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★ PAUL'S PONDERINGS ★

Happy Mid-Summer D6ers!

One of my main focuses in my time on City Council has been to strengthen residents' ability to play a meaningful role in their own governance. Shortly after taking office, surprised that previous Councils had not made room to hear directly from residents as part of the weekly Monday legislative sessions, I was successful in convincing my colleagues to approve a 30-minute public comment session before the 1st Monday meeting of each month.

Over the next couple of years, step by step, we expanded the opportunity for comment to precede every Monday night meeting, and to televise those sessions to the viewing public. [Click here for more information or to sign up to speak](#)

Another area on which the D6 team has been focused is strengthening the system of Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) designed to be the channel for constituent consideration of city matters. The Department of Community Planning and Development (CPD) maintains a list of RNOs and along with other agencies funnels information to the groups (rezoning requests, liquor/marijuana licenses, etc.) but provides no support functions or financing to enable them to efficiently and effectively interact with either their membership or the city.

For the past 4 years my office has piloted a pair of initiatives to strengthen RNOs. We hold a handful of **D6 Academy's** each year - in person and virtual - to educate on city matters, and through our **Community Benefit Fund** we offer \$2,000 grants to RNOs that have facilitated a wide variety of community building efforts. It is our hope that the Johnston administration will take these under its wing on a citywide basis through the D6 promoted and soon to be born Division of Community Empowerment, which will be the hub for activities specifically designed to assist residents in playing a greater role at City Hall.

We need your help in our work. Along with At-Large Councilwoman Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez and her staff, the D6 team is working tirelessly this summer and fall to gather residents' views on the RNO system. Do you even know what an RNO is? Do you participate? If so, why? If not, why not? What would entice you to get more involved? [Please click here to take our "Your City - Your Voice" survey.](#) As of this writing, we've heard from over 780 residents already, and we need your voice as well.

I hope you have a great month. We look forward to hearing from you.

Paul

★ SUSTAINABLE 6 TIP ★

In November 2022, 70% of Denver voters approved the "Waste No More" ballot initiative. This ordinance requires apartment complexes, commercial businesses, and restaurants to provide recycling and composting services. It also mandates that city-permitted events offer recycling and composting options.

Additionally, construction and demolition projects must separate and recycle all recyclable materials on job sites, including concrete, asphalt, clean wood, scrap metal, and corrugated cardboard.



The latest draft of the ordinance introduces a few new provisions, including exemptions for small businesses. Specifically, restaurants with less than \$2 million in revenue in the previous year and fewer than 25 employees are exempt from the composting requirements. The final reading and public comment session for the ordinance is scheduled for **August 11th**. If you're interested in learning more information about this initiative, you can access the [Waste No More website](#) or email them at WasteNoMore@denvergov.org.



★DISTRICT 6 NEWS★

IN-DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Stop by and have a cup of coffee or munch on some brunch with Councilman Kashmann to discuss concerns in the District, thoughts about the city, or just to say "Hello"!

In-District Office Hours are **every Thursday, 8a.m.-noon, at Pete's University Park Cafe** (2345 E Evans Ave, at the corner of University and Evans), with parking available in the back.



Your City Your Voice - Empowering Denver Survey!

Hello Denver Neighbors! Denver City Council is launching our **Your City, Your Voice: Empowering Denver** survey. We're gathering feedback about your Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs)!

Whether or not you know anything about RNOs we'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback about these community groups designated to represent your interests. Your voice matters and by taking this survey you'll help us develop a better understanding of how Denver residents engage with their RNOs and what we can do to make them more accessible, more inclusive, and better resourced.

Currently, there are over 150 RNOs within 78 different Denver neighborhoods, all offering unique perspective and experiences that help shape our communities. These organizations are a vital part of local decision-making, connection, and advocacy, and your input and perspective can help strengthen their role in building a more equitable Denver for all.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE OUR 5-MINUTE SURVEY](#)

Questions? Email us at: yourcityyourvoice@denvergov.org

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What is an RNO? And why YOU should care



Denver residents form Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) to address community needs, plan events, work on projects, and discuss key updates sent to them by the City and County of Denver.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHORT SURVEY!

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This is YOUR city and we need YOUR voice to shape the way Denver empowers its residents!

Questions? Feedback? Ideas?
Email us at yourcityyourvoice@denvergov.org



REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) are a great resource for information about events, news, and future projects happening in your neighborhood! Some meet more frequently than others. Below are the upcoming meetings in District 6!

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS:

Cory Merrill Neighborhood Association (CMNA)

Wednesday, 8/6, 6p.m.
Kirk of Bonnie Brae (1201 S Steele St)
For more information, [visit the CMNA website!](#)

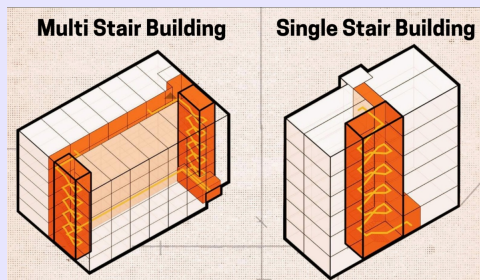
University Neighbors Neighborhood Association (UNNA)

Thursday, 8/14, 6:30p.m.
Virtual only - [visit the UNNA Website for Zoom link!](#)

Cook Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNA):

Thursday, 8/21, 6p.m.
Cook Park Rec Center (7100 Cherry Creek S Dr)
Virtual option: [Join the Zoom Meeting](#)
For more information, visit the [CPNA website!](#)

Single Stair Buildings Survey



Denver City Council is interested in developing Building and Fire Code changes to allow for single stair buildings to be developed in the city. These changes would be in line with the State of Colorado HB 25-1273 requirements. We want to hear from you - your input will help city officials understand stakeholder perspectives and improve implementation of any future Building and Fire Code changes. [Click here to take the survey](#) and let us know your perspective on building regulations, or learn more by watching the committee recording. [Watch committee meeting recording](#)

National Night Out



Get excited for National Night Out on Tuesday, 8/5, 5-7p.m. at the District 3 Police Station (1625 S University Blvd)! Come on out to meet and greet with your local police department as well as a range of community partners (including the District 6 council office), eat some delicious food, and fun for kids of all ages.

Farm to Table 'Roots of Strength'



Join FrontLine Farming for their annual Farm to Table celebration on Saturday, 8/30, 6-10p.m. at Celebration Community Farm (1650 S Birch St). Come on out to share stories, savor the seeds of our foodways, and to nurture the seeds of community under the starlit sky! [Click here to learn more information and sign up.](#)

FrontLine Farming is a food and farmers advocacy group focusing on food growing, education, sovereignty, and justice.

August & September News & Events at [Eugene Field Branch Library](#) (810 S University Blvd)

Save the Date! Swallow Hill Music Presents: [Perpetual Motion](#)
Saturday, 9/20, 11am - 12pm

Join us for a performance from Perpetual Motion, a blend of genres of world music, jazz and folk with a little rock and roll thrown in. Food and drinks provided by Councilman Kashmann's office.

Upcoming Programs for Adults

- Drop-In Tech Help: Every Monday at 2 p.m.
- [Live Well, Age Well: Planning your Fall Garden](#), Thursday, August 14, 2-3 p.m.
- Discover Walks: [Wednesday, August 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m.](#) and [Wednesday, September 17, 9:30-10:30 a.m.](#) Meet by the Washington Park Boathouse near the intersection of E. Exposition Avenue and S. Franklin Street. Visit denlib.org/discoverwalks for weather cancellations.



- **Art Journaling for Adults: Found Poetry**, Saturday, August 23, 11a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Meet Libby! Getting Started With eBooks & More**, Thursday, August 28, 2-3 p.m.
- **Victorian Game Day with Historic Denver**, Thursday, September 11, 2-3 p.m. Registration required. To register, visit denlib.org/victoriangames.
- **AI: How to Use ChatGPT**, Thursday, September 25, 2-3 p.m.



Upcoming Programs for Kids and Families

- **End of Summer Craft Play Day**, Tuesday, August 5, 2-3:30 p.m.
- **LEGO® Club**, Every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Tween Hangout**, Monday, August 11, 4-5 p.m., and Monday, September 8, 4-5 p.m.
- **Family Storytime**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
- **Baby Storytime**, Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
- **Toddler Storytime**, Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Our popular drop-in **Families Create** afterschool crafts program returns September 2!

After Labor Day, we'll return to our regularly scheduled afterschool arts and crafts program. Every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., team up, get creative, and tackle challenges with friends, family members, and neighbors during **Families Create**. Ideal for ages 2-7.

Looking for older kid programs, tech help & more? See all our programs at denlib.org/field!

SUPPORT FOOD SECURITY IN DISTRICT 6

The LoVVe Project



The LoVVe Project provides fresh food and hygiene supplies to support families at Ellis and McMeen Elementary Schools.

We are honored to rise to the challenge of supporting incoming migrant families with fresh food, kindness, and dignity.

The LoVVe Project provides FRESH meat, dairy, produce, and cleaning/hygiene supplies to families of Title 1 Denver elementary schools with a high percentage of students eligible for free/reduced lunch. Our dream is to provide fresh food to every family in need in Denver, and to consistently provide culturally relevant choices for our diverse community.

[For more information, visit our website!](#) [To donate, visit this webpage!](#)

South High Giving Grocery



The Denver South Giving Grocery has been serving the students of South High School for over ten years. Although its original mission was to provide food to students in South's Newcomer Program, the Giving Grocery has expanded its food pantry program to serve over 200 South students every week. The program focuses on local, nutritious, and culturally significant foods and encourages students to take home enough fresh produce, milk, eggs, meat, bread, and pantry staples for their whole family, completely free of charge. In addition, there is now a personal care section featuring laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, and more.

The need for the Giving Grocery is greater than ever due to expired COVID-era SNAP benefits, soaring food prices, and an influx of new refugee and immigrant students.

To learn more or make a tax deductible donation, visit [their website](#).

★ CITY-WIDE NEWS ★

Join Denver Community Planning and Development for Codes & Cones Summer!

Denver Community Planning and Development and Denver Resilient Landscapes team invites you to Landscape Codes & Cones Summer. This fun, community-focused series will serve up hot takes and cool treats! The team will be in the community this July, August, and September to chat about potential code updates to shape Denver's landscapes—from turf and trees to process and development. And yes, we'll have ice cream or coffee in hand.

Join us at one of our pop-up events to share your thoughts and help shape a cooler, more resilient Denver landscape. Check out the full list of the events below. We can't wait to see you there!

Saturday, 8/9, 9-11a.m. at Garfield Lake Park (Get Outdoors Day)

Saturday, 8/16, 2:30-4:30p.m. at James A. Bible Park

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Saturday, 8/16, 2:30-4:30p.m. at James A. Dible Park
Thursday, 9/11, 4-6p.m. at Cherry Creek North Concert Series, Fillmore Plaza

Saturday, 9/13 9-11a.m. at Rocky Mountain Lake Park

Saturday, 9/13, 12-2 p.m. at First Creek Park

Wednesday, 9/17, 3:30-5:30p.m. at Swansea Rec Center

Thursday, 9/25, 3:30-5:30p.m. at Environmental Learning for Kids

Friday, 9/26, 8-10a.m. at Denver Botanic Gardens

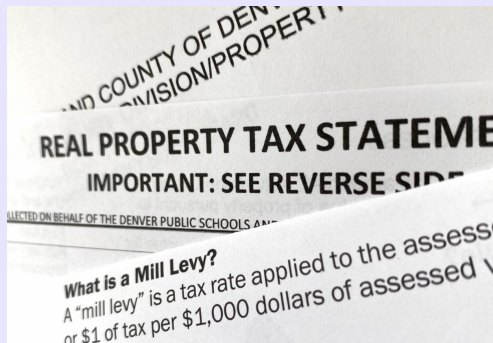


First Tee - Colorado Rocky Mountains



[First Tee - Colorado Rocky Mountains](#) is a nonprofit devoted to helping Colorado kids succeed in life. They use golf as a tool to teach life lessons that they wrap around nine core values. These values help them become positive community members who are poised for success on and off the course. They bring together kids of all ages and from all walks of life so they can learn about golf and build positive character traits. Golf is the gateway to teach kids about life skills in fun and engaging ways. You can sign up to receive updates from First Tee through their [Mailing List](#).

Pay Your Property Taxes in Installments!



The City & County of Denver will be accepting property tax payments in installments. The product called Escrow Taxes was created by a vendor that processes mortgage escrow payments for the mortgage industry and then remits those payments to the counties. Escrow Taxes will act like a mortgage escrow account. Interested property owners (residential & commercial) can contract with AutoAgent (the vendor) to set up a monthly payment plan for a fee (2.5% for debit/credit cards & \$1 for E checks). AutoAgent will then remit the property taxes to the counties (including Denver) on the standard statutory due dates.

2025 Community-Centered Solutions Funding Opportunity Now Open!



Caring for Denver Call for proposals

Caring for Denver Foundation is now accepting proposals for its *Community-Centered Solutions* funding area. This funding aims to:

- Support trusted, community-based organizations that address mental health and substance misuse through culturally relevant care, strong connections, and collaborative approaches.
- Invest in providers, peer specialists, and care navigators to ensure the community can access trusted and effective support.

[Click here to learn more!](#) The due date for submissions is September 3.

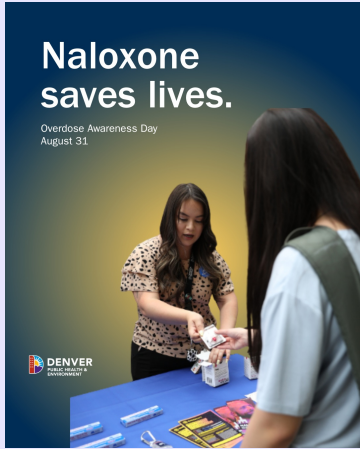
Do More! Do Less! Do Something!



Not today, apocalypse! The climate crisis is here in Denver. But it's not too late to do something about it. And we're excited to partner with the Denver Climate Project to do just that. The Denver Climate Project is spreading the word about the various ways we can all take action from individuals and businesses to local organizations and the city itself. Paid for by the voter-approved Climate Protection Fund, it's rallying Denverites to come together and help build a more resilient, more prepared, and more supportive community, together. Because one person may not be able to solve the climate crisis, but 716,577+ of us can make a heck of a dent. We're proud to do our part. Want to learn more about the project and what you can do to help? Get more info [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Learn about Harm Reduction on Overdose Awareness Day



Overdose prevention remains a critical public health priority in Denver. Whether it's connecting people who use drugs with lifesaving resources, improving access to treatment or reducing HIV and Hepatitis C transmission risk, Denver supports harm reduction work in our community.

Join the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) on Aug. 31 to honor Overdose Awareness Day, a global event to remember those lost to overdose, support grieving families and friends and reduce stigma through education.

Since 2022, DDPHE has distributed over 60,000 doses of naloxone and nearly

70,000 fentanyl test strips across Denver.

On Aug. 31 and every day, Denverites are encouraged to carry naloxone, test their drugs and know how to respond in an overdose emergency. [Learn more about how you can help prevent overdoses.](#)

Help Denver Animal Shelter "Clear the Shelters," Bring a New Pet Home Today



Cheers to the Homeless Pets at Denver Animal Shelter this Oktoberfest



[Denver Animal Shelter](#) (DAS) invites you to celebrate Oktoberfest with its Paws & Pints Shelter Showcase next month.

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of brews, barks and behind-the-scenes peeks at how we help animals in need. Learn how to support our mission and raise a glass to making tails wag!

- **When:** Saturday, Sept. 6, 4-7 p.m.
- **Where:** Denver Animal Shelter, 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.
- **Tickets:** \$45, [available now](#)

Your ticket includes two adult beverages, a custom pint glass, Oktoberfest-inspired food, festive entertainment and a shelter tour. Please note, this event is 21+.

Kick off the fall season while supporting a great cuddly cause. Don't forget your lederhosen!

Denver Animal Shelter Adjusts Vaccine Clinic Hours to Expand Adoption Opportunities



[Denver Animal Shelter](#) (DAS) is adjusting its weekend schedule to find more pets loving homes. Beginning Tuesday, July 1

Back to School Health Tips for a Strong Start



The new school year is here. Now is the time to set students up for a healthy, successful year.

The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) knows that a few key habits can make a big difference:

- ✓ Ensure your child gets enough sleep, eats nutritious meals and washes their hands regularly.
- ✓ Check in on their mental health, especially during times of transition.
- ✓ Schedule routine wellness visits, including sports physicals, vaccines and dental care.

[Denver Health's school-based clinics](#) make it easy for families to access care and support at no cost. And if your child has a chronic condition like asthma or severe allergies, now is the time to update their care plan with the school.

[Read DDPHE's full blog for more back-to-school health tips.](#)

Public Health Summer Camp



Denver high school students are invited to join [the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment's \(DDPHE\) Public Health Career Exploration Summer Camp](#)

Denver Animal Shelter (DAS) is joining forces with animal shelters around America to "Clear the Shelters."

The national event runs through August and focuses on finding loving, forever homes for the more than 6 million pets that enter the rescue and shelter system each year in the U.S.

At DAS, adoption fees are **half off** for every single animal available for adoption. Fees include spay or neuter surgery, vaccines, microchip and a one-year pet license.

Pick out your new [furry family member online](#).

If you're not in a place to adopt, you can still participate by [donating](#) or [volunteering](#).

loving homes! Beginning Tuesday, July 7, 2025, [vaccine clinics](#) move from Saturdays and Sundays to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Why the change? To give early birds a chance to adopt! We're **adding new adoption-only hours from 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays**, giving prospective pet parents four extra hours each weekend to meet their new best friend.

All other services, including surrendering pets, picking up lost animals, owner euthanasia requests, permitting, and licensing, will still operate from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

New Denver Animal Shelter Business Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. - All services

Tuesday/Thursday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Vaccine clinic only; 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. - All services

Saturday/ Sunday: 9-11 a.m. - Adoptions only; 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - All services

Registration for the summer camp by this August 7-9!

This free, three-day experience runs from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. daily at DDPHE near Civic Center Park and gives students in grades 9-12 a hands-on look at public and environmental health careers. Explore fields in public health like air quality, health equity, mental health treatment, forensics, and outbreak investigations through interactive sessions, behind-the-scenes tours, and real conversations with public health professionals.

- ✓ Free breakfast & lunch included
- ✓ Certificate of completion
- ✓ Open to current high school students

[Register online](#) for the summer camp by July 11!

★CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE★

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, GENERAL MEETINGS, PUBLIC COMMENT

Tune in to Channel 8, go [online](#), or come on up to the 4th floor of the City and County Building (1437 Bannock St) to watch your city's legislative branch in action!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES, UPCOMING AGENDAS, AND LINKS TO LIVE MEETINGS AND PAST RECORDINGS](#)

MONDAY:

Budget & Policy Committee every other week) – 1:30p.m.

City Council Afternoon Session – 3:30p.m.

General Public Comment Session (see next paragraph for details) – 5-5:30p.m.

City Council Evening Session continues with unfinished business and public hearings at 5:30p.m.

*Every Monday, starting at 5p.m., the Denver City Council hosts a 30 minute public comment session before the meeting of Council. Members of the public are invited to address the full Council on any topic that is not scheduled for a public hearing. Each speaker gets 3 minutes to speak on any topic of their choice. How and when do I sign up? **New sign up information! Sign up for General Public Comment now opens Friday at 10:00 a.m. and closes Monday at 3p.m. You can sign up [at this link](#) or by calling 720-337-2000 during normal business hours. How to join the meeting after you sign up? Attend either in person in City Council Chambers, 1437 Bannock, 4th floor or via Zoom - everyone who signs up will receive a zoom link.***



TUESDAY:

Mayor-Council Meeting – 9:30a.m.

Parr-Widener Community Room, Room 389, City and County Building

NOTE: This meeting is scheduled, managed, and noticed by the mayor's office. Please contact the mayor's office for information and questions about this meeting.

Parks, Arts & Culture – 10:30a.m. (once a month)

Finance & Business – 10:30a.m. (every other week)

Governance & Intergovernmental Relations – 10:30a.m. (once a month)

Community Planning & Housing – 1:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

★ CITY RESOURCES ★

SLOW DOWN, DENVER!



[REQUEST A YARD SIGN](#)

Denver has updated the default speed limit from 25mph to 20mph. This change applies to Denver's local streets – primarily the roads with no stripes that go through residential blocks. Additionally, wherever speed limit signs are not posted, the default speed limit will be 20 mph, per [city ordinance](#).

Lowering the speed limit on local streets is part of a broader effort Denver is taking to address safety on our streets citywide. In 2017, the City and County of Denver set an ambitious goal of zero traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2030. By reducing the

speed limit on our local streets, we can draw attention to the topic of vehicle speeds and help create a culture of safety within our neighborhoods where we are more likely to see people walking and biking.

911 Services for People with Disabilities



911 services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Residents with Speech Disabilities

Text: 303-513-6909, 720-723-8911
[Email HERE](#)

Be sure to text or email the location where help is needed, a summary of the situation, response to information requested by 911 such as injuries and suspect descriptions.

Registry for Residents with Disabilities - You may now submit information about yourself or other members of your household who have disabilities in order to help 911

respond appropriately during an emergency. Your information will remain confidential and will give officers advance warning about your circumstance prior to responding. Register [here](#).

Rent & Utility Assistance Open with New Online Application!



Denver's Temporary Rent and Utility Assistance (TRUA) program is open now! TRUA can help with rent payments for up to six months per calendar year, as well as helping both renters and homeowners with utility assistance (Denver Water/Xcel Energy).

To qualify, you must live in the City and County of Denver or have been displaced from Denver in the past 90 days, have a household income at or below 80% of the [Area Median Income](#); and have experienced an unexpected financial hardship or other housing crisis. You do NOT have to disclose your immigration status, and landlord

participation is NOT required. Visit denvergov.org/RentHelp and to learn more. The city also provides FREE tenant/landlord counseling and eviction legal assistance. Visit denvergov.org/EvictionHelp for more information about eviction legal clinics.

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