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## Denver's South Pearl Street Debuts Trio of Arches

*Stunning arches installed to support neighborhood and local businesses*

by Aden Holt

As one of Denver's most historic streets, South Pearl has been tied to supporting local businesses for more than a century. In 2021, the street is more vibrant than ever, known for the South Pearl Street Farmers Market; restaurants including Duffyroll, Sushi Den, Chook, Park Burger, Uno Mas; boutique merchants like Common Threads, 5 Green Boxes and Melrose & Madison. Stretching from Buchtel to Jewell avenues, South Pearl's tree-lined blocks are now tied together with a series of symbolic arches that define the already-celebrated community and destination.

"This has been a dream and vision of the South Pearl Street Association and community for many years. In fact, we first had the idea of a less permanent banner for our first music festival, Blues & Brews, in 2007," said Mark Gill, South Pearl Street Association president. "We couldn't be more thrilled to tangibly tie together the north, central and south areas of the South Pearl Street District."

The street arches are inspired by photos of the old Welcome Arch in Union Station and feature a brand new South Pearl logo. The arches were made a reality with a true community effort: A structural design concept provided by SPSA board member Aden Holt of One Ton Creative, local contractor Freeman Signs and proceeds from the beloved and growing South Pearl Street Farmers Market.

This spring and summer, South Pearl Street is proud to announce the anticipated return of the South Pearl Street Farmers Market in May. All events will now take place under the stunning arches, encouraging visitors and locals to walk from one end to the other, enjoying all the historic street has to offer.

To learn more about South Pearl Street and its community of vibrant restaurants, boutiques, and year-round events, visit [www.southpearlstreet.com](http://www.southpearlstreet.com) or follow along [@southpearlst](https://twitter.com/southpearlst). All events will abide by COVID restrictions and regulations. Please reach out with any questions.

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### Ribbon Cutting and Debut of South Pearl Street's Trio of Arches

Celebrating the vibrant Denver street's community and businesses  
Tuesday, May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Hazel Art Bar, 1581 S. Pearl St.



# Neighborhood Notes

No doubt in the future as people recall the great landmarks of the world, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Golden Gate Bridge and the Pyramids of Egypt they will add to that illustrious lexicon the Arches of Pearl Street! Instagram celebrities the world-over are no doubt already booking trips to Denver to be photographed before the next hot thing...and we just have to walk around the corner.

So just in case you have not wandered over to Pearl Street lately, the new arches — that we previously reported were in the works — are now installed at Pearl and Jewell, Iowa and Louisiana streets. Just when you thought Pearl Street couldn't get any trendier. Like them? Hope so, as they are quite permanent. The arches were the vision of the [South Pearl Street Association](#) (SPSA) so none of your tax dollars were spent.

When I was a kid I grew up near Golden and always liked their arch and the accompanying slogan “Where the West Lives.” Maybe someday we can add a slogan as well. Something that captures the essence of Pearl Street, like “Home of Sushi Den.” Well done, SPSA!

Speaking of SPSA, the annual **Farmers Market** is just around the corner. The market will be open for business May 9 and will run through November 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The [Farmers Market](#) is always a highlight of spring here in Platt Park and hopefully just another sign of life returning to post-COVID normal. No word yet on COVID restrictions, but I'd imagine things will start much like they finished with limitations on crowd size, controlled access points, mandatory masks and the like — you know, normal stuff.

Got my vaccination the other day. Should I feel like I have super powers? Kind of do. Was walking along Iowa last week and weirdly traffic was backed up eastbound from Broadway to Logan. Had never seen that before. Got home and Nextdoor.com was awash with “anyone know why Broadway is crawling with cops and is shut down?” or some version thereof.

Just assumed it was another colorful day living in an urban environment, but no! Seems Vice President Kamala Harris got a hankering for empanadas and decided to land Air Force Two and pop in to Maria Empanada's to satiate her cravings. Understandable of course but there was a bit more to it than that. VP Harris was on a planned multi-state tour

with her husband to promote the \$1.9 trillion COVID-relief bill and selected Lorena's little place to host her Denver stop. The meeting involved other Denver small business leaders and Gov. Jared Polis.

“The best part was that she (VP Harris) came to listen,” Lorena said of the meeting. “Vice President Harris wanted to hear about how we were doing before COVID and how the pandemic affected us and how we are doing now. She did a beautiful introduction, and then let us bring our different perspectives from struggling industries.” Lorena said she only learned of the visit the day before and was contacted directly by the VP's office. I'm wondering how that would show up on caller ID and under what circumstance I would not think that anything other than some scam call? Note to self: Answer all calls that appear to come from the President or his associates — you never know.

So, the 1200 block of South Pearl has become a bit of a medical destination hotspot with Pearl Street Pediatrics, Elite IV Lounge and about a year ago (yeah just now getting to it) **Wash Park Pediatric Dentistry** moving into 1280 S. Pearl St.

I dropped in to meet Dr. Patrick Bowman awhile back to see his little project. It is quite impressive. As a kid going to the dentist was certainly not the highlight of any day. Sterile offices with equipment and décor that would benefit any post-apocalyptic horror story. The scene could not be any different at Wash Park Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Patrick and his team have gone to extremes the other direction to create a fun, over-the-top, kid friendly (and parent friendly) experience that might make going to the dentist something to actually look forward to.

The décor is just, well, fun with bright colored kid-sized exam chairs and TVs to watch during exams, play areas, and even a lovely courtyard patio where moms and dads can relax and recharge while the staff takes care of the kids. Childcare with a dental benefit — what could be better? Dr. Patrick's goal is to make kids feel welcomed and relax in a super-cool space. Check them out at [WashParkPediatricDentistry.com](#).

Recently changing ownership is Comprehensive Car Care, now **Urban Auto Care**, located at the south end of Washington Street and Evans Avenue. The former owner, Jim Kelly, owned the garage for 40 years. Five years ago, he passed the ownership torch to long-time employee Mark Olson, who recently decided to sell the business.

# Neighborhood Notes, *cont.*

New owner Brian Sump grew up in south Denver. Brian has three other Denver locations of Urban Auto Care and said for many years he had been intrigued by this particular location. He developed a relationship with Mark over those years so he was the logical successor.

Urban Auto Care specializes in Asian makes of cars but is well equipped to service all makes and models. All his mechanics are ASE Certified Master Technicians, which Brian says is the best in the business. They will even buy you an Uber home or to work after you drop off your car. Nice!



That's it from my desk for this issue. Now that it is spring, I sure hope we are starting to put all this COVID craziness behind us. Wouldn't that be fun. Well, just the same, stay safe out there, fire up that barbecue, and enjoy the warm days to come!

See you around the neighborhood,

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# 7 Ways to Super Green Your Lawn

by Jen Grauer, Platt Park Green Team

Spring is here and life in Platt Park is greening! Oh, happiness!

As the environment around us greens, we can green our environment.

Making choices for a greener environment is not about eliminating human activity but protecting the only environment that allows humans to live. To understand our connection to all that exists on earth and to live with—instead of against—nature, is the ultimate self love and love for our neighbors. To protect our air, water, soil, bees and birds is to protect our own life and the lives of those we love.

So, for super green lawns this year, let's skip the “weed and feed” and work with nature.

When these herbicides (used to kill the weeds), fertilizers (used to feed growth) and often pesticides (used to kill our tiniest animals) are applied to lawns they are not healthy for the children, pets or insects who come in direct contact with the lawns (hello little yellow flags) or when these chemicals eventually run off into our water supply.

The herbicides and pesticides are difficult to fully remove from our public water system and end up in our glasses (most bottled water is no better) and covering us in the shower. Herbicides and pesticides applied to lawns are also [detrimental to our pollinators](#) who work tirelessly and free of charge to help grow our food on both large farms and in our own gardens.

The chemical fertilizers in “weed and feed” applications also promote algae growth in rivers, ponds and reservoirs. Excessive algae growth from fertilizers can clog waterways, while blocking sunlight and consuming oxygen during decomposition, in turn harming fish. Fertilizer

runoff from lawns, parks and golf courses combined with hot days creates unhealthy blue-green algae. Several of our reservoirs closed during the summer of 2020 due to this toxic blue-green algae.

To keep your lawn super green without the “weed and feed” try these methods:

- Pull weeds often in the spring and early summer for fewer weeds later. A great summer job for neighborhood kids. Check out my favorite weeding tool [here](#).
- Overseed your lawn (crowd out the weeds). Learn more [here](#).
- Feed your lawn with nature's best fertilizer, [compost](#) (instead of chemical fertilizers), spread thinly over grass. Learn more [here](#).
- Set your mower blade to the highest setting (save water and promote root growth). Learn more [here](#).
- Use a push reel mower (they cut instead of ripping, leave clippings on grass to conserve water, eliminate noise and air pollution, and are safer). Learn more [here](#).
- Wait as long as possible to start watering and when you start, water deeper but less often. Learn more [here](#).
- Check out natural lawn guru Chip Osborne. Watch [here](#).

If you use a company to maintain your lawn, ask them to use organic products or ask them to use some of the steps listed above (remember, they are working for you!).



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## COVID-19 vaccinations phased rollout continues

By Jolon Clark, Denver City Council

The State of Colorado is now distributing vaccines to everyone over 16 years of age.

After a phased rollout to make sure that there was enough supply and that folks who were most at risk were able to get the vaccine first, Gov. Jared Polis said all adult Coloradans 16 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine:

- View statewide general vaccine information: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine>
- Find a vaccine clinic near you: <https://vaccinefinder.org/> or <https://www.vaccinespotter.org/CO/>
- View general information, data, guidance, testing business assistance, etc. related to Denver: [www.denvergov.org/covid19](http://www.denvergov.org/covid19)
- For more information, call 1-877-CO VAX CO (open 24/7).

If you are fully vaccinated (have received both doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine, one dose of Johnson & Johnson), please view the new guidance from the CDC for how and when a fully vaccinated individual can visit with other fully vaccinated people and with other people who are not vaccinated. For those details, go to: [cdc.gov/covid19](http://cdc.gov/covid19)

Please remember, until the vaccine is widely available, please continue to wear a mask in public, maintain at least six feet of distance from others, avoid gatherings, wash hands often, and stay home when you are sick.

We are getting close to the finish line, but we can't let our guard down now. Keep it up a few more months and we will get through this together!

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# McKinley-Thatcher Elementary News

**Register Now for the DPS Summer Camp Program**  
DPS's Extended Learning and Community Schools (ELCS) Camps provide incredible summer experiences for youth at a variety of locations around Denver. All camps will provide fun programming based on weekly themes such as Superhero Adventure, Mythical Creatures, DL's Got Talent, Supersized Sports, Ooey Gooey Science and Space.

For ELCS registration information, camp locations and themes, [please click here](#). There are limited spots available, so register as soon as you can.

**Denver Public Schools Updates Snow Day Policy**  
After gathering feedback, DPS leadership has implemented a new district-wide snow day policy for the rest of the 2020-21 school year.

The new snow day policy:

- For a single snow day, schools will have a traditional snow day, with no in-person or remote learning.
- For weather events that require multiple snow days, remote learning will begin the second day. Please note that in this circumstance, Early Childhood Education students will not have synchronous remote days, but will be provided with asynchronous activities.
- Any time the district is considering a potential snow day, we will send our students and staff home with the supplies needed for remote learning in case it becomes a multi-day event.

## McKinley Thatcher Elementary Upcoming Events

April 7-13 — CMAS testing

April 8 — PTA Meeting, 7-8 p.m.

April 12 — McKinley Monday at Divino Wine & Spirits (all day, 25% of Divino's profits will be donated to McKinley, so please stop by!)

April 13 — Restaurant Night at Birdcall (dine with Birdcall today and they'll donate 35% of sales. The Fine Print: This fundraiser is valid at all three Birdcall locations. It is not valid in the drive-thru or through third-party delivery apps. Be sure to use our special code: mckinley. Ways to dine: (1) Place an online order at [www.eatbirdcall.com](http://www.eatbirdcall.com); (2) Visit a location for dine-in or take-out.)

April 15 — CSC Meeting, 5-6 p.m.

April 29 — School Values Assembly, 7:45-8:15 a.m. (Everyone is invited to join us on Google Meet)

April 30 — No School (professional learning day for MT staff)

May 25 — Last day of school!

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# 3PA President's Corner

by Benda Holder, 3PA Vice President

General Meeting: In-Person and Outdoors!

It has been far too long since our last in-person general meeting of the Platt Park People's Association (3PA). Thank you, pandemic. With springtime approaching and relaxing of Denver regulations for in-person gatherings, we are tentatively planning to hold the next general meeting for 3PA in Platt Park on Tuesday, May 18, at 6 p.m. Please pencil in this date on your calendars, BUT also check the 3PA website (<https://www.3pa.org>) as the date approaches to confirm that the meeting will proceed and that the timing has not changed.

Tentative plans are also in progress for the annual 3PA movie night in Platt Park on August 21. Again, check the 3PA website for the latest updates on these events.

# South High School Names Ravens as New Mascot

As a result of robust community feedback, the Ravens has been selected as the new South High School mascot.

School officials stated that the Ravens represent the South community in a number of ways. Ravens are smart, clever birds that are known to be strategic problem solvers. They are empathetic, loyal creatures that form lifelong bonds. And importantly, the raven is an inclusive animal — it has a long history of being held in high regard both in Native American culture and others throughout the world — and ravens are not associated with any particular gender or race. The SHS mascot had been the Rebels since the school's founding in 1926. The Rebels is a reference to the southern Confederacy in the Civil War.

Nearly 100 years after the school's founding, the Rebels no longer seemed appropriate, acceptable, or an accurate representation of what South stands for or should reflect in its mascot. For this reason, the leadership at South determined the mascot should be updated to better represent the school's values. Prior to the decision, South leadership completed multiple research tactics to get a pulse on community input for the new mascot, including:

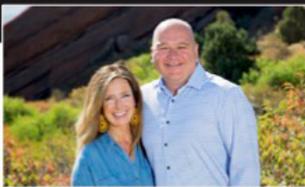
- Focus groups with athletes and coaches, PTSA, board members, and staff members.
- Online surveys of students, parents, community members, alumni, faculty and staff resulting in nearly 1,000 responses.
- Development of a mascot selection committee consisting of a Denver City Council representative, musical art sponsors, athletic coaches, Alumni Board members, PTSA board members, Student Body co-presidents, Student Athletic Leadership Team representatives, Student Board of Education representative, teachers, and current building administration.

To officially launch the new mascot, six new logos that will be used by SHS athletic teams, student clubs, teachers, staff and administration, the alumni association and PTSA, are available to the public.

Click [here](#) to be taken to the new school spirit store to purchase t-shirts, hoodies, and more — all customizable with the logo of choice.

Access to the school store also can be found on the [school website](#).

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# \$1.5 Billion Investment on Tap for Water System

## *New treatment plant, the Lead Reduction Program, water main upgrades, and more make up five-year capital plan*

by Cathy Proctor and Jay Adams, Denver Water

From replacing lead service lines and delivery pipes under city streets to building a new treatment plant north of Golden, Denver Water's five-year capital plan calls for major investments in its water quality and delivery system.

The \$1.5 billion, five-year capital plan includes about 100 major projects through the end of 2025. To pay for this critical system, Denver Water relies on water rates, bond sales, cash reserves, hydropower sales and the fees paid when new homes and buildings are connected to the system.

"As the water supplier for a quarter of the state's population we're always looking to the future," said Bob Mahoney, chief engineer at Denver Water. "When we develop our capital plan, our top priorities are ensuring public health with safe drinking water and maintaining a high level of reliable service now and in the future."

### **Lead Reduction Program**

A major part of Denver Water's capital plan is the [Lead Reduction Program](#), which launched in January 2020. The program will reduce the risk of lead getting into drinking water by replacing over the course of 15 years an estimated 64,000 to 84,000 old lead service lines put in place decades ago across its service area. It's the utility's biggest public health campaign in its more than 100-year history. The water Denver Water delivers to customers is lead-free, but [lead can get into drinking water](#) as it passes through customers' lead service lines and indoor plumbing that contains lead. In Denver Water's experience, homes built prior to 1951 are more likely to have lead service lines, the customer-owned pipes that bring water into the home from Denver Water's delivery pipe under the street.

Customers enrolled in the program are being provided with [water pitchers and filters](#) that are certified to remove lead. Filtered water should be used for drinking, cooking and preparing infant formula until six months after the lead service line is replaced.

In March 2020, Denver Water also [raised the pH of the water](#) it delivers to customers to help reduce the risk of lead getting into water as it passes through customers' internal plumbing that may contain lead.

### **Northwater Treatment Plant**

Work continues on Denver Water's new, [Northwater Treatment Plant](#) next to Ralston Reservoir north of Golden. The plant is part of Denver Water's North System Renewal Project, a \$600 million, multiyear project that includes

an 8.5-mile water pipeline and modifications to the Mof-fat Treatment Plant in Lakewood, which was built in the 1930s.

The [North System Renewal Project](#) marks the largest capital investment project in Denver Water history, even topping construction of the 23-mile Roberts Tunnel under the Continental Divide in the 1950s and 1960s.

"Northwater will be a state-of-the-art facility that will help us meet the water quality challenges of the future," said Nicole Poncelet-Johnson, director of water quality and treatment at Denver Water. "The plant will feature modern water filtration and disinfection technology, improve reliability and utilize renewable energy."

Progress at the site of the new plant has moved quickly, with sections of pipe and walls for several of the new buildings already in place. Over the summer, bulldozers and trucks moved earth to make way for the two, 10-million-gallon storage tanks, which will be mostly buried to avoid obstructing the view from Highway 93.

Up to 400 people have been working at the site on any given day during 2020, with dozens more working remotely — one of the many layers of protections put in place to keep people associated with the project safe from the COVID-19 virus.

The Northwater plant will include 14 buildings once it's complete and be able to treat 75 million gallons of water per day. It also has the capability to be expanded to treat 150 million gallons per day in the future if needed. It's scheduled to open in 2024.

### **Water main investments**

The five-year plan also includes an aggressive approach to [replacing water mains](#) across Denver Water's 335-square-mile service area in the city of Denver and surrounding suburbs.

"We're increasing funding to our water main replacement program to reduce the number of main breaks in our aging system," said Garth Rygh, director of water distribution at Denver Water. "We replace about 106,000 feet of pipe a year now and have a goal of increasing that to about 140,000 feet of pipe every year by 2024."

### **Water storage**

The capital plan also includes money for design work on the [Gross Reservoir Expansion Project](#) in Boulder County. The project [cleared its final federal hurdle on July 16, 2020](#), when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission gave its approval for the project and ordered Denver Water to proceed with design and construction.

[The project will raise Gross Dam](#) by 131 feet and triple the

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amount of water the reservoir can hold.

Expanding Gross Reservoir will provide greater balance between Denver Water's north and south collection areas. Pre-construction work includes testing dam designs, such as the study of the new dam's spillway that's underway at [Colorado State University's hydraulics laboratory](#). Denver Water also is completing work on [three treated-water storage tanks at its Hillcrest](#) location in southwest Denver and building a new pump station at the site.

### Other projects

During October, construction crews broke ground on the new, 122,000-square-foot [Hydro building](#) that is part of Colorado State University's new Spur campus at the National Western Center north of downtown Denver. A portion of the building will house Denver Water's new, state-of-the-art water quality laboratory, replacing an existing, aging lab at the Marston Treatment Plant.

Laboratory staff currently perform more than 70,000 water quality tests every year, work that helps ensure the water Denver Water distributes to customers goes above and beyond state and federal drinking water regulations. The new lab will be capable of performing more than 200,000 tests per year. And being a part of the larger campus also provides more opportunities for the research and development of water quality applications.

The capital plan also provides money to upgrade the [hydro-power unit at the Roberts Tunnel](#), [replace the concrete spillway at Ralston Reservoir](#) and purchase [new heavy equipment and vehicles](#).

Denver Water also is investing in [forest health projects](#) designed to protect mountain watersheds, the locations snow and rain pass through before flowing into the rivers and streams that fill Denver Water's storage reservoirs.

### Being financially responsible

Denver Water has a history of being proactive with maintaining and improving its vast network of dams, pipes, canals and treatment plants, according to Mahoney. "Keeping our system running to bring water to the taps is an extensive, year-round process," Mahoney said. "We always look at what we need, what we can afford and what resources are available to get the job done."



Denver Water crews installing a new water main pipeline.  
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The Lead Reduction Program will replace the estimated 64,000 to 84,000 lead service lines in Denver Water's service area at no direct cost to the customer.  
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# DPS Foundation to host film, discussion on youth mental health challenges, solutions

by Libby Hodgin, Denver Public Schools Foundation

Everyday someone is waiting for another person to notice they are broken or alone. Join the Denver Public Schools Foundation for [Films for the Future: Raising the Curtain on the Need to Listen Attentively](#).

A virtual screening of the narrative film “[Listen](#)” will be available to stream until April 13. Then on April 14, gather virtually at 5 p.m. for an hour-long interactive discussion led by filmmaker Erahm Christopher.

The discussion will give us a deeper understanding of youth mental health challenges and tangible solutions to help address social emotional needs in the community. Space is limited to ensure quality interactive discussions give the audience valuable takeaways. Tickets — \$25 for individual; \$40 for household — are on sale at [dpsfoundation.org/films](https://dpsfoundation.org/films).

DPS Foundation strives to be equitable with our educational events. If you are a student in 12th grade or below or an educator serving K-12 schools please email [events@dpsfoundation.org](mailto:events@dpsfoundation.org) to apply for a complimentary ticket to the film and panel discussion. Anyone interested in providing a scholarship for students or educators to attend this event for free please email [events@dpsfoundation.org](mailto:events@dpsfoundation.org).

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# A Recycler’s Guide to Spring Cleaning

by Denver Recycles

It’s spring cleaning season!

As you start cleaning out your home, garage, office, and/or yard, remember that [Denver Recycles](#) offers many programs and services that can help curb the waste associated with your spring cleaning efforts. Its Recycling Directory is the best one-stop resource for this information (available online and in an app).

Just to make it even easier, here’s a few items you’re most likely to encounter in the cleaning process. Here we go:

- **Household Recyclables.** Remember to capture recyclables from every room in your house, not just the kitchen! Empty shampoo bottles and laundry detergent bottles, toilet paper rolls, files and papers from your new home office (...or couch/kitchen office?). Be sure to recycle ‘em! The full Denver Recycles program guidelines can be found [here](#).
- **Yard and Garden Debris.** If you didn’t get to this in the fall, now’s the time to clear branches, brush, and leaves out of your yard. In addition to food scraps and napkins, remember that the Denver Composts program accepts yard debris, too. This includes plant trimmings, small branches (no larger than 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter), and even weeds! If you don’t already have a green cart, consider signing up today by calling 311 (720-913-1311). Please note that the Denver Composts program is a fee-based program (\$9.75 per month, billed quarterly at \$29.25 per quarter).
- **Paint.** Thanks to PaintCare, it’s easier than ever to recycle unwanted paint. And, best of all, it’s free! Check the [PaintCare](#) website for additional information and to find a free drop-off location.
- **Household Hazardous Waste.** If cleaning out your garage or under your sink, it’s possible you’ll locate some household hazardous waste. Find details on acceptable items and how to set up a collection appointment [here](#). Keep in mind, you must meet minimum requirements to make an appointment and there is a \$15 co-payment.
- **Electronics.** Did you know that it’s illegal to throw electronics in the trash in Colorado? Request an [E-cycle Coupon](#) today to receive a discount when you drop off your electronics at Blue Star Recyclers.

For more information about programs and services offered by Denver Recycles, please visit us at [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](https://denvergov.org/DenverRecycles) or call 311 (720-913-1311).

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## ✱ COVID-19 Updates

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

Check out the City and County of Denver vaccination [website](#).

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

▲ **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/>

✱ ● **The Denver 5-Star Certification Program** allows certified businesses to increase their capacity by implementing safety measures beyond what is already required by public health orders and guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19. This program supports responsible businesses who are going above and beyond to prioritize the health and safety of their staff and customers. Business sectors eligible to apply for Denver's 5 Star Certification Program are categorized as general business, personal services, indoor events, restaurants, and gyms. Details: <https://denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Economic-Development-Opportunity/Pandemic-Relief-Recovery/5-Star-Certification-Program>

✱ ▲ **Nine Denver Public Library branches opened** for public use March 9 as part of the library's phased approach to reopening safely. Additional branch libraries – but not the Decker Library in Platt Park – will open to the public as of April 13. Locations will open with limited hours to allow for cleaning and with limited capacity to allow for physical distancing. At Decker, curbside pick up holds are available (appointments are recommended but no longer required).

Details: <https://www.denverlibrary.org/COVID-19>

✱ ● **Denver Parks and Recreation announced a phased reopening** of Denver Recreation Centers, pools, registered programs and additional activities beginning May 3. The Platt Park Recreation Center is expected to open May 3. Eight outdoor pools, including Harvard Gulch, are scheduled to be open June 7-August 14 for aqua aerobics, lap swim, group swim lessons and open swim. Seven Summer in the Parks youth day camps and Youth Sports Camp locations will also begin in June. Detailed information about which facilities will be opening and on which dates, as well as how to make a reservation, will be available online at [denvergov.org/Recreation](https://denvergov.org/Recreation).

Please send Information and Calendar submissions for the next issue or our 3PA Facebook page: [board@3PA.org](https://www.facebook.com/board@3PA.org)

# Platt Park Events Calendar

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## APRIL

10 – Saturday, 11 a.m.

◆ ▲ Community Kick-off Meeting: Latino/Chicano Historic Context. The City and County of Denver is launching a first-of-its-kind initiative to uncover and share the history and historic places of Denver's Chicano and Latino communities. During this meeting, an in-depth overview of the project, ways to participate, and a question and answer session will be provided. Spanish interpretation will also be provided. Register [HERE](#).

12-25 – Flexible

✱ 2021 River Clean-Up

South Platte Renew is seeking volunteers to join the effort to collect trash and recycling in their neighborhoods, local rivers, parks and lakes. For more information, and to register, go [HERE](#).

13 – Tuesday, 7:30-9 a.m.

✱ [Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#)

14 – Wednesday, 5-6 p.m.

▲ ● [Films for the Future: Raising the Curtain on the Need to Listen Attentively](#)

Hosted by the Denver Public Schools Foundation and led by the filmmaker, a discussion of the film "Listen" explores youth mental health. Preview the film April 7-13. Information and tickets: <https://dpsfoundation.org/films-for-the-future/>. (See story on p. 10.)

15 – Thursday, 1-2 p.m.

✱ Learn more about Vision Zero progress to end traffic deaths by lowering speed limits and redesigning streets to be slower and safer. Attend a webinar [HERE](#).

27 – Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

✱ South Central Community Transportation Network. Click [HERE](#) to participate in the virtual open house.

## MAY

1 – Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

✱ City of Denver Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale  
The annual Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale provides a great opportunity for Denver residents to save money on landscaping and to keep recycled materials utilized locally. Denver residents may pick up free mulch and buy compost at a reduced price. While supplies last, Details [HERE](#).

4 – Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

✱ ◆ Ribbon Cutting and Debut of South Pearl Street's Trio of Arches  
Celebrate the vibrant Denver street's community and businesses, Hazel Art Bar, 1581 S. Pearl St.

7 – Friday, 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

✱ ◆ South Pearl Street Farmers First Friday  
Art walk, eating and shopping, 1200-1800 blocks

9 – Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

✱ ◆ South Pearl Street Farmers Market, check [HERE](#) for details

18 – Tuesday, 6 p.m.

✱ ◆ 3PA General Meeting, check [3PA website](#) for details

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