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SUMMER 2021 MOVIE NIGHT: Thank you, thank you, thank you

*Movie Night in Platt Park was awesome
and we have a lot to be thankful for*

by Greg Pulliam

The event on August 21 started off mellifluously with the Denver Municipal Band Brass Quintet playing a range of modern and classic jazz arrangements. Did you know that the DMB's roots go all the way back to 1861? That's longer than Colorado has been a state! It was formed to tame an old mining town and encourage people to stay, have families, and share in an emerging culture.

DMB is the longest-running (continuously) band in the United States. The band's mission is to build community through music, as it continues to provide free concerts around the Denver area, playing at parks from Parker to Westminster. Find out more here: <https://denvermunicipalband.org>.

The Brass Quintet consists of band leader Joseph Martin on trombone; David Artley on trumpet; Mike Dunn on tuba; Sam Oatts on trumpet; and Devon Park on French horn. The DMB has played at three movie nights in Platt Park. Thank you DMB!

OutreachFX provided the movie projection equipment and screen for the fourth year in a row (not counting Covid-cancelled 2020's Movie Night). Chad Smith is the local OutreachFX representative. Find out more about OFX here: <https://www.outreachfx.com/index.html>. Thank you Chad and OutreachFX!

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The Platt Park People's Association, a city of Denver Registered Neighborhood Organization, serves more than 3,000 homes and businesses in the neighborhood bounded by Broadway on the West, Downing on the East, I-25 on the North and Evans on the South. 3PA membership is open to all neighbors and business owners who live and own property within these boundaries. Have a voice in your neighborhood and with the city: Join 3PA.

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3PA President's Corner

by Benda Holder

Hello Platt Park neighbors!

We are excited to invite you all to our in person November General Meeting. The meeting will be November 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Highlands Church, 1700 S. Grant St.

Come meet the board and the editors of the [Platt Park Post](#). We will be holding [board elections](#), as well as sharing updates from our treasurer and the [Committee for Responsible Development](#). You will also hear from our City Councilman Jolon Clark and one of our community resource officers from the Denver Police Department.

We are optimistic that we will be able to host this event in person, but please check our website, www.3PA.org, to confirm the details as the meeting date approaches.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!



“Movie night thank you,” continued from page 1

Denver Parks & Recreation generously provided access to restrooms for Movie Night in the Platt Park Recreation Center for Seniors. Thanks to the manager of the senior center, Tamara Southerland, who went out of her way to get us approval. Donna Shank was the senior center employee who agreed to work overtime to provide the access. Thank you Denver Parks & Recreation, Tamara, and Donna.

And then there are our 3PA volunteers who worked hard to put this year’s Movie Night together. Thank you to:

Benda Holder for once again doing a great job in coordinating with Denver Municipal Band, OutreachFX, and the recreation center.

Jimena Vazquez for applying her ample talents to create the graphics used for the Movie Night yard signs and flyers. Kara Johnson-Hufford for distributing the Movie Night flyers.

Movie Night ended earlier than planned on another musical note. Thunder and rain arrived about a third of the way through the movie “Babe,” about the time that Babe managed to escape ending up as Christmas dinner. Rain had occurred lightly and intermittently before the intensity increased and caused risk to OutreachFX’s electrical equipment, leading to shutting down in the interest of safety. Nevertheless, Platt Park residents were thankful for the rain.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to all those who attended Movie Night. It is all about you! We will look forward to seeing you at next year’s Movie Night, when “Babe” may be the featured event again.

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Platt Park resident tidies up neighborhood on her walks

by Mark Newton

Sheri Munteer, a 13-year Platt Park resident, has always been somebody who would pick up a piece of trash versus step over it. Her awareness in the last year on her walks throughout the neighborhood led her to notice such an increase of trash that one day she decided to bring along a bag and pick up all that waste.

Tuesdays are her dedicated trash day, so the 20-year Denver resident who lives near South Pennsylvania Street and East Louisiana Avenue, picks up one bag of trash every Tuesday morning when she walks her dog, Hannah. “I’m guessing I’ve picked up between 50 and 60 bags of trash in total over the last year,” she said.

Originally, Munteer posted her task on her Facebook page to be one of those social media challenges. “I would nominate people each day for seven days in a row to pick up trash. I decided that I would put it on Nextdoor as well so that people might join along and hopefully get our neighborhood cleaner.”

She said a few people who she nominated on Facebook have also picked up trash on their own walks, but as of yet nobody has actually joined her on her walks.

Munteer said she sees lots of facemasks, plastic bottles, receipts, and those little Styrofoam things people use when they package items.

On her daily walks, she said she has noticed that South Pearl Street is the biggest problem area for trash. “It’s almost always trash from the shops that are right there,” she said. “That and the farmers market ends up with a lot of trash afterwards, too. I would love to see the shops along Pearl Street just go outside their shops a few times a week and pick up trash.”

Munteer also said she has noticed a lot more trash in James H. Platt Park since the city took out all the trash cans and relocated them to the outer street corners of the park on South Logan Street.

In the end, Munteer said she hopes to challenge her neighbors to make picking up trash a part of their lives. “Whether it’s a family day a couple times a summer where people teach their kids the importance of picking up litter, picking up after themselves, disposing of face masks properly, or



Sheri Munteer and her dog, Hannah

choosing a day of the week each week like I do,” she said she knows it will help make Platt Park beautiful.

Munteer said she hopes 3PA or the Pearl Street Merchants Association will host an event on a weekend this fall where everyone meets and gets some gloves and a trash bag and walks around the neighborhood picking up trash. “Maybe we can get some local restaurants to donate some gift cards and have drawings (a ticket for every bag of trash brought back or something like that),” she said. Stay tuned to 3PA’s Facebook page and look for 3PA eBlasts that will provide specific information as plans are finalized.

In the meantime, Munteer will take her trash bag on her Tuesday dog walks and continue her weekly effort to beautify the neighborhood — picking up one piece of trash at a time and not stepping over it.

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Neighborhood Notes

As I write this the first hints of fall are starting to appear after what seemed to be an especially hot and particularly smoky summer. Glad the smoke was not so much coming from Colorado fires as in past summers, but there was no getting away from it as we were just sitting downwind from that enormous campfire also known as California.

Well as the seasons change we can now enjoy the crisp morning air, blue skies and that slow-moving fireworks of the fall color change — unless of course we get hammered by an early snowstorm. (Trivia Question: What is the earliest snowstorm to ever hit Denver? Answer, last year, on September 8! Remember that beauty?). Never dull around here.

Not sure who to thank particularly, but in these on-going COVID times it has been nice to not have to go back into lockdowns, mandatory-everywhere mask wearing and social distancing (knock on wood) while portions of the country have, much of it seemingly self-induced. From my perch, Denver has handled all this pretty well, doing what was needed when the chips were down — getting vaccines and the like. I believe the thanks goes to you for doing what you needed, when it was needed and collectively not spinning off the dial with some craziness. Love my state, city and especially my neighborhood. Good job!

Guess you could call this issue of Neighborhood Notes the “not quite done” issue as most every project of interest around here is still moving slowly towards the finish line. Here are a few highlights:

The most-asked about project, from my perspective at least, is what is happening with **the old Hanson’s Tavern** (1301 S. Pearl St.) that shut its doors way back in December of 2019. As you might recall and was previously reported here, it sold in September of 2020 to Cadence Capital Group for the tidy sum of \$2.6 million. Since that time, it has languished vacant, with no signs of activity except the Williams Construction sign in the window. Cadence has not responded to my efforts to contact them, but I finally got a hold of someone at Williams Construction. I was told the new project will be...wait for it...an office building (strike the sound of kazoos playing “ta-da”). Well, that is not particularly exciting unless I suppose you are looking for office space and have an insatiable craving for Duffeyrolls. Seems a surprising use of a building that has a built-in cabaret license and a high-profile corner location, but who am I to know better? Anyway, the project should finally get under

way this year with a completion date of early to mid-2022. Not sure that is the last word on this, but it appears to be the story for now.

Moving steadily towards completion is **Jack’s on Pearl** (1475 S. Pearl St). Construction is slated to be finished around the end of October and the expected opening date will be sometime shortly thereafter. The space only slightly resembles the previous Tavern on Pearl. Gone is the large bar that was just inside the door and all the trappings of a sports bar have been removed. The front main area will be for dining with a large open kitchen in the back. Built into the room will be the chef’s table where you can sit around in bar-like fashion and watch the chefs do their thing. There will also be a bar off to one side pouring libations and an oyster bar serving up, well, oysters. Upstairs will still be the large bar that opens to the patio outside. This space will, like the Tavern before, be a great place for social gathering. The look and feel of both upstairs and down has been completely made over and looks to be impressive. As for food, no menu is yet available, but at the core will be wood-fired everything with big, open ovens in the back of the main floor. I was glad to hear the price point will be as described “\$\$,” as opposed to three or four, meaning dining there will be a reasonable affair on the pocketbook. Looking forward to checking it out soon.

Over on the Broadway side of the ‘hood is a new dive bar coming at 1539 S. Broadway. **TrashHawk Tavern** has taken over the former space of the Alternation Brewing Company that fell victim to COVID in September, 2020. TrashHawk is owned by a family of longtime Denverites who purchased the building for \$750,000. The family is



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new to the bar business but has been planning this move for some time. The goal is to create a “fun, comfortable spot for people in the surrounding neighborhoods to hang out,” said Erin Homberger, one of the owners, as reported in The Know from the Denver Post. The bar will offer snacks and will be partnering with food trucks to provide further dining options. Outside food will be welcome. Their [website](#) says opening in August, which obviously didn’t happen. From a quick peek in the window, it looks like an opening should be imminent.

Okay, here’s a new twist for businesses along Broadway: a ping pong center. **Denver Pong** will be opening soon (site says September) at 1559 S. Broadway. Their [website](#) says “Pong is for everyone. Whether you’re a recreational player, champion of your neighborhood or a serious table tennis athlete looking to train, Denver Pong is for you! (Side note: Did you see any of the table tennis in the Olympics? Other-worldly stuff!) “Drop in and play with your friends, join our leagues or train with one of our world-class coaches.” You can join as a member or just pay a drop-in fee. They have all the equipment you need. Sounds fun. I’m thinking drop-in for some pong and then wander next door to TrashHawk for ...or maybe the other way around.

And finally, there is one opening to report! After a long COVID pause, **Tikka & Grill** is now up and running at 1300 S. Broadway. Tikka’s initial timing could not have been much worse as they initially planned to open spring of 2020, right when the lock-downs began. Good for them for persevering through what had to be a tough time. Tikka & Grill specializes in Nepali and Indian food. As of this writing, I’ve not stopped in but the menu looks amazing. Open daily for both lunch and dinner, and from what I can tell it is already buzzing.

Fingers crossed for the fall ahead that we beat COVID into submission and can finish putting it, for the most part, in the rear-view mirror. Get out there and enjoy the last weeks of the Farmers Market, which runs ‘till November 14. Stay safe and as always...

See you around the neighborhood,

Tom Snyder



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Denver residents to vote in coordinated elections this fall. Are you ready to vote?

by Jolon Clark, Denver City Councilman District 7

Greetings Platt Park neighbors!

Happy fall! The November 2021 Coordinated Election is coming up and there are a number of citizen-initiated ordinances and council-referred measures that will be on the ballot. Local elections are important so make sure your registration information is up to date so you can receive your ballot.

Ballots will be mailed beginning October 8. And, the last day to vote is Tuesday, Nov. 2 by 7 p.m.

Before then:

1. Check your registration at [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.govoteco.org).
2. Track your ballot by signing up for BallotTRACE and receive notifications when your ballot arrives and is accepted for counting.
3. Make a plan to vote by either dropping it off at a 24-hour ballot drop-off box or visiting a vote center. For locations: denvergov.org/elections.
4. Research ballot issues and candidates before you vote. Visit [DenverVotes.org/VoterInfo](https://denvervotes.org/voterinfo) for a full breakdown of the measures and candidates up for election in Platt Park.

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[DENVERGOV.ORG/ELECTIONS](https://denvergov.org/elections)



Here is what you can expect to see on your ballot:

- School board candidates for Director At-Large
- Denver judges
- Initiated Ordinance 300
 - Pandemic Research Fund
- Initiated Ordinance 301
 - Parks and Open Spaces
- Initiated Ordinance 302
 - Conservation Easement
- Initiated Ordinance 303
 - Let's Do Better
- Initiated Ordinance 304 - Enough Taxes Already
- Referred Question 2A
 - Denver Facilities System Bonds
- Referred Question 2B
 - Denver Housing and Sheltering System Bonds
- Referred Question 2C
 - Denver Transportation and Mobility System Bonds
- Referred Question 2D
 - Denver Parks and Recreation System Bonds
- Referred Question 2E
 - National Western Campus Facilities System Bonds
- Referred Question 2F
 - Safe and Sound Denver
- Referred Question 2G
 - Fill future vacancies for independent monitor
- Referred Question 2H
 - Election Day change

The 2021 coordinated election: What you need to know

Courtesy Alton P. Dillard II, Office of the Clerk and Recorder Marketing and Communications Manager

On November 2, Denver voters will decide on local ballot issues and elect candidates for the school board. Be sure your voice is heard! Here are some key points to keep in mind as we get closer to election day:

- Not registered in Denver yet? Register to vote at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter?vrdid=001>
- Already registered? Be sure your registration is up to date! Check your registration at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter?vrdid=001>.
- Pay special attention to your mailing address on file. This is where the Elections Division will mail your ballot on Oct. 8.
- Denver's mail ballot process is secure and transparent. Follow your ballot from the day it is mailed to the day it is counted with BallotTrace! Go to BallotTrace.org to sign up for Denver's award-winning ballot tracking service.

Learn about Denver's Election Division, see what's on the ballot, and view real-time election results at www.denvervotes.org.

Your one-stop shop November 2021 Coordinated Election is [here](https://www.3pa.org).



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South Pearl Street Association thriving with so many activities

by Aden Holt

Hello from the South Pearl Street Association! We represent the merchants from the 1200 to the 1800 blocks of South Pearl Street.

Our Farmers Market season is thriving this year! We are still setting near-record sales each and every week!

Halloween lands on a Sunday this year and we will be hosting our annual Halloween kids' parade during Farmers Market that morning on Oct. 31. Everyone is invited to dress up and join us for the parade starting at 10 a.m. at the corner of E. Arkansas Ave. and S. Pearl St. and ending at E. Iowa Ave. and S. Pearl St. Just show up and show off!

In early September, we had Denver Health visit us and provide free vaccines for our unvaccinated shoppers, as well as free booster shots for those immunocompromised.

First Fridays have been happening on the initial Friday of every month on South Pearl Street. Merchants along the six-block corridor were asked to provide some extra entertainment in or around their place of business. In 2021 the Fridays have been a big hit and the momentum is growing throughout participating merchants.

Music, performers, live artists, and interactive options happened up and down our sidewalks. October 's First

Friday was our last of the season and the Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts performed on the 1500 block. On September's First Friday the Darshan Dance Company performed belly dancing and live flame twirling.

The South Pearl Street Snowman Drawing Contest is back!

Budding young (12 years old or younger) artists are invited to submit a snowman drawing via our website by Friday, Nov. 5. Selected artist's work will be featured on the light pole banners seen along South Pearl Street.

Pictures must be drawn on 8.5"x11" paper, vertically. If you have future Picassos at home who are under 12, please encourage them to submit art at <https://www.south-pearlstreet.com/snowman-drawing-contest/>.

Winterfest is coming back this year on the 1500 block of South Pearl! Mark your calendars for December 3-4! We have lots of exciting holiday fun planned for kids and adults, so stay tuned for exciting announcements to be made on our social media and website!

The South Pearl Street Association is hoping that all of you remember to shop local and dine-out local to support our merchants that keep the South Pearl Street Historic Shopping district vibrant and entertaining for all who visit.



Seven easy swaps we can make today to improve our air quality

by Jen Grauer

This summer has been one air quality warning after the other in Denver. Every day we can see the smoke, haze, and ground-level ozone. We can feel it in our eyes, throats, and noses. You might have also heard that [indoor air quality is often worse](#), much worse, than outdoor air quality. Yikes!

What I hadn't thought about until I read this enlightening Colorado Sun article titled, "Colorado's bad air includes fumes from sunscreen, bug spray, and hand lotion" is that our poor indoor air quality is not only bad for our health while we spend time in our homes (this I knew), it eventually leaks out of our homes and off our bodies and contributes significantly to our poor outdoor air quality.

It was surprising to learn that the seemingly innocent, slight, and fleeting smells I encounter every day — from the delicious smelling sunscreens at the pool that remind me of childhood and the beach to the "fresh scent" smells coming out of the dryer vents on my evening walks — are a significant contributor to Denver's poor air quality. Who knew?

The chemicals that evaporate from consumer products like sunscreen, shampoo, hair gel, bug spray, perfume — even scented garbage bags — make up 42% of human-caused volatile organic compounds [VOCs] in the atmosphere above Boulder, the NOAA research shows. Transportation emissions make up nearly all the rest, said Coggon, a chemical engineer and researcher in NOAA's Chemical Sciences Laboratory. — [Michael Booth, Colorado Sun](#)

VOCs cause eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches, nausea, and can damage the liver, kidney, and central nervous system. — [EPA](#)

So, while we might not be able to stop forest fires in California or stop driving our cars to work and school this week, we still can have a direct and vital impact on our own indoor and outdoor air quality today. By choosing the unscented version of our everyday products, we reduce the volatile organic compounds that pollute our air. Sadly, all those yummy smells from our product are actually pretty bad for us, our kids, our pets, and the environment.

Do you use the following scented products?

SCENTED LAUNDRY DETERGENT, try instead...

- An unscented version of your current favorite.
- My favorite [eco-friendly laundry powder](#).

Choose the unscented option in a compostable paper bag without a plastic scoop. Just pour into a ball jar and use a 1 tbsp measuring spoon from your kitchen. Be sure to remove the metal bag tie before composting. problem. Make a habit of removing stickers from your fruits and veggies as you wash them.

SCENTED FABRIC SOFTENER, try instead...

- [Wool dryer balls](#).
- Learn more reasons to skip fabric softener [here](#).

SCENTED SUNSCREEN, try instead...

- [This mineral sunscreen in a stick](#) that is a favorite of my extra sensitive child and is easy to apply.
- [Tinted facial mineral sunscreen](#) simplifies my life by combining a light moisturizer, foundation, and sunscreen in one application.
- [Clear mineral sunscreen](#) in a non-plastic tin.
- [Tinted mineral sunscreen](#) in a non-plastic tin.
- [Learn more](#) about the health benefits of choosing mineral sunscreens over chemical ones.

SCENTED CLEANING PRODUCTS, try instead...

- 1/2 c white vinegar + 4 c water + 1 tsp [unscented castile soap](#) in a [glass spray bottle](#).
- Unscented, eco-friendly, and [toxic-free cleaning concentrate](#).

SCENTED CANDLES or SCENTED AIR FRESHENERS, try instead...

- [Beeswax candles](#).
- Learn why standard [candles made from paraffin are toxic](#).
- [Deep clean our home](#) by a company that uses organic products to remove the dust and grease that trap odors, leaving our home feeling clean and fresh without any VOC chemical cleaning product smells left behind.
- [HEPA air filter](#) to clean the air.
- Bathroom and cooktop fans vented to the outside.
- Open windows on opposite sides of a room/house to cross ventilate.
- [ERV](#), whole-house air filtration (this one is not exactly an "easy" swap)
- Baking bread, making coffee.
- Dimmers on [warm-colored LED lights](#) for a relaxing light at night.

SCENTED GARBAGE BAGS, try instead...

- Separating the stinky, rotting food by signing up for Denver Composting. ([Call 311](#)).
- Smaller garbage cans and take the garbage out more often.

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South High School Update

by Melina Hodzic, Denver South High School

We are so glad to see faces back in the building! We have started out the year with a home football game, greet-and-meet with teachers, a club fair, and our PTSA back-to-school bash! School is starting to feel normal again.

We currently have 1,775 students enrolled at Denver South. This is the largest enrollment in years!

Our Denver South community has also experienced traffic delays around school in the last few weeks as a result of our students, teachers, and staff coming back to school. We are improving wait times and will continue to make adjustments to keep students and the community safe, including encouraging walking and carpooling. We appreciate all you do to make our community a better place and welcome your feedback, observations, and ideas.

As many know, we have been working on rebranding our school after we changed our mascot from the Rebels to the Ravens. A few months ago, the Denver South rebranding project received a huge boost when South alum, NFL star Calais Campbell of the Baltimore Ravens, donated \$30,000 to the effort.

After receiving news of the rebranding project, Campbell was happy to help as he noted that the Rebels mascot was something he did not feel comfortable with while he was a student at Denver South. Campbell and his classmates did not feel as if they had the power to make a change 17 years ago and he is thrilled to be a part of the mascot change now taking place. You can check out the story on [CBS4 News](#).

Denver South planned to retire his number and honor him on April 10, 2019. Unfortunately, that event was cancelled due to COVID-19. South plans to reschedule this event and honor Calais for all of his achievements in the near future.

We also want to shout out our girls basketball team. A year after doctors saved Head Coach Wayne McDonald, the team wanted to pay that effort forward by impacting the lives of others in the community. Check out the full story [in this video](#).

Last but not least, we want to give a big shout out to our principal, Bobby Thomas, on receiving the LAMP Award from Denver Public Schools. The LAMP Award is the most distinguished award honoring the district's Shared Core Values champions who model the way for DPS. Check out the [full story here](#).

We are Denver South! Go Ravens!

"Seven Easy Swaps," continued from page 9

- Wash the garbage can occasionally with soap and water.
- An unscented version of these [recycled plastic trash bags](#).
- [Use unscented, non-plastic, plant made bags](#) in a variety of sizes for both compost and landfill waste.

SCENTED FOAMING HAND SOAP, try instead...

- 1 part [unscented liquid castile soap](#) and 4 parts water mixed in a previously used foam soap dispenser
- Plastic-free [unscented bar soap](#)

What about essential oils as a natural fragrance? Unscented is the healthiest for our lungs and air quality. Read more [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

If all our small fragrant choices lead to big air pollution, all our small unscented choices will lead to a big reduction of air pollution for healthier lungs and healthier life. An easy rule to remember: If it has a perfume-like flair, it's polluting our air.

We want to hear what you are doing to green your life, our neighborhood and planet. Entries chosen to be published in the next PPP newsletter will receive a green gift. Please specify your first, second, third choice of a Pela compostable grey case for iPhone 12 mini, beeswax candle, and Meliora unscented dish soap bar. Send entries and gift ranking to Jen.Grauer@gmail.com.

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McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School is a National Blue Ribbon Award winner



by Sonia Geerdes, Principal

Congratulations to the incredibly hardworking, innovative, and dedicated staff of McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School as the school has just been named a recipient of the [National Blue Ribbon Schools Award](#) by the U.S. Department of Education.

McKinley-Thatcher is one of two schools in the State of Colorado that has been identified as an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School, and is being recognized nationally for its success in narrowing achievement gaps for their students of color.

The school attributes this incredible growth to a unique professional development program for their staff. Teachers work weekly in collaboration to deepen their instructional expertise, learn how to better support students' social and emotional needs, and to strengthen the tasks that students engage in every day.

It's been a long journey, but a successful one! In 2014, McKinley-Thatcher was poised on the edge of closing its doors, plagued by low enrollment, fiscal instability, and the lowest rating on the Denver Public School's performance framework. The school struggled to meet the needs of its students of color and had several consecutive years of failing marks in supporting minority families. Something needed to change and in 2015 the school and its community began a journey into rediscovery and a new identity.

In a multi-year process, staff partnered with students, families, and neighbors to develop a new mission and vision by identifying the things that mattered most to the school com-

munity. What surfaced was a deep commitment to learning experiences in a hands-on environment, community connection, and exploration of global perspectives.

As a small school, McKinley-Thatcher provides highly individualized approaches to student learning and goal-setting. This dedication also led to a focus on developing opportunities for students to acquire social-emotional skills, empathy, and resilience.

Today, McKinley-Thatcher is doubling its enrollment and recently expanded their building to include modern, flexible classroom spaces, a high-tech STEM lab, and a beautiful new art studio. At McKinley-Thatcher, we inspire authentic, joyful learners who are ready to explore the world!

Interested in your child attending school at [McKinley-Thatcher](#)? Join the community mid-year in January! Reach out to the school for more information and how to transfer at 720-424-5600. Or, plan for next year by completing a [DPS School Choice](#) application before mid-February 2022.

Want to learn more? Take the virtual tour [HERE](#).



Grant Beacon Middle School

For information: <https://www.bnsk12.org/gbms/>



Students from McKinley-Thatcher Elementary School

Help make Platt Park even more awesome

by Mark Newton

We've already established that Platt Park is a wonderful place to live and work. So, once again and with that in mind, your neighborhood newsletter is packed full of tips to make the neighborhood — our neighborhood — all the better. (All information is provided via the City of Denver [website](#).)

TRAFFIC

You have the right to be [safe on streets and sidewalks](#) no matter where you go or how you get there.

Traffic crashes occur every year in the City and County of Denver, involving vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, motorized scooters and pedestrians. Several have resulted in serious injuries and fatalities and, unfortunately, crashes may continue to result in the same outcomes due to risky behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, not wearing a helmet or not following crosswalk signals.

[Vision Zero](#) is a transportation safety philosophy that was developed in Sweden to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries in the transportation system. Denver adopted this philosophy in 2016, in coordination with dozens of city agencies and partners, to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

BIKING

Resources for bicycling in Denver are extensive. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about registering your bike, bike parking, the mayor's bicycle advisory committee, and Bike to Work Day.

Keeping a digital record of your bicycle makes it easier to prove ownership if it's ever stolen. It just takes a few minutes to register and is a simple way to protect your bike.

To register your bicycle:

1. Flip over your bike to reveal the serial number.
2. Snap a photo of the serial number.
3. Take a selfie with your bike.
4. Register your bike [HERE](#).

CRIME

The police department provides an [online dashboard](#) that includes criminal offenses in the City and County of Denver for the previous five calendar years plus the current year to date. The data is dynamic, which allows for additions, deletions and/or modifications at any time, resulting in more accurate information in the database. And, an online, searchable Crime Map is provided [HERE](#).

Platt Park is in [District Three](#). District 3 Citizen's Advisory

Group meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding holidays) at the district station, 1625 S. University Blvd. If you would like an ASL interpreter, please email us at 3.Dist@denvergov.org at least three business days prior to the meeting. Meeting reminders are posted on [Nextdoor.com](#).

LOCK OUT CRIME

The most prevalent crimes are also the most preventable. We have the ability to Lock Out Crime by following these three simple steps daily:

1. Whether it's your home or vehicle, make sure all doors and windows are closed and locked.
2. Double-check that your garage door and fence are closed and locked.
3. Don't leave valuables or packages in plain sight.

CRIME STOPPERS

If you have information about suspects, or wish to remain anonymous, please call [Metro Denver Crime Stoppers](#) at 720-913-STOP (7867).

FIRE

The Denver Fire Department website is [HERE](#).

The department strives to provide the most current and up-to-date information about numerous [fire safety conditions](#). In providing this information, we hope to bring a safe environment whether it is at your home of residence, place of work or at any indoor/outdoor event.

[Youth Fire Stop](#) is a program designed to prevent misuse of fire by youth in our community and to educate and intervene when endangerment involving fire occurs.

The fire department offers a variety of outreach and education programs. Learn more about their Community Outreach initiatives [HERE](#).

CAR SEAT SAFETY

[Car Seats Colorado's](#) mission is to provide an environment in Colorado where every child is properly secured in an approved and appropriate restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle.

ANIMAL SHELTER

[Denver Animal Shelter](#) provides animal care and protection services for all of Denver County. We foster the human-animal bond by protecting the safety and welfare of Denver's animals and people..

CLIMATE ACTION, SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY

[The Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency](#) works to enable a sustainable, resilient, climate-safe future for all of Denver in collaboration with fellow departments, other units of government, and community partners.

Make a Wish at the Wishing Tree!

by Greg Pulliam, with help from Jessica

Have you made a wish at the Wishing Tree in the 1700 block of South Pennsylvania? If not, maybe it's time you do. There are no guarantees that wishes made will come true, but if they do...!

The Wishing Tree was started by parents Jessica and Austin after reading about a similar tree in Portland, Oregon. Given the confining aspects of the 2020-21 Covid-19 restrictions, they thought a Wishing Tree could be a good antidote for Leighton, Dane, and Bellamy, their young children.

So, in April 2020, they started the Wishing Tree as a fun, socially-distanced way to interact with the community, to give everyone a reason to smile, and to give their kids something to do when all the parks and schools had closed.

They were surprised how quickly neighbors filled the tree with wishes, statements of gratitude, lovely flowers, and sweet trinkets. The kids would run outside every morning to find any new surprises and to read the wishes. They would find letters and wishes from their neighborhood friends and even packets of wildflower seeds. The kids loved wishes like, "I wish I may, I wish I might, have chocolate cake for dinner tonight" and other wishes for puppies, ability to fly, and to get to go to school in-person again.

Jessica, Austin, and the three children agree that they feel fortunate to have seen the beautiful and good in our community during these crazy times with so much division. For them it has been a gift to witness neighbors responding with words of support to those wishing for someone's health, for a baby to join the family, for the ability to beat addiction, or to heal a relationship.

It was also a gift to have the ensuing conversations with their neighborhood community on their morning walks and evening strolls. They say "thank you" to all who have stopped to read or write a wish and chat. They loved it all, they said. Alas, Jessica, Austin, and family are moving out of Platt Park for a while and will be renting their nicely remodeled home in the interim. The good news is that the new family renting the home also loves the Wishing Tree and will keep posting new wishes, adding more and more rows as they fill up.

People can tag wishes or fun pictures on Instagram @plattparkwishingtree. Let's all add a wish to the Wishing Tree that this wonderful family soon returns to enhance the Platt Park community of neighbors. And, for now, we wish them the best!



What are your favorite magical places in Platt Park: Wishing trees, fairy gardens, fairy doors?

EDITORS' NOTE:

Greg Pulliam, a 3PA board member who works with the Platt Park Post editors, is right on when he says that one of the joys of living in Platt Park is walking our neighborhood and seeing the variety of housing and landscaping styles, as well as little surprises along the way. One of those recent surprises for Greg, a 15-year Platt Park resident, has been the Wishing Tree in the 1700 block of South Pennsylvania Street.

The Tree has inspired this article, as well as the concept of having a recurring column in future Platt Park Post issues about the Magical Places (Wishing Trees, Fairy Gardens, and Fairy Doors) that are scattered throughout our walkable neighborhood.

Implementation of the concept, however, depends on the active involvement of Platt Park neighbors. If you like the concept, you can help by (a) recommending your favorite Magical Places for future articles and/or (b) writing an article about your favorite Magical Places. It's okay if your favorite Magical Place is at your address! Maybe a young writer in your house will want to exercise her or his creative talent in creating the article?

Please send your Magical Places recommendation and/or articles to Board@3PA.org. A Platt Park Post editor will work with you to finalize the article.

Platt Park resident offers free story time for neighborhood children

by Mark Newton

Sara Morian knows kids learn best when they are playing. As a speech language pathologist, she understands that children engaging and talking with other children is vital to development.

So, shortly after her January 2021 move to Platt Park in the middle of a global pandemic, Morian, who provides speech therapy services to children and their families in the Denver area at [Two Blossoms Therapy Services](#), established Platt Park Story Time, a 30-minute structured story and activity time for neighborhood children and their parents or caregivers.

“I knew from talking to the families I serve that there weren’t many options for their children to safely socialize and gather during the pandemic, and these limitations greatly hinder speech and language development,” she said. “As an SLP, I saw a way to help kids and families meet those socialization needs.”

Morian said story time is a multi-sensory experience that allows kids and their parents to be as involved as they choose. “Each story time I come up with a theme and curate a schedule around that theme, including a book or two, a song, a craft, and a sensory bin,” she said.

“One session was an insect theme. I read a couple lift the flap books about insects, sang ‘Itsy Bitsy Spider,’ made paper plate ladybugs, and had bins of raw beans with fake insects buried inside for the children to dig through and find,” she said.



Sara Morian of Two Blossoms Therapy Services

Platt Park Story Time is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. on the northwest corner of James H. Platt Park (behind the community center) on South Logan Street.

“We sit in a shady spot on the grass, where I lay out towels that the families can sit on and I always start with a hello song,” Morian, who started her own practice in 2017 and relocated it to Denver when she moved here in 2021, said. “It is 100% free with no sign up required. Most families stay the whole time, but some come and go based on their child’s tolerance or schedules. It is very laid back.”

The program, which began June 2, has had at least 10 children at each session, Morian said. The first week of September saw nearly 20 children attend, which was the largest turnout so far. Most adults (parents, grandparents, nannies) come with one child, but a few bring two or more children together, she said, adding that the kids who attend are typically between 15 months and 7 years old. “I am guessing it will be more of the younger crowd now that school is back in session,” she said.

Morian said the parents and children she has encountered during story time are “really appreciative of this activity and it has been a lot of fun.”

“Sarah is amazing, when she started to post on the neighborhood groups about the story time I got very excited,” said Lorena Ferreira Goncalves, an au pair for a 20-month-



Platt Park Story Time at James H. Platt Park

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Tips for watering trees in Denver's semi-arid climate

by Paul Cancik, Denver Forestry Inspector

In Denver's semi-arid climate, trees and water are both precious resources. However, with a few expert tips, you can preserve mature trees on your property and establish new trees that will help grow the city's urban canopy, diminish [heat islands](#), and combat the [arrival of Emerald Ash Borer](#).

Does my tree need more water? In most cases, sprinkler irrigation and natural moisture from the occasional rainstorm do not provide consistent moisture for trees in Denver. It can be difficult, however, to tell whether a tree needs additional water simply by looking at it, so follow these tips to determine your tree's needs.

Stick your finger into the soil at the base of your tree. If it easily penetrates, the tree is adequately watered. If it's difficult to penetrate the dirt, the tree needs more water. If you observe standing water in the hole when you pull your finger out, the tree is over-watered, which can be as damaging as under-watering. A [soil moisture meter](#) is another option for determining a tree's watering needs

How much water does my tree need? Once you've determined that your tree needs more water, there are some standard guidelines for determining exactly how much. Regardless of the tree's age, a tree in a non-irrigated area needs 10 gallons of water per week per inch of trunk diameter. For example, a two-inch diameter tree requires 20 gallons of water per week. This can be spaced out over two to three days per week.

An easy way to match your watering technique to your tree's needs is to put a hose on a low-pressure setting and put it into a 5-gallon bucket (commonly found at home improvement stores), then time how long it takes to fill the bucket. Once you know the timing for your watering system, start a clock and move your hose around the base of your tree for the required timeframe.

How do I effectively water my tree? A simple hose is the most basic tool needed to water your tree, but soaker hoses, soft spray nozzles, and soil needles can help break through the soil surface. Most absorbing tree roots are found in the first 12-inches of soil depth, so be sure water is applied slowly and has time to absorb into the soil and reach these vital roots.

Adding mulch around the base of your tree is a simple and

effective way to help retain moisture. A maximum mulch depth of 3-5 inches is optimal, but be careful not to let the mulch directly contact the trunk of the tree.

Before you begin any watering program, it's important to get familiar with [Denver Water's summer outdoor watering rules](#), which take into account our high summer temperatures and recent drought conditions. The summer rules ended October 1.

The [Colorado State University \(CSU\) Extension](#) is also a great resource for tree care and other home landscaping needs, including seasonal watering recommendations that are customized to our unique Colorado climate.

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old boy. "My baby boy loves books and activities and Sarah always has something new to teach us."

Ferreira Goncalves said that during story time it's not just someone reading a book, adding that Morian brings lots of art and crafts.

Morian, Ferreira Goncalves said, facilitates the kids to interact and helps the caregivers to create a bond and a strong community. "During the pandemic it is really hard for the kids to meet new people and learn how to make friends," she said. "I feel like the story time with Sarah is a perfect environment for them to share a good time together and develop their social abilities. I really appreciate her spending some time with us."

Morian said she saw the program as a way for her to participate in the community and promote Two Blooms Therapy Services. "I live about four blocks from the park, and thought it would be a great space for an event like this, especially during these continued uncertain times where indoor events are more difficult."

At Two Blooms Therapy Services, Morian provides speech therapy services to children and their families in the Denver area. "I named my company Two Blooms to refer to helping my patients bloom, and also the nature of the therapy I provide is a partnership with the family to support the development of their whole child," she said. "I see most of my patients in their homes, but some of my patients prefer to come to my house for therapy. Most of the children I serve are between 12 months and 6 years old, but I work with all ages up to 20."

For more information on Platt Park Story Time, visit <https://www.twobloomstherapy.com/story-time>.

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✧ COVID-19 + Vaccine Updates

Check out the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment [website](#).

The State of Colorado is distributing free rapid COVID-19 self-tests directly to your home. [CLICK HERE](#) to request.

Check out the City and County of Denver public health orders [website](#).

Check out the City and County of Denver vaccination [website](#) and its "[Don't Wait. Vaccinate.](#)" program.

Check out the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention vaccine finder [website](#).

If you don't want to carry around your vaccine card, you can keep it handy by adding it to your MyColorado ID app. Colorado Public Radio has [step-by-step instructions](#).

Fast, accurate, widespread testing is critical to reducing COVID-19 transmission and outbreaks. Click [HERE](#) for Colorado's testing website. And, [COVIDCheck Colorado](#) provides all Coloradans access to convenient, affordable, reliable tests with results delivered in under 72 hours.

✧ ✦ The **2021 Election Election** season is upon us again. The November 2021 Coordinated Election will have voters decide on a number of citizen-initiated ordinances, council-referred measures, and district-specific and at-large candidates for school board. Local elections are impactful. [DenverVotes.org/VoterInfo](#) is your one-stop shop for how, when, and where to vote in the upcoming election. Sign up for BallotTRACE to stay updated on your ballot's whereabouts. Check for updates on sample ballots and an interactive voting location map. Ballots begin mailing October 8 and the last day to vote is Tuesday, Nov. 2 by 7 p.m. Also: The State of Colorado's **Go Vote Colorado** website is [HERE](#).

✧ Check out current **City of Denver downtown projects and public meetings** [HERE](#). On focus now is the Outdoor Downtown, a 20-year master plan to provide the City of Denver with a visionary and actionable list of policies, programs, and projects that will make Downtown's parks and public spaces world-class destinations.

✧ ▲ **The Decker Library branch** in Platt Park is now open. For current hours for all branches, click [here](#).

✧ ● Many **Denver Parks and Recreation** pools, registered programs and additional activities are up and running. The [Platt Park Recreation Center](#) is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.. And, the [Washington Park Recreation Center](#) is open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The [Harvard Gulch Recreation Center](#) is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Detailed information is available online at [denvergov.org/Recreation](#).

✧ **Colorado State University Extension** offers multitudes of information for gardeners and homeowners, families and consumers, educators and youth, and more. Visit [HERE](#). Also, check out the **Master Gardener** section [HERE](#).

▲ **The University of Denver Enrichment Program** connects the intellectually curious adult to DU's outstanding faculty, facilities, and programming, and Denver's rich cultural community through non-credit courses. More than 50 live, online courses and one-night lectures, via Zoom, this winter/spring. Classes meet evenings and on occasional weekends. Details: <https://universitycollege.du.edu/enrichment/>.

▲ **The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver** is an adult learning membership program designed for inquiring adults, age 50 and "better," who wish to pursue lifelong learning in a relaxed non-competitive atmosphere. Details: <https://universitycollege.du.edu/olli/>

▲ **New Thinkers**, a group "designed to bring people together who are creating change and solving the world's problems,"

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✱ **Brita has issued a new version of the Longlast filter used in Denver Water's Lead Reduction Program.**

Customers enrolled in the program will receive the new filters on their regular replacement schedule. The new version has new colors, with yellow on the box and a light blue filter inside. Like the previous version, the filter will work with your existing water pitcher and is certified to remove lead. More information can be found [HERE](#).

✱ **[City of Denver parking enforcement season](#) has begun (street sweeping, vehicle registration).**

✱ **Denver Water outdoor watering rules** are in effect until Oct. 1. Follow the [summer watering rules](#), which incorporate best practices for efficient outdoor water use that help keep landscape healthy.

✱ **Denver Water** encourages you to take advantage of a professional sprinkler consultation valued at \$122 with our partners at [Resource Central](#). For a limited number of customers, Denver Water is paying more than half the cost so you only pay \$50 for the consultation. [CLICK HERE](#) for the details. And, there are several [water-saving rebates](#) – including [sprinkler heads](#), [irrigation controllers](#), and toilets – available [HERE](#).

▲ Become a **Park People Community Forester** and become a trained volunteer for the urban forest. The five-part community forester workshop series will give you the skills to plant, steward, and champion trees for your community and do work alongside city foresters and Park People staff. Apply by phone at 303.722.6262 and find out more online at [www.TheParkPeople.org](#).

✱ **Denver retail stores began charging 10 cents per disposable carryout bag July 1.** Get in the habit now of bringing your own bag. [CLICK HERE](#) for all the details. The City of Denver and its partners is giving away reusable bags while supplies last. [CLICK HERE](#) for the details.

◆ **SCFD Free Days** – Organizations from across the metro area provide hundreds of free days and free programs each year made possible, in part, by funding from SCFD. [CLICK HERE](#) for all the details.

◆ **Levitt Pavilion Denver's 2021 season is nearing its' end.** For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

✱ **Denver Recreation Centers** are partnering with the Denver Office of Children's Affairs to distribute meals as part of the **Tasty Food program**. Grab-and-go meals for youth, ages 1-18, are available at select Denver recreation centers, including Harvard Gulch, Monday-Friday from 3-5 p.m. No ID or registration required.

✱ **Denver Parks & Recreation** presented the [2020 Game Plan for a Healthy City Annual Report](#). Continued stewardship of Denver's legacy park system helped the department make notable progress in 2020 on Game Plan's goals to create a sustainable, equitable park system that embraces Denver's innovative western spirit.

✱ **Denver Parks & Recreation** shared its [Strategic Acquisition Plan](#) that builds off [Game Plan for a Healthy City](#) and the [Legacy Fund Five-Year Plan](#), and was developed "through robust community engagement and feedback." The plan provides the foundation upon which the Acquisition Program will be built and implemented, and will guide the growth of an equitable, sustainable and resilient parks and recreation system that supports a healthier Denver.

✱ Denver will invest more than \$700 million into our economic recovery by leveraging federal and local stimulus dollars. We asked residents to prioritize funds and tell us what matters most to them right now. Check out what residents had to say at [RiseTogetherDenver.org](#).

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* **Denver Moves Everyone 2050** is asking you to help them build Denver's transportation future. [CLICK HERE](#) to time travel through Denver's history and tell them what you value.

* **If you're looking for help with housing costs**, you're not alone. State and local organizations are distributing federal rental assistance in their communities. The money can help landlords and renters who are struggling to keep up with rent and other bills. Many programs like [Colorado Emergency Rental Assistance](#) and the City and County of Denver's [Eviction & Foreclosure Assistance](#) offer support to both landlords and renters.

◆ Visit the many exciting shopping and eating opportunities in **Denver's [Historic Antique Row District](#)**, which spans the 1200 to 1800 blocks of South Broadway.

* **Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee** meetings can be joined [HERE](#).

-- **Your Two Cents** --

* **Eviction Defense Right to Counsel Survey**

Councilwoman Candi CdeBaca is exploring ways to avoid evictions. To obtain a comprehensive understanding of the issues, concerns and experiences of renters and landlords, please take [this survey](#).

* **RTD is seeking new members for Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.**

Customers who are interested in helping bring positive changes to the transit agency's services and programs, as well as strengthen its commitment to people with disabilities, are invited to apply [HERE](#) to serve on the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities (ACPD).

* Every 10 years, when the U.S. Census releases its data, **Denver City Council leads a process to re-draw council district boundaries**. The goal of the process is to create council districts that have roughly equal populations, are compact and keep residents of established neighborhoods in the same council district. The process requires a lot of community input, so please visit [representable.org](#) to map what your community of interest is. City Council will use the information submitted by Denver residents to help them determine where district boundary lines should be drawn. For more information, please visit [denvergov.org/redistricting](#) or email questions to redistricting2022@denvergov.org.

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OCTOBER

October 1 – Friday, 4-9 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street First Fridays.** Click [HERE](#) for all the details.

October 3 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics.

October 4 – Monday-December 5

✱ ▲ Denver's **LeafDrop** weekday sites open. Details [HERE](#).

October 6 – Wednesday, 9:30-10 a.m.

✕ **Platt Park Storytime.** Structured storytime for children meets in the northwest corner of Platt Park near the community center.

October 8 – Nov. 2

✱ ✦ **2021 City and County of Denver Coordinated Election** ballots are mailed Oct. 8. Details [HERE](#). The last day to vote is Nov. 2 (7 p.m.).

October 10 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics.

October 14-19 – Thursday-Tuesday

✱ ▲ **Denver's Own EcoGro Compost** will be on sale for \$6 per bag at local Ace Hardware stores. The regular price is \$7.99 per bag. Details [HERE](#).

October 14 – Thursday, 6-7 p.m.

✱ ▲ **Denver Ready.** A key component to being prepared for emergencies is having the right supplies. Participants of the Build a Kit class will learn what those supplies are, and how to create a supply cache that will sustain you through the emergency regardless of your income level. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

October 16 – Saturday, 9-10 a.m.

✱ ▲ **Emergency Preparedness in the Era of COVID-19.** This class will provide participants with reliable sources of information and guidance on what individuals can do to appropriately respond to COVID-19 based on the latest guidance from Public Health. It will also cover some general personal preparedness actions that will help create resiliency in any type of emergency. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

October 17 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics.

October 20 – Wednesday, 9:30-10 a.m.

✕ **Platt Park Storytime.** Structured storytime for children meets in the northwest corner of Platt Park near the community center.

October 23 – Saturday, 6 p.m.

◆ ✕ **Broadway Halloween Parade.** More details [HERE](#) about the event running from Alameda to Fifth avenues.

October 24 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics.

October 30 – Saturday-November 14

✱ ▲ Denver's **LeafDrop** weekday sites open. Details [HERE](#).

October 31 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics, which includes a Halloween costume parade for kids (and adults).

NOVEMBER

November 5 – Friday

◆ ✱ ✕ **South Pearl Street Snowman Drawing Contest.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics on this contest for children 12 and younger.

November 7 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆ ✱ **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics.

November 11 – Thursday, 6-7 p.m.

◆ ✱ **Denver Ready.** A key component to being

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November 14 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

◆* **South Pearl Street Farmers Market.** Click [HERE](#) for the specifics.

November 16 – Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Highlands Church, 1700 S. Grant St.

* **3PA Annual Meeting**, includes board member elections. Click [HERE](#) for service requirements and expectations.

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