



## NOVEMBER 2023

Happy November, D6ers -

As the month of Thanksgiving dawns, the three of us at D6 headquarters feel fully blessed with not only needs met, but also some resources left over for wants. Thanksgiving has always been among my favorite holidays, free from the stress of what-should-I-give and wondering about what-will-I-get, and full of good food, good folks and good cheer. While I do express my gratitude daily, Thanksgiving is always a time when those thanks are felt even more deeply.

But this year is different.

I look out at the Mile High City and see more people than ever that do not share in life's bounty to a degree worth celebrating. A disturbing number hunker down in tents, under tarps or in vehicles along our roadways. I continue to support Mayor Johnston's plan to house 1000 unhoused Denverites by year's end, but am even more supportive of the need to drastically ramp up the availability of mental health, drug treatment, case management, job readiness and the other services needed to get those currently unhoused solidly back on their feet. I remain hopeful we can find a location in District 6 to assist with that housing effort.

Adding to our civic distress is an influx of migrants from our southern border that have arrived in numbers that have stretched our ability to meet their needs to the outer limits. Our federal government simply must find a way to extract itself from the political morass in which it is mired and craft a well-funded set of policies that allows for those coming to the U.S. to meet reasonable entry requirements quickly so they can relax, get settled and get to work filling the jobs we so desperately need filled and fulfilling the dreams that have brought them here.

Council will vote at our November 13 meeting on Denver's annual budget. I am pleased with the difficult, but productive negotiations with Mayor Johnston and his team that added some \$20 million in emergency rental assistance funds and more money to improve safety on our roadways, especially around our school campuses and other worthy efforts.

Have a wonderful month of Thanksgiving. If you are able, do what you can to help someone less fortunate to celebrate as well.

All the best,

Paul

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## LETTER FROM MAYOR JOHNSTON RE: 1380 S BIRCH MICRO-COMMUNITY

This morning Mayor Johnston released the following letter taking 1380 S Birch St off the table as a possible micro-community location. I am hopeful we can find a more appropriate site in District 6 to assist in the effort to make homelessness a rarity rather than a too frequent fact of life in Denver.



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November 8, 2023

Dear Neighbor,

I want to thank the residents of District 6 for their continued engagement and ongoing conversation about 1380 S. Birch St. As we said when we started the outreach process, we listed these sites publicly so we can do two types of vetting. One was specific vetting on the site and the logistics of that site preparation, and the second was broader feedback from the neighbors in the community about their thoughts on the site.

After deep conversation and evaluation, we have decided to not move forward with the micro-community at 1380 S. Birch St. based on a combination of logistical and operational challenges, and economic viability.

I am especially grateful for all the alternative sites the community helped us identify throughout District 6 and their contributions to our long-term process. We are continuing to identify and pursue additional sites in District 6 that meet the criteria and the feedback we received from the community.

We look forward to working together with you to help all of our unhoused neighbors get access to housing and support services that will help them get back on their feet and reintegrated into society.

Thank you so much for your support and for wanting to be a part of the solution. I look forward to working together on the road ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Johnston".

Mayor Mike Johnston

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## SUSTAINABLE 6 TIP

Who needs some good news? With our city facing multiple crises, our local government grappling with

budget appropriations (as are the feds but on a much grander scale), there is plenty of bad news to break on the climate front. So, for this tip we are focusing on some positive climate news and fun innovations that make a big impact.



- Eight South American Countries have [created an alliance](#) and have pledged to protect the Amazon and combat deforestation. The rainforest in South America is necessary to help decarbonize and help neutralize emissions.



- Speaking of the importance of trees, my office is working with the City Forester to create a plan to help preserve and add to Denver's tree canopy.

- [Life-extending stickers](#) have been introduced to fruit and vegetables in Columbia grocery stores as a clever marketing-meets-information strategy using the ripeness and color of produce to suggest recipes. This helps in combating food waste, which reduces carbon emissions!

- Solar isn't the only option, there are plenty of new inventions to turn movement into electric energy, like the [Waveline Magnet](#). This ingenious piece of equipment harnesses the movement of ocean waves and converts it into energy. The Waveline Magnet can be manufactured using recycled plastic making it a further win for the climate!

Hats off to you D6ers, I'm continuously amazed at your passion and desire to engage with us bureaucrats. Tell me, what did I leave out? It's your turn to send me some encouraging updates!

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## CITY COUNCIL, COMMITTEE MEETINGS & GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Tune in to Channel 8 or go [online](#) to watch your city's legislative branch in action!

City Council general session occur every Monday beginning at 3:30p.m., followed by [public comment](#) at 5p.m., with the session continuing at 5:30p.m.



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At-Large

## **IN-DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS AT PETE'S U-PARK CAFE**

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, 8am - noon**, at **Pete's University Park Cafe** (2345 E Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80210, at the corner of University and Evans). Parking is available in the back - I hope to see you there!

## DPD NEEDS YOUR HELP!



## Denver Police Department's Neighborhood Safety Plans

The first annual *Denver Public Safety Survey* will be open from October 22nd through December 8th! The purpose of the survey is to solicit feedback on public safety and security concerns from those who live and/or work in Denver. A report on the survey results will be provided to the Denver Police Department to help them better understand your neighborhood's safety and security concerns. More information on the *Denver Public Safety Survey*, which is part of the Denver Police Department's Micro-Community Policing Plans, can be found on the *Denver Public Safety Survey* [website](#). Make sure your voice is heard by completing the *Denver Public Safety Survey* today!

[Take the Survey Here!](#)

## EUGENE FIELD LIBRARY



Be sure to visit the [Eugene Field Branch Library](#) (810 S University Blvd) in November! You're always welcome at the library for one of our adult programs or one of our weekly children's offerings.

This month, our programs for adults include tips and tricks for getting the most out of your smartphone, easy recipes for holiday entertaining, and a walking program for older adults where you can connect with an elite athlete.

For the youngsters, don't forget about our weekly offerings, which include three story times, LEGO Club, and a craft program.

And everyone will find something to love at our [Pop-Up Used Book Sale](#), on Saturday, November 18!

Bookmark the branch calendar at [tinyurl.com/ComingUpAtEugeneField](https://tinyurl.com/ComingUpAtEugeneField). You can also stay connected on Facebook at [facebook.com/field.dpl](https://facebook.com/field.dpl). We'll see you at the library!

## LEAFDROP DENVER

DENVER  
**LEAFDROP**

**SITES NOW OPEN!**

Drop off your leaves & old pumpkins.  
We'll turn them into compost available  
to residents in the spring.

**Locations & Times: [DenverGov.org/leafdrop](https://denvergov.org/leafdrop)**

This fall, give your leaves and pumpkins a second life by dropping them off at a DOTI Leafdrop location! Our composter, A1 Organics, will turn them

into compost made available to Denver residents at a discounted price at participating Ace Hardware locations this spring.

Three Leafdrop sites are now open, weekdays from 10a.m. - 2p.m.:

- Cherry Creek Transfer Station - 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (*enter on E. Jewell Ave.*)
- Havana Nursery - 10450 Smith Rd. (*enter on Smith Road*)
- Central Platte Campus - 1271 W. Bayaud Ave. (*next to the Denver Animal Shelter, near Building 2 (the Gary Price Building)*)

Additional weekend sites are open - See the full Leafdrop schedule at [www.denvergov.org/Leafdrop](http://www.denvergov.org/Leafdrop).

Residents utilizing Leafdrop sites are encouraged to bag their leaves in brown paper bags instead of in plastic and can [download a coupon](#) to receive a free five-pack of paper leaf bags at participating Ace Hardware stores. Leaves dropped off in plastic bags must be emptied on site.

A quick reminder that it's unlawful to rake your leaves into the street, so please collect and compost your leaves instead!

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## COOK PARK PLAYGROUND IS COMPLETED!



We had a blast celebrating the completion of the beautiful new playground at Cook Park! Complete with a nature theme, custom-built tower, and the biggest playground mound in the city of Denver, this playground is going to give years of fun and games for the neighborhood kids!

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## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BIKING & ROLLING IN DENVER



Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) has launched [Denver Moves: Bikes Update](#), a citywide planning effort to update DOTI's recommended bike network, which was last updated in 2015 ([bit.ly/denverbikemap](https://bit.ly/denverbikemap)). This update will help DOTI build more comfortable and connected bikeways and develop an ongoing program to upgrade Denver's existing bikeways over time.

Taking the survey will help DOTI develop recommendations for bicycle network improvements across the City and County of Denver. The survey and interactive map will be open until **December 15, 2023**.

[Take the Survey Here!](#)

Interested in learning more and want to ask questions? Join our virtual community kick-off meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 5 - 6p.m.

Zoom link: [bit.ly/DenverMovesBikesMeeting1](https://bit.ly/DenverMovesBikesMeeting1)

- Call in #: 720 707 2699
- Meeting ID: 865 0824 0757

Help Spread the Word!

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## REQUEST A YARD SIGN

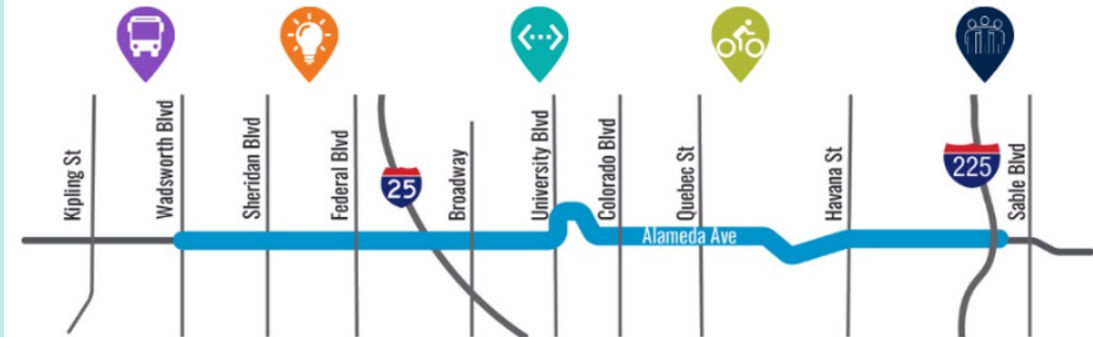
The City and County of Denver is updating Denver's default speed limit from 25mph to 20mph. This change applies to Denver's local streets – primarily the roads with no stripes that go through residential blocks. Additionally, wherever speed limit signs are not posted, the default speed limit will be 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.

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## ALAMEDA AVE CORRIDOR STUDY

# WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR ALAMEDA AVENUE?



Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is leading a study of Alameda Avenue in partnership with the City and County of Denver, Aurora, Lakewood, Glendale, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Regional Transportation District (RTD). The goal is to develop a shared vision for the corridor from Wadsworth Blvd. to the R-Line in Aurora.

The study aims to improve mobility and safety for all users and plan for future transit investments, while still preserving the character of the corridor. The study will identify mobility and safety issues and result in recommendations for transportation improvements that will enhance the corridor - making it safer and more accessible for all road users.

DRCOG is currently collecting feedback to understand community concerns with safety, mobility or other transportation along the Alameda Corridor.

You can learn more about the study, provide feedback about your experiences along Alameda, and sign up for a focus group discussion on the [project website](#).

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**THE LOVVE PROJECT**



The LoVVe Project provides fresh food support to the families of Ellis Elementary School EVERY TUESDAY, where 87% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch. LoVVe hosts food distribution events for 200+ families, providing fresh meat, eggs, dairy, and produce as well as critical hygiene and cleaning supplies. They have also provided warm clothing, school supplies, and have vaccinated over 200 people at their COVID-19 clinic.

To volunteer or to give, visit their website!

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**NOV 19 - WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE  
for Road Traffic Victims**

November 19



# WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS IN THE U.S.

Please join us for a candlelight vigil and short ceremony to remember those lost on our streets and recommit to Denver's goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2030.

## WALK, 5 P.M.

*Denver City & County Building, 1437 Bannock St*



## CEREMONY, 5:30 P.M.

*Independence Plaza, 16th Street Mall, between Curtis & Arapahoe St*



## PLEASE RSVP:

*[bit.ly/wdor2023](https://bit.ly/wdor2023)*



#WDoR2023  
WDoR-USA.org

The [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#) is a global event held every third Sunday of November to honor those who have lost their lives or been impacted by roadway crashes. This year on November 19, communities **across the globe**, including several dozen in the United States, will gather together to demand actions towards improving roadway safety and to uplift proven strategies, including redesigning dangerous roads, reducing speed limits, and improving vehicle design.

The [Denver Streets Partnership](#) (DSP) and the Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) are hosting a candlelight vigil and short ceremony to remember those lost on our streets and recommit to Denver's goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2030, through implementation of the recently updated [Vision Zero Action Plan](#).

WHEN: Sunday, November 19th, 5-6:30p.m.

## YOUTH RIDE RTD FREE!



**ZERO FARE**  
for **Youth**

From Sept '23–Aug '24, just hop on board the bus or train. Ages 19 and under ride at no cost.

**Beginning September 1, RTD is excited to welcome a future generation of transit users to experience all the benefits without a fare.\***

**Zero Fare for Youth is a one-year pilot program** that aims to enhance the lives of RTD customers and communities by reducing transportation costs for families. By inviting ages 19 and under to ride at no cost, we also remove barriers to education and employment, while creating access to destinations across the metro Denver region.



**Learn more about Zero Fare for Youth and all the benefits of public transit at [rtd-denver.com/youth](https://rtd-denver.com/youth).**



\*Proof of eligibility required. For a complete list, visit the website.



# STORY TIME

at the Station



## SATURDAY | NOV 11

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at 1625 S University Blvd

Join your Denver Police District 3 Officers for a FREE, interactive reading event for kids\* and their grown-ups! Guests will enjoy books about gratitude read by officers, crafts, police car tours, a visit by the Denver Police Mounted Patrol, treats & cider, and coffee for the adults!

Please RSVP to [christie.mochoruk@denvergov.org](mailto:christie.mochoruk@denvergov.org)



\*Suggested ages 3 to 7

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at 7777 E. Hampden Ave

## WATER RATES TO RAISE SLIGHTLY IN 2024



Denver Board of Water Commissioners has adopted rate changes to help pay for important upgrades, projects and ongoing maintenance and repair to keep its system operating efficiently. The new rates take effect Jan. 1, 2024, and for typical single-family residential customers who receive a bill from Denver Water, if they use the same amount of

water in 2024 as they did in 2023, the new rates will increase their monthly bill by an average of \$1.60 to \$2.30 over the course of the year, depending on where they live.

[How Denver Water is building a strong, resilient water system for the future.](#)

[Water rates to rise slightly in 2024.](#)

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## FIND YOUR REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION (RNO)

Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNO) are a great resource for information about events, changes, or future projects happening in your neighborhood!

### District 6 RNO's

#### Washington Park East Neighborhood Association (WPENA):

For more information and to sign up for their newsletter, visit the [WPENA website!](#)

#### Cook Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNA):

Thursday, 11/16 from 6-7p.m.  
Cook Park Recreation Center (7100  
Cherry Creek S Dr). Virtual  
Option: [Join the Zoom Meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 84753741450  
Passcode: 232430

For more information and to sign up for their newsletter, visit the [CPNA website!](#)

#### Lynwood Neighborhood Association (LNA):

For more information and to sign up for their newsletter, visit the [LNA Facebook page!](#)

#### Friends and Neighbors (FANS) of Washington Park:

Information about future events on the [FANS website!](#)

#### Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association (BBNA):

Information about future events

#### University Neighbors Neighborhood Association (UNNA):

Thursday, 11/9 from 6:30-8p.m.  
Virtual only: [Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 817 8730 8018  
Passcode: 765729

For more information and to sign up for their newsletter, visit the [UNNA website!](#)

#### Cory-Merrill Neighborhood Association (CMNA):

Wednesday, 11/8 at 6p.m.  
Bonnie Brae United Church of  
Christ (1201 S Steele St)

For more information and to sign up for their newsletter, visit the [CMNA website!](#)

#### University Park Community Council (UPCC):

Information about future events on the [UPCC website!](#)

#### Virginia Village/Ellis Community Association (VVECA):

Tuesday, 11/14 at 6:30p.m.  
Cook Park Recreation Center  
(7100 Cherry Creek S Dr)

Information about future events

on the [BBNA website!](#)

on the [VVECA website!](#)

**Virginia Vale Community Association (VVCA):**  
Email [paul@paulaceto.com](mailto:paul@paulaceto.com) for information!

**Belcaro Park Homeowners Association (BPHA):**  
Information about future events on the [BPHA website!](#)

**Indian Creek Neighborhood Association:**  
Email [judyanne@mindspring.com](mailto:judyanne@mindspring.com) for information!

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## E-BIKES 101 CLASS!

Curious about e-bikes, but looking for a bit more information? Denver Streets Partnership (in partnership with Bicycle Colorado) has created a free, virtual E-Bike 101 class! With e-bikes' rise in popularity, it is so important that new riders have safe and comfortable experiences, which is why DSP crafted this free, one-hour online course held every Wednesday evening!



[More info here!](#)

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## DISTRICT 6 ACADEMY MEETINGS

The District 6 Academy focuses on current issues and aims to provide residents with tools to empower them to effect change. This is a free series with the goal to provide critical knowledge and understanding of complex issues as well as valuable tools that residents can

implement when engaging with city agencies and the community at large.

Be on the lookout for new District 6 Academy sessions in the new year!



*Empowering Residents  
To Take Action*

**View Past Sessions:**

[Session 1 - A Public Health Approach to Neighborhood Safety:](#)

[Session 2 - The High Cost of Living: Diving Into Denver's Affordable Housing Crisis](#)

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## **POLICE DISTRICT 3 CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS WITH COMMANDER JOEL BELL**

The Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) meeting is designed for your community. Not only do you hear about the statistics for the entire district, you also get to ask the Commander your specific questions. It's a great opportunity to meet your local Denver Police officers, while staying informed.

First Wednesday of the month, 5 - 7p.m., at the District 3 Police Station (1625 S University Blvd)

[\*\*Visit the District 6 Police Website!\*\*](#)

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## **PROPERTY TAX, RENT and UTILITY HELP**



The Denver Property Tax Relief Program is now open! If you meet certain income rules, you could receive an average refund of \$1,000 from property taxes paid in 2022, or the equivalent in rent. Apply today or share with family and friends who might qualify!

- Those who might qualify include:
- Renters and homeowners ages 65+
- Renters and homeowners disabled for all 2022
- Homeowners who lived with at least one dependent minor child in 2022.

Learn more at <http://www.denvergov.org/properlytaxrelief> or call 720-944-4DHS (4347).

Are you struggling to pay your rent, mortgage, or utilities? Are you worried about staying in your home? You're not alone and it's not your fault— one in three households in Denver is paying more than a third of their income toward housing. The Denver Department of Housing Stability is here to help you get the assistance you deserve. We have FREE programs to help you with paying rent, utilities, and more. Documentation status and landlord participation are not requirements for most programs.

**If you are worried about paying rent, you can come to Room 163 in the Denver County Courthouse, located at 1437 Bannock St, from 8a.m. - 12p.m. every Monday through Friday. Staff are available to answer questions and assist if you are facing eviction or in need of rental assistance.**

HOST also actively supports the Campaign to End Discrimination Based on Source of Income being spearheaded by the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center. Learn more through this video, '[A Place Called Better.](#)'

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## SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



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

In addition to TTY services, deaf, hard of hearing, and residents with speech disabilities can now text or email Denver 911 to report emergency and non-emergency situations occurring in Denver and around the metro area.

Text: (303) 513-6909, (720) 723-8911, (720) 491-0866

Email: [denver911@denvergov.org](mailto:denver911@denvergov.org)

Be sure to text or email the following information:

The location where help is needed

A summary of the situation

A response to information requested by 911 such as injuries and suspect descriptions

Also, stay engaged in the text conversation as much as possible and do not delete the message or turn off your phone until the Denver 911 call taker concludes the conversation

TTY is an electronic device for text communication with individuals who are deaf. The device uses a series of tones which allow users to communicate via a keyboard and telephone interface at 911. Deaf and hard of hearing community members are encouraged to maintain a TTY machine to access 911 when a text pager or email is unavailable.

Denver's 911 call takers are trained on the use of the TTY and check all 911 hang-ups and "silent" phone calls or "open lines" using both voice and TTY commands to verify if a member of the deaf or hard of hearing community is on the line.

### 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.

This form should not be used to report emergencies. If you have a current emergency, please call 911 immediately. Register [here](#).

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