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Recycling Cart - Photo Contest

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Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Denver Public Works' Denver Recycles announced a way for residents to "show their love" for recycling with the **"I Heart My Purple Recycling Cart"** photo contest. Denver residents are encouraged to submit creative photos showing their support for, and love of, recycling. All photo submissions must include the signature Denver "purple recycling cart."

With more than 115,000 households choosing to "Go Purple" and recycling paper, bottles, containers, cans, etc., everyday, it is clear that Denver loves to recycle. Now it is your chance to show how much you love your purple recycling cart by submitting a photo that captures this love and creatively shows how your household or school recycles.



A 2012 Winning Photo

For residential submittals a first, second and third place winner will be selected along with a winner for best submittal by an "under 13" year old. A special winner will also be selected from Denver Public School entries. Contest prizes will include tickets to local events, gift cards and other rewards.

How to submit your photo:

- Email a digital photo to DenverRecycles@DenverGov.org by noon on Thursday, February 7th
- Include your name, phone number and home address in your email
- Photos must include the Denver Recycles purple cart, without any permanent markings on it (no stickers, no spray paint etc...)
- Photo should illustrate your appreciation for the purple recycling cart and how or what you recycle
- Digital photo size should be at least 500 KB and no more than 1000 KB
- One photo per household or school

For more information, please visit: www.denvergov.org/denverrecycles or call 3-1-1.

Eisenhower Recreation Center

Eisenhower Recreation Center has some amazing upcoming programs!

Drawing, Painting, and More will be held on Wednesdays (Feb. 13 - March 6) from 4:30 – 6:00 pm for ages 6-10. The fee is \$19.00.

Out of School Day Camp is available the following dates:

- Tuesday, February 19th from 9am - 4pm
- Tuesday, March 26 - Friday, March 29th from 9am - 4pm
- Friday, May 17th from 9am - 4pm

The fee is \$25 for one day or purchase a 7 day package for \$100. Pre-registration is recommended. Leave your kids in a safe place to play games, sports, art and crafts, field trips, and more. Please bring a lunch.

Fitness Classes are available as follows:

- Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 - 7:45pm
- Zumba: Wednesdays from 6 - 7pm
- Boot Camp: Saturday from 9:15 - 10:15am

MY DENVER card is available to all Denver Public Schools students in 6th – 12th grade. Students may use their DPS student ID for free access to all Denver Public Libraries and Recreation Centers. Registration forms are available at all: Denver Public Libraries, Denver Recreation Centers, and Denver Public School Offices. For more information on MY DENVER cards, please visit www.denvergov.org/mydenvercard or facebook at www.facebook.com/MyDenverCard

For more information or to register, please call Eisenhower Recreation Center at 720-865-0730.



Property Tax

2012 Property Tax statements were recently mailed. This year Denver property owners will find that their property tax rates for the City and County of Denver and Denver Public Schools were impacted by the passage of referred questions 2A, 3A, and 3B, which were approved by a majority of voters in the 2012 general election.

A property tax exemption is available to senior citizens, surviving spouses of senior citizens, and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The state pays the exempted portion of the property tax. Once approved, the exemption remains in effect for future years, and the applicant should not reapply.

For more information or an application for the Senior Citizen Exemption, please email assessor@denvergov.org or call 720-913-1311.

For more information or an application for the Disabled Veteran Exemption, please visit: www.dmva.state.co.us/page/va/prop_tax or call 303-343-1268.



Denver Digs Trees program

The *Denver Digs Trees* program and the City's *Mile High Million* program are excited to announce a special opportunity to offer all Denver residents free trees.

Any resident of the City and County of Denver can apply for free trees to plant along the street in the public right-of-way. Additionally, those who have space for trees on the west side of their homes are eligible to have trees delivered and planted for them.

Availability is limited, any residents wanting new trees must apply no later than February 15th.

For more information and to apply for either free tree program, please visit www.theparkpeople.org or call 303-722-6262 to request a paper application.



Network of Care for Older Adults

If you are looking for resources for assisting seniors, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Area Agency on Aging provides a comprehensive, community-based Web site to help connect older adults and their families with appropriate services.

DRCOG provides information on more than 700 providers in the Denver Metro area ranging from housing, transportation, health information, non-profits, food, home health care, senior centers, recreation, information, referral assistance and much more.

You can access their web site at www.DRCOG.NetworkofCare.org or call 303-480-6700.

The city of Denver's Commission on Aging provides an *Elder Resource Guide* for Denver residents. Please contact our office if you would like a copy mailed to you or visit their web site at www.denvergov.org/Aging to find the information that you need.



Denver Public Library 2013 LEGO Building Contest

The theme for this year's contest is Building Books!

Choose a favorite book and make a LEGO® design based on a scene, character or even the cover of the book!

Use your imagination and enter one of the four categories: Preschool-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-12th grade or Family.

Entries will be accepted February 11 through 22 at participating locations. The closest participating library is Virginia Village Branch Library (1500 S. Dahlia St.). For more information, rules and entry forms, please call 720-865-0940.



Download eBooks for free at Denver Public Library



Libraries around the globe are experiencing a growing demand for eBooks. In Colorado, they now account for 3-7% of overall circulation but are increasing upwards of 500% annually.

Whether you have a new reader but don't know how to download free books from the library, or you aren't sure which gadget you want to buy, Denver Public Library is offering free classes to help customers navigate the eBook and eReader world.

eBooks 101 will help you learn how to find, check out, download and transfer items to your eReader. If you have an eReader and/or laptop, please bring them to class.

eBooks 101 classes will be held at the following:

- Hampden Branch Library (9755 E. Girard Ave.) on Saturday, February 23rd from 2-4:30pm.
- Virginia Village Branch Library (1500 S. Dahlia St.) on Wednesday, February 27th from 5-7pm.

One-on-one appointments on eBooks are also available at the Central Library's Community Technology Center.

For more information, to register or to see a complete list of technology classes, please visit: www.denverlibrary.org/ctc or call 720-865-1706.

Denver Rubber Duck Drop



For the past eight years, our office has sponsored the Denver Rubber Duck Drop. Our five local elementary schools have been instrumental in organizing and staffing this annual community event.

The results have been amazing. Over \$133,000 has been raised. These funds have been distributed to Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens K-8 and Southmoor Elementary Schools for their students. The money has been used to purchase library books, security systems, promethean boards, field trips, grants for classroom teachers and much, much more.

We have received support from our local businesses, as well as corporations and foundations, through prize donations and sponsorship which were vital to the success of the Denver Rubber Duck Drop. The Denver Foundation has generously provided their resources to serve as our fiscal agent for the past eight years. Many volunteer hours were contributed to make this a successful community event which brought the schools together. Over the years, hundreds of families have come to George Wallace Park in May to watch the ducks race and enjoy the festivities.

This event has required a substantial commitment from our office staff and the parents who have worked on the steering committee in the months preceding the race. Our goal of bringing our local elementary schools and the community together, while raising money, has been achieved. We have decided that the time has come to bring this event to a close. Many of the schools are now working on their own special events to raise money by organizing carnivals, fun runs, silent auctions and other fund raisers which require a lot of volunteer time from their parents and help from local businesses.

Thanks to all of you who have been involved in some way, either by purchasing Duck tickets, working as a volunteer, or donating prizes or money to the Duck Drop.

If you are interested in adopting 3000 rubber ducks, please contact our office at 720-337-4444.

Burn Wood Safely

With the arrival of colder weather, Denver Environmental Health offers tips for seasonal burning in fireplaces and wood stoves to minimize the impact on health and air quality:

- Burn well-seasoned wood that has been stored properly and allowed to dry for several months. It will burn efficiently and produce little smoke.
- Never burn garbage, colored paper or chemically treated wood
- Burn small, hot fires, adding small amounts of wood as needed
- Clean and inspect stoves and fire places annually to prevent the buildup of creosote, a highly flammable and toxic substance

For more information, please visit: www.denvergov.org/deh or call 3-1-1.



Shoppes at Highpointe

We are happy to welcome the newly opened Smashburger and Sprint store to the Shoppes at Highpointe.

Coming this spring are 4 different restaurants: *Tazikis*, *Zanitas*, *Tossa* and *Panera Bread*. A skin treatment store *mpulse* will also be a part of the Shoppes later this year.



Denver Police Department - taking applications

The Denver Police Department is accepting applications for approximately 100 positions. Officers work to protect lives and property by enforcing laws and ordinances while providing police services to the community.

Applicants must be a US citizen, be at least 21 years of age, have a High School diploma or GED, have a valid driver's license and no felony convictions.

Applicants are subject to a merit based hiring process, background investigation, polygraph, drug testing, interview, fitness exam, psychological exam, and other administrative review. Applicants must pass all Denver Civil Service Commission requirements to be considered for hire.

The salary starts at \$46,449 and moves to \$76,932 after 4 years.

The application period is open from February 4th through April 25th (limited test space is available so apply early) online at www.denvergov.org/jobs.

For more information, please contact Officer Eranda Piyasena (DPD Recruiter) at eranda.piyasena@denvergov.org or Don Ronyak (Manger of Safety Recruitment Director) at don.ronyak@denvergov.org.



Dine or Shop at a Certified Green Business



The City and County of Denver has been working diligently with Denver business owners to establish a "green business certification," achieved by businesses who are committed to sustainability. Certification is achieved by businesses who make the commitment to conserve in all areas of sustainability: water, waste, energy, transportation and overall management.

For more information, please visit: www.denvergov.org/CertifiablyGreenDenver.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

The Denver Police Department has noticed a number of Auto vs. Pedestrian accidents recently. Please take note of the Safety Tips below.

- Cross the street only at intersections or marked crosswalks
- Continuously watch for traffic as you cross the street
- Always make sure a motorist is not turning even if there is a “No turn on red” sign
- Avoid walking on roads without sidewalks and crosswalks, but if you must, walk facing traffic
- Always look both ways before crossing the street - even if it is not a busy intersection
- Wear reflective or bright clothing in the dark so drivers can easily identify you; cross near a light
- Follow crosswalk signs/signals; do not cross when the sign reads “Do Not Walk”
- Do not assume that cars are driving slowly enough for you to cross or for them to stop
- Do not run or dash into the street



Welcome New Hamilton Middle School Principal

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Nickolas (Nick) Dawkins who is the new principal of Hamilton Middle School as of January.

Mr. Dawkins has over thirteen years of experience working in a wide array of schools, learning systems and environments. Before coming to Hamilton Middle School, he served in the role of Principal in Residence at Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College and as an Assistant Principal at MLK Jr. Early College. Prior to that he served as Principal Intern at Thomas Jefferson High School.

His teaching experience started at Denver’s East and South High Schools. He says “Parents and staff working collaboratively together each day for Hamilton’s students is the exemplary quality that attracted me to Hamilton Middle School.”

We wish Reina Gutierrez, who had served as principal at Hamilton since 2000, all the best in her retirement from Denver Public Schools after 30 years of working for the district.

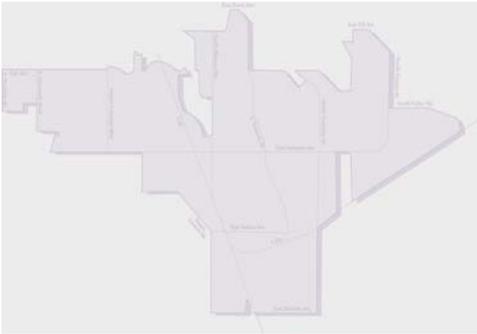
Coyote Crew Volunteer Program

Coyote Crew volunteers help provide valuable information to residents about how to live safely and responsibly with coyotes, protect their pets and keep wildlife wild. Training is required to participate in this program. Training includes coyote biology and behavior, coyote-specific research, legal issues, communication techniques, hazing techniques and more.

Denver Parks and Recreation along with Colorado Parks and Wildlife are providing a training on Saturday, February 16th (times and locations are still being finalized). For more information or to register, please contact Doug Kelley at doug.kelley@denvergov.org or 720-865-4334.



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www.denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict4

February Calendar of Events

District 3 DPD CAB Meeting - February 7th (6pm)

1625 S. University Blvd 720-913-2677

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY- February 2nd

100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. 720-865-5000 www.denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY - February 18th

1007 York St. 720-865-3585 www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY - February 11th

2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-370-6000 www.dmns.org

Denver Zoo FREE DAY - February 3rd, 4th & 21st

2300 Steel Street 303-376-4800 www.denverzoo.org

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Every Tuesday at 10am, DCPA will release a limited number of \$10 tickets. Ten seats for every DCPA performance in the coming week will qualify. For more information, please visit www.denvercenter.org/scfd use code SCFD.



District 3 Denver Police Station



Denver Art Museum
