call inside an apartment complex. Upon his arrival, Harvey identified there was no emergency and it was likely a child who dialed 911 and hung up. While walking to his car, Harvey saw several young children playing soccer in one of the common areas. Harvey approached the group, introduced himself, and asked to play soccer with them. Many

passers-by stopped to express their appreciation for the officer engaging with the kids.

Officer Harvey is commended for taking the time to connect with a group of children.

Upcoming Denver Police District community meetings:

District 2: September 26, 6 p.m. at 3921 Holly St.

District 5: September 20, 6 p.m. at 9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

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DENVER POLICE DISTRICT 2 - COMMANDER

Meet Kathy Bancroft

What does your job entail?

I have the great honor of serving as the Commander for the Denver Police Department District 2. We are focused on social harms and pinpoint policing. We want our people to both be safe and feel safe. We live in an urban, diverse community with each neighborhood having its own issues. We take a look at different crimes and adjust our responses to the communities based on past experiences, but also projecting what might happen in the future.



Commander Kathy Bancroft

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Interacting with the community we serve. Because of my profession, we sometimes see people at the worst times in their lives. When we work and interact with the community in proactive ways, we all get to see each other in a different light and work together to solve issues.

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

Letting the community know we value them and their voices. We value the input of the community and want them to realize we see policing as collaboration between the community and DPD. Their voices matter and the police don't always have the right answers. I started my career as an officer in District 2 and for most of my career I've been in different ranks throughout the community. I was a neighborhood officer at one point when I thought I had the answers to a neighborhood problem. In one area, gang violence was high so I went to the community about a solution and the community came back and told me that gangs weren't their biggest issue, their issue was traffic. After the community presented that to me, I took a step back and it taught me to ask more questions, learn what the neighborhood had to say, and get input on what the community perceives as issues.

What do you do for fun outside of work?

I enjoy outdoor activities and landscaping at my house.

What is something the community might not know about you?

I enjoy woodworking. I like taking the idea of something and creating it, turning a scrap of wood into something beautiful.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I truly love what I do. I couldn't have asked for a better team of people I work with. It is an honor to serve the community I work with at District 2. I welcome any questions or suggestions the community would like to send my direction.

DENVER POLICE DISTRICT 5 - COMMANDER

Meet Marcus Fountain

What does your job entail?

As the commander of District Five, my job is to ensure that citizens of the neighborhoods within this police district receive quality safety services from the approximately 120 staff members at the station. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life of our citizens, to prevent crime and to reduce the fear of crime. We will continue to strive to strengthen the police/community bond and I hope to personally assist in this quest by being accessible to those we serve. I believe the more our citizens get to know my staff and I, the easier it will be to build the trust that is necessary for all of us to continue to move this growing and vibrant community in a positive direction.



Commander Marcus Fountain

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing I enjoy most about my job as a law enforcement officer is that it is multi-faceted. There are so many different jobs requiring so many different skill sets and there are opportunities to learn these skill sets and experience the application in law enforcement from many different angles. It has been a wonderful career for me.

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

We always want to lower crime. However, the impact I'm hoping to have is the enhancement of trust, plus the reduction of the fear of crime.

What do you do for fun outside of work?

Outside of work, I like to travel when I have the time. Through my travels, I've been to places such as Paris, Rome and Barcelona. These excursions led to me meeting my lovely wife Natalia, whom I met while relaxing on the Greek island of Santorini.

What is something the community might not know about you?

I was born and raised in Detroit and my father was a saxophone player who played and toured with the original Motown Revue. He toured and recorded with the likes of Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, the Dramatics, Parliament/Funkadelic and many other recording artists. I spent a lot of time in recording studios and backstage at different shows while growing up.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I'm very excited to be here and I very much look forward to working with the residents of Northeast Denver.

Stapleton community food drive

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Stapleton Community Food Drive, sponsored by New Perspective Real Estate. Food donations will be accepted Saturday, September 29 through Monday, October 8.

There are three ways to donate:

- White collection bags will be delivered to Stapleton homes on Saturday, September 29. Place the bag, filled with non-perishable food items on your front porch by Saturday, October 6 before 9 a.m.
- Make a cash donation to the Food Bank of the Rockies. For more information, visit fbr.convio.net/goto/StapletonDrive2018 or to give to the school pantry of your choice, visit stapletonfooddrive.com.
- Bring your donations to one of the food drive sponsors or participating schools.

For more information, visit stapletonfooddrive.com.



Draft 2019 Housing Action Plan available for public comment

The Office of Economic Development is seeking feedback on the city's draft 2019 Action Plan for Affordable Housing. The document outlines:

- Current housing and demographic conditions to drive prioritization of housing resources in 2019;
- Overview of 2019 resources available for investment in development, preservation and programs;
- Projected investments and outcomes in 2019 based on current pipeline of projects and programs;
- Key action items from the Housing an Inclusive Denver plan that the city and its partners will focus on in 2019 to expand the affordable housing toolbox and promote the core goals of the plan; and
- The city and its partners' steps to implement the 2019 Action Plan priorities

The 2019 Action Plan is available for comment through September 14, 2018. To view the plan, visit <https://bit.ly/2N71ea5>.

Family Night at Central Park Recreation Center

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun on Saturday, September 29th, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Central Park Recreation Center! Activities include family group fitness classes, science projects, family dodgeball, arts and crafts, and swimming.

The rec center is collecting children's books for the Council District 8 Lobby Library during Family Night. Bring one new or gently used children's book per person for free entry into the event. You may also pay five dollars cash per person at the door in lieu of bringing a book. Children ages two and under are free.

Pre-register at denvergov.org/recreation. Search "Family Night" or activity number 42232. For questions, email michelle.wingfield@denvergov.org.



Apply for the Elderly or Disabled Refund Program

The application window for the Elderly or Disabled Refund Program is now open. Through April 30, 2019, qualified Denver residents can apply to receive a partial refund of property taxes, or the equivalent in rent.

To qualify you must be 65 years or older and income limited OR be disabled. Visit denvergov.org/elderlydisabledrefund to download the application (available in English and Spanish) and instructions and read frequently asked questions.

If you need assistance filling out your application, or have questions, call Denver Human Services at 720-944-4DHS (4347).



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Resources

Denver Human Services
Montbello Office
720-944-3666

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

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

Department of Motor Vehicles
720-865-4600

Denver Public Schools
720-423-3200

Denver Workforce Center at
Montbello
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Councilman Chris Herndon and Sheriff Patrick Firman at the 5th Annual Family Bike Parade.

What's happening in September

Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

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

Northeast Park Hill Coalition
Sept. 13, 6 p.m.
Dahlia Campus for Health & Well-Being
3401 Eudora St.

East Colfax Neighborhood Association
Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Counterpath Press
7935 E. 14th Ave.

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

Community Events

Farmers Market
Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 4 - 9 p.m.
Dahlia Campus for Health & Well-Being
3401 Eudora St.

Concert on the Green - Denver Municipal Band
Sept. 1, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
29th Avenue Green

Labor Day
Sept. 3
City offices closed

Computer Basics: Internet I
Sept. 12, 12 - 1:30 p.m.
Pauline Robinson Branch Library
5575 E. 33rd Ave.

Police District 5 Community Meeting
Sept. 20, 6 p.m.
Central Park Recreation Center
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd

Park Hill Home Tour & Street Fair
Sept. 23, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tickets: parkhillhometour.org

Police District 2 Community Meeting
Sept. 26, 6 p.m.
3921 Holly St.

Northeast Denver Leadership Week 2018 reunion



Councilman Herndon hosted Northeast Denver Leadership Week students in August for a NDLW reunion. Students reflected on their experiences, heard from a guest speaker and viewed the debut of the NDLW 2018 video.

To see the NDLW 2018 video, visit NortheastDenverLeadershipWeek.org.