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### NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General  
Membership Meeting  
Tues., April 9th  
6:30 - 7:30pm  
Riverside Baptist Church  
2401 Alcott Street  
Rear Chapel

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

JPUN Land Use Committee  
Contact David @  
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### HAPPY HOUR

**Strange Brewing Company**  
Thursday, April 25th  
5:30 - 8pm  
1330 Zuni  
Denver, CO

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## ANIMAL CONTROL

# Reminder to License, Leash and Vaccinate Your Pets

As the weather warms up, more and more pet owners will be headed out to enjoy Denver's many parks and open spaces with their pets.

As a reminder, City ordinance requires dog and cats six months of age or older that live in Denver or visit Denver parks be vaccinated, licensed and leashed. Pet licenses are available [online](#), by mail or in person at the Denver Animal Shelter at 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

If your pet needs vaccinations, the shelter offers combination pet vaccination and license clinics on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Denver Animal Shelter. An additional clinic is held Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Cats must be in carriers, dogs must be on a leash.

### Costs include:

- \$35- includes rabies vaccination, distemper/parvo and a (1) one year license for Denver County residents or out of county residents that use Denver dog parks.
- \$55- includes rabies vaccination, distemper/parvo and a (3) three year license for Denver County residents or out of county residents that use Denver dog parks.

Lifetime licenses are also available for just \$150. To learn more, visit [www.denveranimalshelter.org](http://www.denveranimalshelter.org), visit us on [Facebook](#), call 311 or stop by the shelter at 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

### Leash Law

Dogs are required to be on a leash and under control of their owner, at all times. Cats are not required to be on a leash. Denver's leash laws are intended to protect the health and safety of both the people and pets who enjoy visiting Denver's many parks and open areas. Pet owners who violate this ordinance are subject to a fine.

To report a loose dog, please call 3-1-1. The exception to this rule is Denver's designated "off leash" dog parks. Visit [Parks and Recreation](#) see which dog park is closest to you.

It is important that all Denver citizens feel safe, so Animal Control asks that dog owners respect their fellow citizens and leash their dogs within the City and County of Denver.

## Parking Restrictions are Back in Season

AVOID A COSTLY PARKING TICKET!

Residential streets are swept once a month from April through November. Because they can't sweep under parked cars, there's a parking ban on sweeping day for the side of the block being swept. If your car is parked on the side of the street being swept on parking day, it will be ticketed and may be relocated.

Know your block's sweeping schedule. Find your street sweeping schedule by checking the sign on your block. Once you know your schedule, you can sign up for email reminders on the street sweeping information page [www.denvergov.org/StreetSweeping](http://www.denvergov.org/StreetSweeping).

### Street sweeping restriction violation

When street sweeping takes place, any cars in the street will be ticketed and/or removed. Note posted signs regarding street sweeping schedules and move your car accordingly. Even if you have a residential parking permit, you need to move your car during your street sweeping day.

Note: On your street sweeping day, that space is off-limits even if the sweeper has been through already.



### Fines For Violations

- 1st Violation: \$80
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- 3rd Violation & subsequent: \$300

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## JPUN HAPPY HOUR

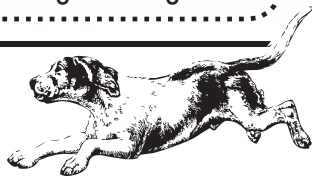
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## Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



### Truman

Truman is a 12 year old Chocolate Lab. He truly is the sweetest dog that ever lived. He is kind and gentle and very much the alpha male between our two but allows Teddy to think he is in charge. He loves to eat and wag his tale and likes nothing better than to have you sit on the couch so he can get in your lap and be loved.

Mike



### Would you like to see your pet featured?

Please send a photo and a few tidbits about your favorite pet to Tom at blythspirit@q.com or Kym at kymandpat@comcast.net.

## JEFFERSON PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS

**Mayor Michael Hancock** will attend the JPUN's General Membership Meeting Next Month | May 14

# From the JPUN President

Jeff Archambeau, JPUN President

Hello Neighbors,

Spring is coming to Jefferson Park! That's not the only thing coming to Jefferson Park, either. See the article this month about Denver's new Car Share Program, which will make small shared cars available in the neighborhood through membership fees. This may be a great program for area residents who don't have a car, or who may want to eliminate a second vehicle, but some of the priority parking rules for these cars will impact us. We have a rep from the city coming to the General Membership Meeting (GMM) on Tuesday April 9 to discuss the details.

The new RTD W Line for Light Rail is opening in late April and we'll hear more about inaugural celebrations at the GMM as well. A couple new restaurants will be coming before long to 23rd and Federal and also to 25th and Eliot. With the Corner House, Sassafra, and other established eateries, Jefferson Park is growing in its walkable alternatives for eating out locally.

May 18th this year is our annual Jefferson Park Day. It is a chance to meet and visit with neighbors, and its main purpose is to take half a day walking through Jefferson Park neighborhoods to clean up accumulated trash. We'll have free food for participants and dumpsters for placing the full trash bags donated by local businesses. We encourage everybody to come out on Jefferson Park Day to show your pride in the neighborhood and to keep Jefferson Park the best place in Denver for downtown living.

Lastly, we have a commitment from Mayor Michael Hancock's office to have the mayor join our GMM for the May 14 meeting in two months. He will address neighborhood residents' concerns with Jefferson Park being one of the fastest growing areas in Denver.

We hope to see you at the next General Membership Meeting on April 9 at 6:30pm in the Chapel of Riverside Baptist.

Jeff Archambeau  
JPUN President

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# Neighborhood Development Update

**ELEMENT 47** Jefferson Park has become quite busy with new development. There are now several sites underway with town homes and condominiums at various stages of progress. The Element 47 (Spanos) site now has two of its four buildings out of the ground and going, or about to go, vertical with framing. There are also several other sites that are preparing for construction, one which is of particular interest to JPUN membership.

**10 UNITS VERSUS 6** We will be asking proponents for and against the proposed development of the site at 2100 Eliot street to our next JPUN general membership meeting, on April 9, to present their cases in support of or objection to the new design for the site; a design which is for 10 town homes versus the original project that called for six town homes. The original project, for which the lot was rezoned, was approved and supported by JPUN in 2008. The new design is by a developer who purchased the site recently and is intending to make more advantageous use of the revised zoning's allowance for buildable square feet.

**23RD AVE BRIDGE** The Land Use Committee is also taking up the issues of 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and the proposed bicycle lane and issues regarding the bridge over I-25. JPUN wishes to see the bridge replaced to better accommodate changing and increasing traffic, something that CDOT is not ready to do, and plans to only upgrade or repair the current bridge.

**NEW RESTAURANT** With the announcement of a new restaurant, Sarto's with Brian Laird of Barolo Grill fame, coming to 25th and Eliot Streets, we hope to be able to meet with the restaurateur to discuss sidewalk use, kitchen exhaust and a good neighbor agreement to ensure an operation that is in keeping with its location in our residential neighborhood. Sarto's will also feature a market and deli.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be Thursday, April 11, at Zocalo, 6:30 PM. Your insight on the issues presented to the LUC will be appreciated.

David Ray Solomon, AIA, JPUN LUC Chair

## 5k RACE | SLOAN'S LAKE

### Come Race in the Mile High 5

Come race in the Mile High 5 on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Sloan's Lake (north east side of lake off of W. Byron Pl.). The Mile High 5 offers a quality 5 mile, 5k and a 5000ft race, which is open to competitive and recreational runners/walkers. Our mission is to encourage physical fitness in children and adults and introduce them to a life-long love of running and racing.

The proceeds from the race go to benefit partnering Northwest Denver schools, including Brown International Academy, Centennial ECE-8, Edison Elementary, Escuela Valdez, Skinner Middle School, and North High School. For more information, visit our [Mile High 5 page](#).

**Event schedule:** 7:30am - 8:30am - Registration & Packet Pick up  
8:30am - 5000ft  
9:00am - 5k (3.1 mile)  
9:15am - 5 mile

**Costs:** Individual 19 - 64 yrs: \$25 | After April 27th: \$30  
Individual 6 - 18 yrs & SENIORS 65+: \$10 | After April 27th: \$15  
5000ft: \$5, race shirt optional purchase

**Your entry into the Mile High 5 includes:** Registration for the 5 mile or 5k (3.1 mile), a race t-shirt, and post-race refreshments. The 5 mile and 5k (3.1 mile) are chip timed. There is also a 5000ft (almost a mile) fun run. In the interest of safety, we ask that strollers go at the end.

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HOME OWNERSHIP

# Help For Homebuyers: Metro Cities Announce 2013 Homebuyer Assistance Program

Buoyed by successes from past homeowner programs and with an eye on the future, the City and County of Denver and the Metro Mayors Caucus has launched the Metro Mortgage Assistance Plus Program, a new funding initiative to encourage home ownership.

"There is no better way to help rebuild our local economy and expand the strength and vitality of our neighborhoods than to open the doors of home ownership to moderate and low-income buyers," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

The program reduces the usual barriers to home ownership by providing a 4% grant for down payment and closing cost assistance—money the borrower does not repay—and can offer a competitive interest rate on 30-year mortgages.

The program can currently be used to purchase any property in Denver. Unlike past mortgage assistance programs, there is not a requirement that the buyers be first-time owners, and no time limit on when the individual or family last owned a home. There is also no maximum purchase price.

Interested buyers are encouraged to work with one of the 12 pre-approved lenders who are participating in the program. Along with completing free homebuyer counseling, each buyer needs to meet standard loan guidelines (a FICO of at least 640 and a debt-to-income ratio of 45) and income limits (not more than \$91,100 for households of two or fewer people, and not more than \$103,000 for three or more).

"It's the down payment and closing cost help that we believe will really make the difference for these individuals and families," said Paul Washington, executive director of the Denver Office of Economic Development. "This is just the right program for people who have worked so hard to reach the dream of home ownership, and are so close to making it happen. With our help, we can boost these dreams right over the top."

### The participating lenders include the following:

- Air Academy Federal Credit Union - 800-223-1983
- Commerce Mortgage - 303-770-2686
- Citywide Home Loans - 303-996-7000
- Cornerstone Home Lending - 970-797-3717
- Ent Federal Credit Union - 800-525-9623
- Peoples Mortgage - 303-302-3125 - 303-224-3442
- Real Estate Mortgage Network (REMNET)
- Rocky Mountain Mortgage Specialists, Inc. - 303-773-6106
- Summit Mortgage Corporation - 303-779-0591 - 720-200-9480
- Universal Lending Corporation - 303-758-4969
- V.I.P. Mortgage - 303-302-2285 - 303-695-7818
- WR Starkey Mortgage - 720-489-0712 - 303-757-0300 - 303-671-8733

Buyers are encouraged to contact these lenders directly and indicate their interest in the Metro Mortgage Assistance Plus program.

Single-family homes, condominiums, town homes and manufactured homes qualify for the program, with the requirement that the owner occupy the home as a primary residence. Mortgage refinancing does not qualify.



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## Spring with the Children's Chorale

April 20, 2013

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1000 14th St. | 1050 13th St. Denver, CO 80204

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## B BIKES DENVER

## New Stations, More Bikes For Denver

Since the initial launch in 2010 folks have ridden over 1,050,000 miles on B-cycles as people explored, commuted, and smiled their way to life's important events. Getting to those destinations is about to get even more convenient with Denver B-cycle's massive 2013 expansion.



## The Numbers:

- Moving from 53 to 83 stations
- 530 bikes grows to 709
- **Neighborhoods targeted:** Jefferson Park, Highlands, West Highlands, Union Station, CBD, North Cap Hill, City Park West, City Park, Congress Park, Cheesman Park, Cap Hill, Lincoln Park, Baker and Speer Neighborhoods.

## Three of these new stations go live on soon -

The Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and 9th & Curtis at the Auraria Campus.

The remaining new locations will be installed throughout spring as they receive final approval. The goal is to have all of them operational by early summer. Facebook and Twitter will have the most up to date information on the progress.

## RENTER AWARENESS

# Landlord Obligations and Rights

Ryan McGuirk of the McGuirk Law Group

Being a landlord can be a constant balancing act. It is the landlord's responsibility to maintain a habitable property for a tenant and not impede on the tenant's rights, while at the same time protecting their investment. There is nothing more worthwhile to a tenant than a good landlord and nothing better for a landlord than a good tenant. So what can a landlord legally do to ensure they have a good tenant, and continue to be a good landlord?

A thorough background check is an initial step to ensuring a good tenant. A landlord may pull a credit report and criminal background check for a potential tenant, with the tenant's written approval. A tenant is entitled to a copy of those reports upon request. Also, potential landlords should request references from prior landlords and employers. Following up with those references and getting as much information as possible makes it easier for a landlord to pick a good tenant.

Checking the property condition periodically once the tenant is in possession is step two. A landlord is not legally allowed to enter a property without permission of the tenant, unless it is to demand rent, or in an emergency. However, a lease can and should include a provision that allows the landlord entry upon reasonable notice. Reasonable notice is typically 24 hours, though the lease can provide other terms or times when a landlord may enter the property. Regardless of what the lease says, a landlord should not stop by or enter the property too often or they run the risk of meeting the legal definition of harassment or trespass and possibly breaching their own lease.

Knowing the correct procedure to evict a bad tenant is step three. Under no circumstances should a landlord attempt to lockout a tenant without first obtaining a court order. A landlord is allowed to evict a tenant when the tenant has 1) failed to pay rent on time; 2) broken a term of the lease; or, 3) the lease term has ended and the landlord has notified the tenant that the lease is not being renewed. In such cases, the landlord must give the tenant written notice of the violation or holdover and three days to remedy the situation or vacate. If the tenant fails to comply by the fourth day, the landlord may commence eviction proceedings in county court.

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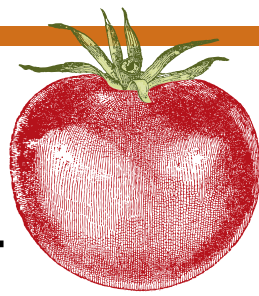


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## Planning for a Bountiful Harvest

It is time to begin planning for a bountiful harvest for the JPUN community garden during the coming growing season.

To kick things off, the first gathering is scheduled for 9:00 - noon on Saturday April 20th at the JPUN garden. This time will be devoted to discussing everyone's ideas for our space, conveying news from Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) regarding expectations and responsibilities, completing annual paperwork (new application, background check releases), collecting plot fees and cleaning up our personal and community garden spots. We will also hand out **FREE** seeds, compliments of DUG.

If you do not have the time available to devote to a plot of your own or to volunteer on a regular basis, we are always seeking volunteers to help with special projects or with the community plots whenever you can pop by.

If you have questions about the day's events or about the garden in general, contact:

Joan Bondy: [joan.bondy@hotmail.com](mailto:joan.bondy@hotmail.com), 303-433-3117 or  
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## It's Time for Spring Cleaning!

Jefferson Park Day | Saturday, May 18th



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## Free Yard Clean-up Service Offered

### Riverside Baptist Church Wants To Bless Their Neighbors

Riverside Church is going all out on May 18 as the Jefferson Park United Neighbors group has their annual neighborhood clean-up day. Riverside will again serve lunch at the Park after the cleanup, but this year they want to bless their neighbors further in a tangible way.

The large white church on the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and Bryant will be participating in the Jefferson Park Day by offering a free clean-up service on a first-come-first-serve basis for Jefferson Park residents needing projects done outside their homes. The church will have teams of their members who will offer outside clean-up duties like raking, trash removal and light outdoor projects around resident's home and yard.

The teams will be available to offer the free service to residents of Jefferson Park on the morning of Saturday, May 18 starting at 8 a.m.

Volunteers are limited, so this will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Interested Jefferson Park residents can let them know the kind of outside clean-up project they have and sign up for the free service by contacting Riverside Baptist Church two ways. Residents can register online at [www.riversidecaresforyou.com](http://www.riversidecaresforyou.com) or call 303-433-8665 and ask for Denis Flierl to sign up.

### CELEBRATION AND CHILI COOK-OFF

## Cinco de Mayo! May 4 & 5th, 2013 Civic Center Park



The Cinco de Mayo Festival and Parade is a fun family oriented event with special attractions, musical acts, Folklorico dancers, Mariachis and some of the most delicious Mexican cuisine Colorado has to offer. The event was started in 1988 by NEWSSED Community Development Corporation ([www.newsed.org](http://www.newsed.org)) as a neighborhood street fair to showcase Mexican heritage. By 1995, the festival had outgrown its location and moved to Denver's Historic Civic Center Park where it took its place among Colorado's top four outdoor food and entertainment events. Although the event attracts approximately 70% Hispanic attendees, a large cross section of the community is represented including all races and cultural heritages. The Cinco de Mayo Parade kicks off the Festival on the morning of Saturday May 4th at 10:00 am.

### Taste and Vote for your favorite green chili!

Sure to be favorite event of the Cinco de Mayo celebration is the 6th Annual Green Chili Bowl Cook Off which takes place during Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 4th starting at 1:00 pm, and is located in the center of Civic Center Park.

The Cinco de Mayo "Celebrate Culture" Festival is produced by NEWSSED Community Development Corporation who is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Through their programming they conduct economic development in poor communities and provide affordable housing opportunities to low and moderate income families and individuals. In addition, they promote business development throughout the city of Denver. Established in 1973, NEWSSED's mission is "to promote and develop economic, community programs and projects that raise the income, educational and political levels of Denver residents".



# It's Time for Spring Cleaning!

## Jefferson Park Day

### Saturday, May 18th

This event is made possible by the generous donation of our primary sponsor, Allied Realty / 2785 Speer

Come join us for the annual clean up and celebration of our neighborhood! Join old friends and make new ones as we gather in the park for burritos and coffee at 8:30 am. We will disburse at 9am to clean up the neighborhood and reconvene in the park around noon for a delicious lunch provided once again by our gracious neighbor, Riverside Baptist Church. Bring the kids for face painting and a swing at the piñata! Be sure to come for the clean up and receive a ticket for the door prize drawing to be held during lunch.



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- Aurora History Museum April 11 and April 17
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- Botanic Gardens Chatfield May 5
- Clyfford Still Museum April 28
- Colorado Railroad Museum May 4
- Denver Art Museum April 28
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science April 21
- Hudson Gardens April 10 and April 12
- Museum of Nature & Science April 21

# Car Share Coming to Denver

## Jefferson Park to Lose On-Street Parking Spots

The City of Denver is determining governing policies for car share companies looking to enter the Denver market in 2013. Car shares operate much the same way B-cycle does but members can park cars in permit restricted areas and do not have to adhere to an hourly time limit.

**Given the dramatic increase of density in Jefferson Park and stadium permit restrictions, on street parking for residents could be dramatically reduced unless there is careful planning.**

The city projects on street parking spaces will be reduced in the short term. However the goal is more spaces will become available in the future as people move in and adopt a car share lifestyle and sell off one or more of their automobiles. How long it takes to realize this benefit is anyone's guess. The lag time could pose significant parking problems for residents.

### What can you do?

JPUN has asked Robert Ferrin from Denver's Parking and Planning to attend our April 9th General Membership Meeting. Please attend and share your thoughts and concerns.

**This will be the only neighborhood outreach conducted by the city prior to:**

- A solicitation of public comment beginning in mid to late April
- Public Hearing at the Webb Building in Mid-May
- Final review and determination of policies by City Traffic Engineer

Now is your chance to voice your opinion on potential parking issues that affect your block and your neighborhood.

# Strive to Not Drive

Your non-profit neighbor here in Jefferson Park, Groundwork Denver, invites you to walk, bike or ride the bus to Highlands Square on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for our third annual Strive to Not Drive Earth Day Event. We will be hosting a community celebration in honor of Earth Day at Mead St. Station and everyone is welcome.

**The party will feature** our famous Fix-A-Flat station, a bicycle give-away to pre-qualified local high school students, and of course: **music, food, drinks and prize giveaways!**

In addition to the event on Saturday, Groundwork Denver has also partnered with businesses in the Highlands Square area to create the Strive to Not Drive Buck. The buck is a coupon designed to encourage using alternative modes of transportation to do local shopping during Earth Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) by providing discounts to participating merchants. To receive a Strive to Not Drive Buck please email [S2NDbuck@groundworkcolorado.org](mailto:S2NDbuck@groundworkcolorado.org).

**Come join Groundwork Denver and your Northwest Denver neighbors for:**

**Celebration:**  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Mead St. Station, 32<sup>nd</sup> & Lowell, 10 am until 1 pm

Enjoy music, food, drinks and prizes for people who walk, bike or ride the bus to get to the party!

**Bike Giveaway & Fix-A-Flat Station**

Dust off those bikes in the garage with flat tires, and get them rolling again!

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DENVER PARKS

# Jefferson Park Rules

The City and County of Denver provides over 200 city parks, over 100 miles of trails, and 11 dog parks.



This equals over 5000 acres of urban park land. Jefferson Park is 6.7 acres of that total. All Denver Parks are open from 5:00 am until 11:00 p.m. year round.

To make your visit to Jefferson Park more enjoyable for everyone, here are some basic rules:

- No glass containers are allowed at anytime
- Only 3.2% alcoholic beverages are allowed
- All dogs must be on a leash
- Do not feed wildlife
- Restrooms are open from May through September
- Always use trash receptacles or carry your trash out

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## Neighborhood Clean-UP! Jefferson Park Day Saturday, May 18th

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LOCAL AWARD

# Groundwork Denver Receives Award for Excellence in Environmental Education

On March 2, 2013 The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE) recognized effective and inclusive environmental education programs and individuals who set a new standard for learning in their communities.

Ten organizations and 2 individuals were acknowledged for their outstanding work in helping learners, in formal and non-formal settings, understand their role in the environment with an Award for Excellence in Environmental Education. The recipients of the 2012 Awards for Excellence in Environmental Education, including Groundwork Denver, were honored at an evening banquet hosted by CAEE on Saturday March 2, 2013, at the Denver Renaissance Hotel.

Groundwork Denver's Take Charge! Student Energy Education and Action program was given the award in the Citizen/Community division. The program was honored for its ability to engage over 1,500 high school and college students across the state as "Student Energy Ambassadors" (SEA). These students reached over 35,000 other Colorado residents with information and resources about how to save energy in the home. Their work had tangible impact, with an estimated \$500,000 per year in energy savings and a reduction in greenhouse gases of 3,700 tons per year.

Katie Navin, CAEE Executive Director, said, "The environment is where we live and the decisions we make about the environment impact our economy, our communities and our homes. All across the state, from Steamboat to Denver, these inclusive and innovative environmental educators and programs are helping create informed and responsible decision makers."

## Recycle Your Electronics!



Recycle your old electronics April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eco-rally at the University of Denver. Appointments are required, \$5 charge per vehicle. See a list of recyclable items by visiting [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org).

This event is sponsored by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management, the University of Denver, Metech Recycling and Comcast.

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| Police - District 1 Station Information only | 720-913-0400            |
| Denver Public Library                        | 720-865-1111            |
| Regional Transportation District             | 303-299-6000            |