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NEXT JPUN MEETING

JPUN General
Membership Meeting
Tues., October 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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JPUN GROUPS

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updates at NextDoor.com
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Report Graffiti on any Property In Denver

Report graffiti on your property, or any property in Denver, traffic signs, newsboxes, businesses, you can remain anonymous.

- **Report Graffiti to Public Works** Make a police report when your property has been vandalized.
- **Make a Police Report**
- **Get Involved!** Join the year-round community brush-off effort and help maintain a public space as well.

Report and Remove Graffiti

Reporting and promptly removing graffiti are the 2 best ways to help stop graffiti in Denver.

- Report graffiti to Public Works for free removal assistance* by submitting a 311 Help Request
- For free removal assistance on your property, you must complete a removal authorization form
- Report graffiti to the police to help them track graffiti vandals to more effectively stop graffiti from happening
- Or remove it yourself. Get free materials to remove graffiti from your property

Report Graffiti for Free Removal

Reporting graffiti on your property:

1. Report the graffiti to the police. Reporting the incident to the Denver Police Department helps them track graffiti incidents, which makes it easier to prevent graffiti in the future. Call the police non-emergency line at 720-913-2000.
2. For removal, please submit a 311 Help Request
3. Removal: We must have a signed Authorization Form to assist in removing graffiti from your property.

If you have not previously signed a release form (or if you are unsure), download one at www.denvergov.org/GraffitiPreventionandRemoval and return it by fax or mail before completing the online report form.

To report graffiti on someone else's private property:

Please provide the exact address(s). The City will notify the responsible party and may assist in its removal. Enter the information as in the following example:

Street Number: 123 | Street Name: Main St. | Location of Graffiti: On garage door in the alley

To report graffiti on public property (such as on traffic signs, poles, dumpsters):

Tell us the structure where graffiti is located - again, traffic signs, poles, private trash receptacles.

Tell us the location by identifying the cross streets. Enter the information as in the following example:

Structure: Stop Sign | Location: Southeast corner of First and Main St.

More about Graffiti on back page...

JPUN Happy Hour is back in October!

New Location!! Chili Verde

2311 Federal (Close enough to walk but parking in back if necessary)

Thursday, October 24th from 5:00 -7:30pm

After a busy summer of not one, but three concerts and a neighborhood clean-up its time again to get together with friends and neighbors for the JPUN Happy Hour.



Here's How You
Can Make A
Difference!



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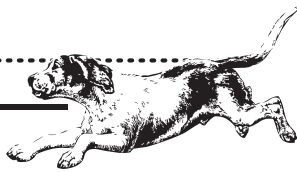
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**Open Positions are available
to serve on the JPUN Board,
come volunteer.**



Jefferson Park Pet of the Month



Murphy

Murphy is a 2 year old Wheaten-terrier mix. He loves playing with small dogs, getting belly rubs and dancing. He is very happy that fall is here so he can wear his Broncos scarf and he can stay cooler on runs with his momma.

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

From the JPUN President

Jefferson Park Friends and Neighbors,

Fall is now here and the weather is at its best in Colorado, in my opinion. We were lucky to be largely spared from the devastating effects of the recent floods, and our hearts and thoughts go out to those who were so heavily affected by the huge damage this caused.

Despite the changing seasons, we are still expecting that 23rd Avenue between Federal and I-25 will be milled (scraped) and repaved in the next week or so. This summer, we had hundreds of people come to the park for the concerts put on by JPUN and supported by many local businesses. Our fundraising efforts for this and other JPUN activities, like Jefferson Park Day, have been quite successful. And, we are one of the few neighborhood organizations able to put out a monthly newsletter to keep people informed of what's happening in our busy and growing neighborhood.

All of these accomplishments of JPUN take a lot of work by a dedicated group of volunteers and board members. I've asked all the board members to reach out to neighbors and friends in Jefferson Park to personally invite them to help us out and volunteer for those activities or standing committees that most interest them. I'm also asking each of you to consider volunteering some of your time to help out as well. Many of you know board members, so please seek them out. If you don't know a board member, feel free to contact me at archambeau.jeff@gmail.com and let me know how you'd like to get involved. I understand most of us are very busy or don't have the time to get involved, but the more volunteers we have, the more we can spread the workload. Jefferson Park is increasingly an important, vital, and growing part of Denver, and we'd like to keep that going.

I hope you will give this some real consideration to volunteering for the neighborhood through JPUN and making this a great place to live.

Jeff Archambeau, JPUN President



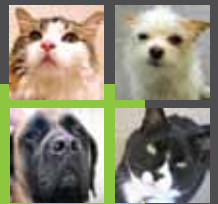
Next Home Game

October 13 | Broncos vs. Jacksonville | 2:05 pm MDT

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YOUR HEALTH

Environmental Health Kicks Off Childhood Lead Poisoning Awareness Campaign

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), at least 4 million households have children who are potentially at risk of lead poisoning from deteriorated lead-based paint. Based on Denver's housing numbers reported in the 2008-12 Consolidated Plan, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates as many as 75,460 homes in Denver may contain lead-based paint.

Given that no level of lead is considered safe, Denver Environmental Health's Public Health Inspections Division (PHI) is joining KMGH Channel 7 and Azteca Colorado to launch a bilingual media campaign aimed at reducing incidents of lead exposure in children.

What should you know about lead?

- If you live in a house built before 1978, the paint may contain lead.
- Old lead paint on your walls, doors, windows and sills may be dangerous.
- Deteriorated lead based paint and dust created from disturbed painted surfaces)
- Before you renovate, learn how to minimize the risks of lead poisoning and find an EPA certified contractor by visiting www.epa.gov/getleadsafe

PHI's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Specialist has trained Child Care and Residential Health inspectors to recognize the hazards of lead, and is partnering with Northeast Denver Housing Center and the Office of Economic Development on a three-year Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards in homes that qualify. To learn more about PHI's lead safety program, visit www.denvergov.org/leadsafety.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

This program provides outreach and education to help prevent children's exposures to lead, and performs environmental investigations to find the source of lead for children who have elevated blood levels of lead in Denver.

What is Lead Poisoning? Lead poisoning has been identified as the number one preventable environmental health threat to children in the United States. The leading cause of childhood lead poisoning in the U.S. today is the ingestion of lead-based paint and the associated contaminated dust and soil found in or around older houses. Because lead poisoning often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized.

Young children under the age of 6 are most at risk of becoming lead poisoned. Because children are growing and their brains are developing so rapidly, even low levels of lead can potentially cause permanent brain and nervous system damage, learning and behavioral problems, and result in lower IQ. Other symptoms of lead poisoning may include headaches, stomachaches, nausea, tiredness and irritability. There have been some rare cases of lead poisoning causing convulsions, coma and even death.

How do I know if my child has Lead Poisoning? A blood test is the only way to know if your child is lead poisoned. Most children with lead poisoning do not look or act sick and the symptoms are not particularly obvious.

Your child may be at risk if:

- Lives in or spends significant time in a home built before 1978.
- If the paint on your house is in poor condition (interior or exterior)
- You are renovating/remodeling your home built before 1978.
- You cook with pottery that is imported from another country

A common source of lead poisoning is children touching flakes of deteriorated house paint (like you might find on an old wooden house window) and then putting their fingers in their mouths. It only takes a few flakes to poison a child.

Also important to note: Lead in dust is invisible and this dust can be very hazardous to children. Be sure to regularly wet wipe windowsill or floor surfaces below old painted windows that may be rubbing against each other creating dust, and regularly wipe floors under and near old painted doors that may be rubbing against frames.

What can I do to prevent lead poisoning?

- Keep children away from chipping, peeling or flaking house
- Wash children's hands frequently and wipe down areas like painted window sills
- Monitor the condition of your home's paint deteriorated condition.
- If you rent, tell your landlord about chipping or peeling paint.
- Don't sand or dry scrape paint in old homes.
- Limit your child's consumption of Mexican candies, especially if they contain tamarind or chili.
- Do not give your child home remedies (like azarcon or greta) from other countries. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not use imported pots to cook or store food (like Mexican bean pots), unless you are sure they are lead-safe.
- If you work in construction, are a house painter, don't bring it home with you.

If you do work in these industries, a safe practice is to change your shoes and clothes before you get into your car as to not track any lead dust with you on your way home.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN JEFFERSON PARK

24 Jefferson Park

A 28-unit townhome complex along the south side of W. 24th Avenue between Clay and Bryant streets. Construction has not yet been started.



The Row House at Jefferson Park

29 for-sale row homes at the corner of Clay Street and Frontview Crescent. Currently under construction.



***More to come on the project slated for 2100 block of Decatur**

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Amendment 66 Funding for Public Schools Proposition AA Retail Marijuana Taxes

2013 Statewide Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Voting Information

Monday, October 28 is the last day to submit a change of address online for the 2013 coordinated election. After this date, you can change your address in person at your county's election office or a voter service and polling center through election day

1. How do I get my ballot?

Every voter now receives a mail ballot. If you want to vote at the polls, you can surrender your mail ballot and vote in-person at a voter service and polling center. To do so, go to www.GoVoteColorado.com to find your polling locations. You can also go to www.GoVoteColorado.com to check your status. Log into your voter record, which will show whether your mail ballot has been sent. If you have more questions about the status of your mail ballot, please contact your county clerk and recorder.

2. If I don't vote on a candidate or question, will my other votes still be counted?

Yes. You are not required to cast a vote in every race or on every question. If you choose to leave a race or a question blank, the rest of the votes on your ballot will still be counted.

3. Will my mail ballot be counted? I heard that mail ballots might not be counted.

Every valid mail ballot is counted. Be sure to sign the envelope when you return your mail ballot. If you recently registered for the first time, you will need to provide a copy of your ID along with your mail ballot. Your county clerk will have provided instructions about the ID requirement along with your ballot. Also, be sure that your county clerk receives your ballot no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day. If you are not sure if your ballot will arrive in time, drop it off in person. Contact your county clerk and recorder for drop-off locations.

4. What are the rules about campaigning in or near polling places?

State law prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place. This means that anyone who is advocating for the election or defeat of a candidate or a ballot issue must be at least 100 feet away from the entrance to the polling place.

5. If I didn't vote in the last election, am I still registered to vote?

Yes. If you did not vote in the last election, you are still registered and eligible to vote. Your county clerk will mail you a ballot unless the post office provides information that you have moved. Go to www.GoVoteColorado.com to make sure your registration information is up-to-date.

6. What kinds of ID can I use to vote?

The list is long, for specifics or general information contact the office of the Secretary of State:
Colorado Department of State
303-894-2200 \ www.sos.state.co.us

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM \ Monday - Friday

Porch Bulb Project

Volunteer Event with Groundwork Denver

Saturday October 12th

Have you been looking for a way to: Meet new people? Help make Denver a "greener" city? Serve the community and make a difference? Then Groundwork Denver has your solution!

Volunteering is the perfect way to meet people and make a change. Join us for our upcoming neighborhood energy outreach project in North Denver.

In teams of two, volunteers will go to every door in the Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods in Denver offering to change out front porch light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs, and signing people up for recycling and insulation services to help people save money and stay warm this winter. Volunteers will also collect information from residents to supplement the neighborhood planning process.

Volunteer to help people and the planet at the same time!

Date Saturday October 12, 2013

Time 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location Swansea Recreation Center, 2650 E. 49th Ave, Denver
Coffee and light snacks will be provided in the morning beforehand and lunch after the outreach is completed.

To volunteer call 303-455-5600 or email Dele Johnson
Dele@groundworkcolorado.org by October 7th.



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October 11 | 7:30 pm | Colorado Symphony
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Black Sheep Fridays

Museum Of Contemporary Art Denver

1485 Delgany St | Tue.-Fri. Noon-9 pm | Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm
October 11 - December 20, 2013, from 7-9PM in the MCA Café.

Visitors can stop by anytime during the evening to experience the fun.



Día de los Muertos

Pirate Contemporary Art's 30th Anniversary

Saturday November 2 | 5-9pm

Big Opening Reception!

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5:00 - Aztec Dancers

6:00 - Kids Pinata

7:00 - Procession to Lady of Guadalupe Church

8:00 - Adults Pinata



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Calling all
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Send your best photos of your Halloween Creations to be printed in the November JPUN Issue

Send to Tom
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Rooted In Nutrition

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Kale Sausage Soup

On the day that I wrote this article it was a crisp early fall day. I was inspired to make a soup that utilized the beautiful kale growing in my urban garden and the pot full of homemade chicken stock I had. The soup I created was something I have seen and made many versions of, but this one was the best by far. **A healthy soup that will warm the soul and your belly.**

Kale Sausage Soup

Makes about 6 cups

- I started with 4 cups of my homemade chicken soup stock, but any stock will do
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1-2 potatoes, both sweet and regular
- 1 bunch of kale
- 4 chorizo sausage, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 can full-fat coconut milk
- Red pepper flakes
- Sea salt
- Pepper
- 3 tbs Grass-fed Butter

Sauté potatoes and onions in butter until potatoes are slightly golden and onions become translucent. Add chicken stock, kale, sausage, coconut cream and season to taste. *Enjoy!*



Children's Museum

Friday, October 25 -
Sunday, October 27
From 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
www.mychildsmuseum.org

Trick or Treat Street is a three-day fall extravaganza packed with delicious fun! Round up your fairies, super heroes and tiny goblins for this safe and friendly trick-or-treating extravaganza. Parade

from one Treat House to the next collecting goodies, whip up delicious Dirty Desserts, take a spin on Vern's Mini Train and craft classic Halloween creatures. There are also costumed characters, pumpkins galore, special StoryTimes, a Monster Carnival and so much more!

FREE DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Denver Zoo Free Days

Colorado Residents only!!

Nov. 4, Nov. 15, Nov. 21 www.denverzoo.org

Go say hello to the animals for free four times this fall. The Denver Zoo, located in City Park, spans over 75 acres and is home to over 4,000 animals including rare amur leopards, okapi, black rhinoceros, elephants, vampire bats, orangutan, Komodo dragons and more!

Saturday Night at the Museums

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Denver's best museums are open late and admission is **FREE** between 5 and 10 p.m. FREE shuttles make it easy to explore all evening!*

Shuttle buses will stop at or near museums, beginning at 5 p.m. from the Denver Art Museum (parking available in the Cultural Complex Garage) and also from shuttle stop between the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and the Denver Zoo.

FREESHUTTLES! Free shuttle buses carry people from one museum to another throughout the night, making it easy to "museum-hop" around Denver's museums.

Denver Art Museum - Iconic artist Toulouse-Lautrec and a few of his friends will mix and mingle with the crowd. Permanent exhibitions are open for free, and the museum is offering a \$3 discount on adult admission to Passport to Paris with advance reservations using the code "DAW." www.denverartmuseum.org.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science - Extended hours and discounted admission to MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition. (Advance tickets required.) Free access to the permanent galleries including Expedition Health, Space Odyssey, Prehistoric Journey and Egyptian Mummies!

Black American West Museum - Experience history through re-enactors and video presentations.

Byers-Evans House Museum - Explore one of the city's most historic landmarks with free tours by expert guides sharing stories of life in the early 1900s.

The Cell - See this interactive museum that is dedicated to preventing terrorism through education, empowerment and engagement.

Children's Museum of Denver - Explore the museum dedicated to helping children learn through play! (Adults must be accompanied by children at all Children's Museum events.)

Clyfford Still Museum - View the special exhibition, Drawing/Painting/Process, that delves into the relationship between Still's works on paper and his paintings.

Denver Botanic Gardens - Special tours of Catalyst: Colorado Sculpture and special programming to highlight Mexican culture, including a performance by Danza Guadalupana.

Forney Museum of Transportation - Explore the museum specializing in antique cars, locomotives, buggies, bicycles, motorcycles and more. Featured exhibition: Vintage Ford F Series Pickups.

History Colorado Center - Unique, family fun experience with the Denver A to Z exhibit and more interactive exhibits.

Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art - Explore this treasure chest filled with 4,000 fine and decorative art objects. Take the 10th Anniversary challenge and win prizes. (Children under 13 years of age not admitted.)

Molly Brown House Museum - Commemorate the faithfully departed, Irish-style, with an All Souls Day Victorian Wake.

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver - Exhibition Celebration! See the newest exhibition, Pattern: Follow the Rules, and play in the Bubble Garden.

Night at the Museums in Golden*

Astor House | Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum
Golden History Center | Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum

More Metro Area Museums Open for Night at the Museums

• Dinosaur Ridge* | Four Mile Historic Park* | Littleton Museum*
Longmont Museum* | Mizel Museum* | Museum of Outdoor Arts*

*Free transportation shuttles are not available to the Golden Museums, Dinosaur Ridge, Littleton Museum, Longmont Museum, Four Mile Historic Park, the Mizel Museum or the Museum of Outdoor Art.

ZOMBIES IN DENVER

8th Annual Denver Zombie Crawl



Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 2:00pm
Denver will be holding the largest Zombie gathering in history at Skyline Park

Remember, this is an **ALL AGES** and **FREE** event. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Bank of the Rockies

Please register for this **FREE** event at www.eyehartbrains.com. We would like to get an accurate count of attendees so we can set the **World Record!**

- 11:00 am - Organ Trail
- 12:00 - Makeup and costume help
- 2:00 pm - Kickoff!
- 3:00 pm - Widows Bane
- 3:55 pm - Thriller!
- 4:00 pm - Zombie Crawl Parade down 16th St.
- 5:30 pm - Costume Contests @ Skyline Park
- 8:00 pm - Zombie Crawl after parties at Casselman's and Meadowlark

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Alerts in Denver

The recent flooding in Colorado demonstrates the need for up to date emergency contact information. Here's what you need to know to be informed in case of a large scale emergencies or disasters.

Denver's Emergency Preparedness Network (EPN) is an instantaneous notification system, which eliminates the need for Denver 911 to individually notify residents of large scale emergencies or disasters. The system geographically identifies, warns and provides instructions to citizens in times of crisis such as in the case of a missing child, severe weather, toxic spill, or terrorist threat.

Register your cell phone now!

Sign up to get cell phone notifications from the Emergency Preparedness Notification System. Your personal information will remain confidential. Go to www.denvergov.org/safety or call Denver 911 for information.

How it Works

The EPN system uses the 911 database as its source of telephone numbers. Both published and non-published phone numbers are used to immediately notify residents and businesses about emergency situations in their vicinity.

*Note: If an answering machine picks up, the system will leave a message. If you block unknown numbers from your phone, the EPN system message will also be blocked.

Join the Denver Animal Shelter Pumpkin Run 5K/10K Team



Saturday, Nov. 16 at City Park

Improve your health while helping raise funds for the Denver Animal Shelter (DAS) by registering for the Pumpkin Pie 5k/10k

This annual family-friendly 5k/10k is open to not only runners and walkers - **but their dogs too!**

All race participants will receive a piece of delicious pumpkin pie, as well as top-notch chip timing, a t-shirt and access to the finish line expo with vendors and food.

\$10 will be donated for every team member registered after the first 10. Register online by visiting www.winterdistanceseries.com/Pumpkin

- Choose "Denver Animal Shelter" as your team
- Enter the team password: DENanimals

Want to add an even bigger impact to your effort? Create your own fundraising page on www.imraising.com. This site allows you to set a fundraising goal & send it to your friends to pitch in on your efforts to help DAS!

For more information, visit www.denveranimalshelter.org.



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NORTH DENVER DESIGN/BUILD

Understanding Graffiti and Tagging

There are several kinds of graffiti and the term refers to several forms of vandalism, from large spray paint murals (about 5% of graffiti nationally) to "tagging", or quick scrawls of a name using a spray can, marker or etching implement (about 80% of graffiti nationally).

Tagging is the quickest, easiest, most pervasive and most expensive form of graffiti vandalism, and is like logo placement or brand advertising. The primary goal of tagging is to advertise the vandal's "tag" (or street name) and "crew" (tagging group or gang set) and get recognition from others for prominent placement of tags throughout the city. A tag in a location is a challenge or an invitation for another tagger to tag the same spot, either challenging the original tagger's ownership of the spot or reinforcing that ownership. In some cases, tagging is gang-related and marks a gang's territory, but often is solely for self-promotion. Taggers who cover a lot of territory or place tags in risky, high visibility locations get more recognition for their efforts.

What this means to you:

- Denver Police track specific tags and crews, so reporting graffiti to the police is an important first step to long-term graffiti prevention.
- Clean-up is key. By removing the tags as quickly as possible, you not only make your location less desirable for new taggers, but because the tag isn't there long enough to be seen, the original tagger will be less likely to hit the same spot again.
- Don't give them the publicity they desire. Don't post photos or videos of graffiti, and don't allow the media to display any graffiti on your property. The publication of a tag gives the tagger a huge reward for his vandalism.

WINTER IS COMING

Snow on Sidewalks?

Denver requires property owners to clear their walkways so that everyone has safe access throughout the City. Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers depend on clear walkways.

- **Homeowners:** Once snow has stopped falling, residences have 24 hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **Businesses:** Once snow has stopped falling, businesses have 4 hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **Report A Problem:** Please contact Denver 3-1-1 to provide the address of unshoveled sidewalks.
- **Enforcement:** Denver performs proactive inspections in business districts, and we rely on citizen complaints to help us identify those property owners who need to be educated about sidewalk safety requirements.

The vast majority of people comply with the first sidewalk safety notice issued by the City. In the rare instances where a property owner refuses to comply, Denver takes escalating legal action, which can include issuing an Administrative Citation that carries a \$150 penalty. Denver manages 3,000 sidewalk safety cases a year.

Snow from Plowing While pushing snow onto sidewalks by our plows doesn't happen very often, we are truly sorry when it does. We all know how critical it is that our streets are cleared of snow for safety and accessibility purposes, and that is the top priority of Denver's heavy snow plows. Pushing snow onto sidewalks and driveways is an unfortunate consequence of plowing any street. We don't have a policy addressing plows pushing snow onto sidewalks because it wouldn't be realistic to expect that of our operators. We do, however, expect them to be conscientious in their work while recognizing their goal of clearing the street of snow.

Snow Buddies

Volunteers of America can help those 60 and older in our neighborhood with shoveling snow. We make a match between a client and a volunteer who live within two miles of each other. Then, when there is a snowfall of 2 or more inches, we ask the volunteers to shovel the sidewalk and walkway for their assigned senior within 24 hours. This program was initiated to keep seniors safe from falls on snow or ice during the winter. The program also keeps seniors from accruing city or county fines for not being able to shovel their snow from the sidewalks.

Volunteers of America requires our program to complete a background check on all of our volunteers and we do have to ask our volunteers to pick up the fee for the background check. So, if this is the right opportunity for you, please mail back a completed application along with a \$20 check for the background check, a photocopy of your ID, and signed copies of the Fair Credit Disclosure and Indemnification forms to: Amelia Sidinger Volunteers of America 2660 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205 To clarify, the Fair Credit Disclosure form is the authorization for our program to complete the background check. While our program only performs the background check, we are required by state regulation to provide this form in its entirety to our volunteers.

To find out more, email us at snowbuddies@voacolorado.org or call at 720-264-3379 Denver's Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships will cover the cost of the background checks for the first 50 volunteers to sign up as snow buddies this year! **Sign up today!**

See more at: www.voacolorado.org/Volunteer/Snow-Buddies



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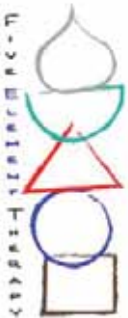
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Police - City Non-Emergency Information	720--913-2000
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Denver Public Library	720-865-1111
Regional Transportation District	303-299-6000