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JEFFERSON PARK NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF JEFFERSON PARK UNITED NEIGHBORS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

JPUN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Riverside Church Chapel
2401 Alcott St. Behind Church
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8 pm
All are welcome

COUNCILWOMAN SANDOVAL COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Virtual - Friday, April 24,
11:00am-1:00pm
In Person - Friday, April 10th,
11:00am-1:00pm
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Save The Date!

JPUN'S 24th ANNUAL Neighborhood Clean-Up & Celebration

**Saturday, May 9 / 9am
Jefferson Park Playground**

More info on Page 3

JPUN – SLCG Happy Hour!

Join JPUN and the Sloan's Lake Citizens Group for a Joint Happy Hour on Wednesday, May 6 from 5-7 p.m. at Jefferson Park's newest drinking establishment, Ephemeral Tap & Bottle at 2855 W. 25th Ave.

We'll have food and drink specials throughout the evening — a perfect chance to connect with neighbors on both sides of Federal.

Ephemeral Tap & Bottle is Denver's first rotating bottle shop and tasting room, hosting month long pop ups and tap takeovers from top breweries around the world. Each month brings a new experience, plus the option to take your favorite beer or wine home.



Meet with Vevo: Denver's New Scooter & Bike Operator

Join us at our General Membership meeting on Tuesday, April 14, to meet Vevo — Denver's newest and soon to be sole scooter and bike operator. Vevo's Vice President of Policy & Partnerships, Alex Keating, will be joining us to answer questions and hear directly from residents.

Our neighborhood is uniquely positioned to support "Last Mile"

connections to Light Rail and to strengthen multimodal access to Downtown amenities. At the same time, we continue to experience many of the operational challenges seen across the city — including blocked sidewalks and unsafe or illegal riding, which becomes especially pronounced during stadium events.

This is a chance for all of us to share perspectives, raise questions, and shape how micromobility works in our neighborhood prior to implementation.

Learn More about Vevo on Page 5

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Email any stories, comments or ideas to our Editor at:
newsletter@jpun.org

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BECOME INVOLVED

Joining the JPUN community is an excellent way to support the residents and businesses in your neighborhood. There is no cost for membership and all property owners, renters, businesses and business-owners within the boundaries of the Jefferson Park neighborhood are welcome to join.

Benefits of joining our community:

- meet your neighbors and better connect with your local businesses
- participate in neighborhood events
- opportunities to plan the future of the area including zoning changes and redevelopment
- engage with others to ensure safety and security within the neighborhood
- easily connect with city government and public safety officials

For more information, please, contact us or sign-up to [become a member](#).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Police, Fire or Medical—EMERGENCY.....	Dial 9-1-1
Gas Leak or Electrical Emergency—Xcel.....	800-895-4999
	select #1
City of Denver 3-1-1 Help Center.....	3-1-1 or 720-913-1311
Police—City Non-Emergency Information.....	720-913-2000
Police—District 1 Station Information only.....	720-913-0400
Denver Public Library.....	720-865-1111
Regional Transportation District.....	303-299-6000

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SUN VALLEY VIADUCT NIGHT MARKET



CELEBRATE the CULTURE, ART and FOOD from SUN VALLEY, SOUTHWEST DENVER & BEYOND!

Local chefs, artisans, and entrepreneurs are excited to bring you live music, family-friendly activities, and food, drink, and crafts from over 30 vendors

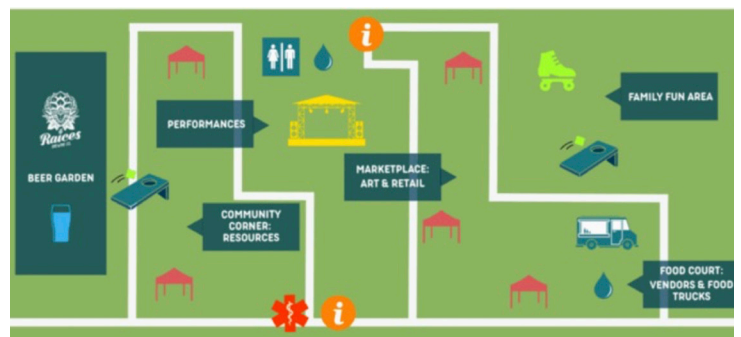
FREE ADMISSION!

Saturday May 16, 2026 | 4 pm - 10pm

Located at the south end of Empower Field, Parking Lot B, under the Colfax Viaduct

VOLUNTEER!

Sign up [here](#) and help make this the best night market ever by lending a hand.



JPUN'S 24rd ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 9 / 9AM JEFFERSON PARK PLAYGROUND

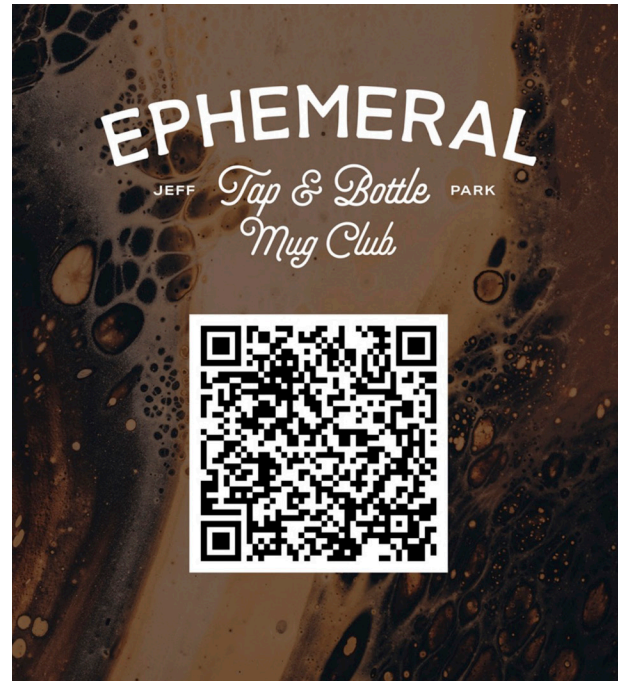
Fuel up with a FREE Breakfast. Bring your friends and meet your neighbors to give our park and neighborhood a Spring cleaning!

Denver Public Works and Denver Park and Rec will be on hand to provide trash grabbers and help coordinate park cleanup along with the beautification of the flowerbed.

Trash bags will be provided to collect trash throughout the neighborhood. Please bring your own set of gloves. To help us order food, trash bags, vests and other items please sign up [HERE](#) or use QR code.



Please thank Federal BID and these local businesses when you stop in for helping sponsor this great community event.



JOIN THE CLUB Ephemeral Mug Club!

The Perfect Gift for
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and Beer Lovers!

Enjoy your beers served in a 20oz members-only mug, score exclusive discounts, and get first dibs on new releases and special events. This is more than a membership, it's your all-access pass to savings, community, and a better beverage experience.

Our Mug clubs have been known to sell out, so this will be first come first served!

365 Club
A beer for free everyday! No joke!
Link here!

APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER Street Sweeping Season Has Begun

Denver's street sweeping and related parking enforcement are now underway. Please check the red and white signs on your block for monthly parking restrictions and be sure to move your vehicle on your scheduled sweeping day to **avoid a \$50** citation.

You can look up your specific sweeping schedule and sign up for email or text reminders at denvergov.org/Online-Services-Hub.

THE POSTED SWEEPING SEASON RUNS APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER.

Street sweeping plays a big role in keeping our neighborhoods clean and healthy. Removing dirt and debris from the curb line improves air and water quality and helps prevent storm drains from clogging. Denver asks residents to move their cars so sweepers can reach all the way to the curb where debris collects.



ARAUJO'S RESTAURANT

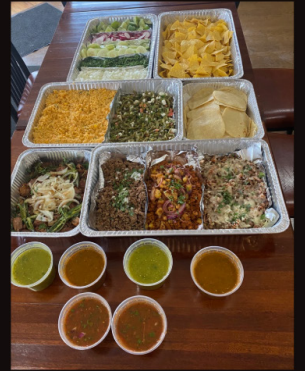
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DISTRICT STATION**

VISIT [DENVERGOV.ORG/POLICE](https://denvergov.org/police) TO FIND A STATION NEAR YOU!

ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL APRIL 16TH

For more information email christie.mochoruk@denvergov.org

**SPEAK UP ON APRIL 14 —
TELL DENVER'S NEW SCOOTER COMPANY
WHAT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS**

Denver's Micromobility Program

Denver's shared micromobility program has grown into one of the largest in the nation since e-scooters arrived on Denver's streets in 2018.

Lime and Bird have seen success in expanding ridership and promoting equity programs but have not adequately addressed the persistent operational issues that have impacted both micromobility users and neighborhood residents. Despite repeated requests from residents and city leadership, scooters continue to block sidewalks and contribute to unsafe or illegal riding behavior. These issues have coincided with a rise in injuries and serious crashes involving riders and pedestrians, underscoring the need for stronger management and clearer accountability.

Veo's proposal will charge users less to ride than Bird and Lime currently charge, and provide a wide range of micromobility devices that the other companies do not offer, including dual-passenger and cargo-carrying options. Veo states that by working with a single provider, the city and operator can coordinate more closely on service quality, vehicle management, and rider education.

They are expected to deploy 9,000 vehicles total within a month of launch. There should be around 6,000 vehicles deployed during the first week. Roughly 30 percent of the city's fleet will consist of the traditional standing scooters, and the other 70 percent will be a mix of the four different seated vehicles.

There have been multiple delays in City Council's vote on Veo's final contract, largely due to last minute revisions and the need for additional review. The goal is to have everything resolved by the April 15 vote to stay on track for the May 1 launch date. Both Lime and Bird are expected to operate until May 16th when their contracts expire.

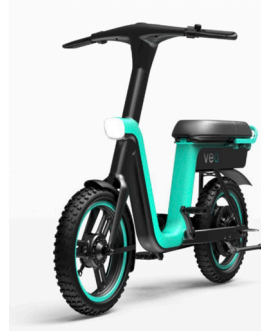
Learn more about Veo's Denver program at veoride.com/denver



The Standing Scooter comes with front and rear suspension, brake lights and under-deck lighting, of which riders can customize the color.



The Seated Scooter has a lower center of gravity and larger wheels than its standing counterpart, while allowing riders to sit.



The Two-Seated E-Bike has an extra-long seat for tandem riding, with a footrest and a grab bar available for the rear passenger.



The Cargo E-Bike is identical to the two-seater, but with a rear cargo basket instead of the second seat.



The Trike is a three-wheeled, self-balancing scooter. Denver is the first market to receive a wide release of this new vehicle.



KEEP YOUR OFF-ROAD VEHICLE OFF THE ROAD



The use of all-terrain vehicles, including four-wheelers, side-by-sides and dirt bikes, is illegal in the City and County of Denver. If you are caught using any all-terrain vehicle on Denver's roadways, walkways or parks, you may be cited and fined, your ATV may be impounded and you could be arrested.

To report the unlawful use of an all-terrain vehicle in Denver, please call 720-913-2000 and press 2.

DEFENDANTS SENTENCED for MURDER OUTSIDE DENVER AQUARIUM

On March 7, Denver District Attorney John Walsh has announced that Antonio Vasquez was sentenced to 40 years in prison, while Vasquez' brother, Jason Trujillo, Jr., was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Vasquez and Trujillo both previously pleaded guilty to Second-Degree Murder.

On February 14, 2024, Vasquez shot and killed 19-year-old Dacien Salazar during a drive-by shooting outside Denver's Downtown Aquarium. Trujillo drove the car that was used in the shooting. "Dacien Salazar's murder was not just a tragedy for his friends and family, it was a crime that shocked countless Denver residents – a shooting in broad daylight in a busy public place.

These sentences ensure that Antonio Vasquez and Jason Trujillo will pay a heavy price for their cold-blooded actions," said DA Walsh. "I want to thank the prosecutors, investigators and victim advocates in my office, as well as Detectives Mary McIver and Adam Lucero of the Denver Police Department's Homicide Unit, whose fantastic work resulted in the successful resolution of this case."



AVS PLAYOFF WATCH PARTY

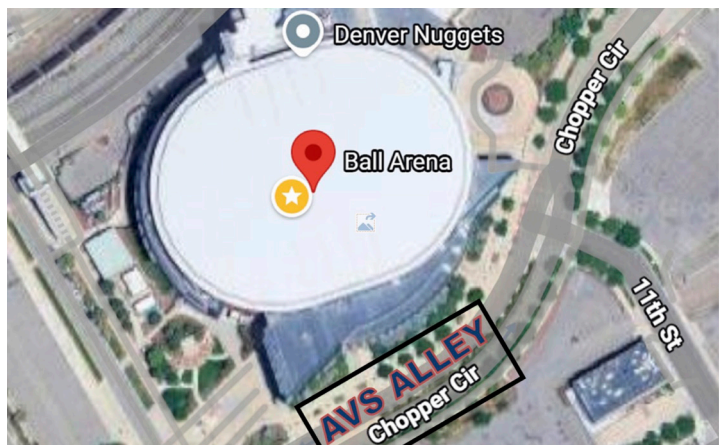
MULTIPLE DATES
BETWEEN APRIL 15-JUNE 25TH

Ball Arena will be hosting a Playoff Watch Party ("Avs Alley") located at 1000 Chopper Circle, Denver, CO 80204.

This event will occur on Avalanche home game days throughout the playoffs, with operational dates ranging from April 15 through June 25.

Road closures will be in place between 9th & Chopper and 11th & Chopper throughout the playoff period.

This is a family-friendly outdoor event featuring a live game feed, food trucks, and a beer garden. Activities will begin approximately one hour prior to puck drop and conclude approximately 30 minutes after the game ends. ballarena.com





RULES FOR OUTDOOR WATER USE

Denver Water Issues Mandatory Drought Restrictions for 2026

Facing Colorado's lowest snowpack on record, extreme drought conditions in the mountains, and temperatures far above normal, Denver Water has enacted Stage 1 mandatory drought restrictions that may remain in place through 2026.

According to Denver Water, streamflows from snowmelt are expected to be far below average and insufficient to refill reservoirs, and the current water year is the warmest on record with no relief in long term forecasts.

What the Restrictions Require

Irrigation Rules

- **Water grass only twice per week** following Denver Water's assigned schedule:
 - **Even numbered addresses: Sundays & Thursdays**
 - **Odd numbered addresses: Wednesdays & Saturdays**
 - **All other customers (multifamily, commercial, government, HOAs): Tuesdays & Fridays**
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Drip irrigation and hand watering allowed for trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables (but still not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.)
- **Limit:** Two days per week for turf; other plants may be watered as needed within the rules.

Vehicle Washing

- Commercial car washes may operate normally.
- Residents may wash vehicles using a bucket or a hose with an automatic shut off nozzle.
- Commercial fleets may wash vehicles **once per week**, unless required for health or safety.

Restaurants & Hotels

- Restaurants may serve water **only upon request**.
- Hotels may change sheets every four days, unless requested sooner or required for health/safety.

Power Washing

- Residents may power wash **only on their assigned watering days**, except for health or safety needs.
- Businesses are exempt from these limits.

Enforcement

Stage 1 restrictions typically involve **increased monitoring** and **fines for wasteful water use**.

Denver Water has not yet announced specific enforcement measures, but utilities often deploy patrols to identify violations. Stage 1 aims to reduce overall water use by approximately 20%.

[LEARN MORE](#)





BE A SMARTASH

Denver will plant a Free Tree for You!

Help grow and expand Denver's beloved **Urban Canopy**.

Denver Parks & Recreation wants to help you plant a tree! If you have room in the public right-of-way adjacent to your property, you may even be eligible to have a free tree planted for you!

[SUBMIT YOUR TREE REQUEST ONLINE](#)

Free tree application process:

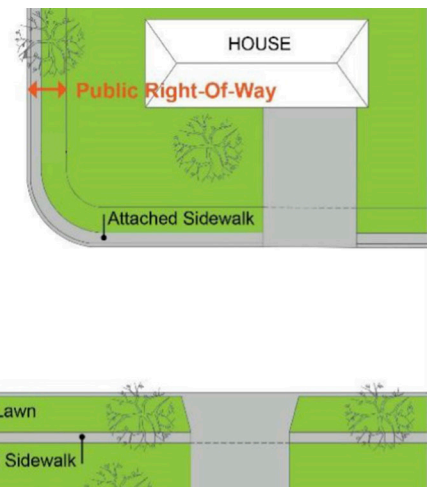
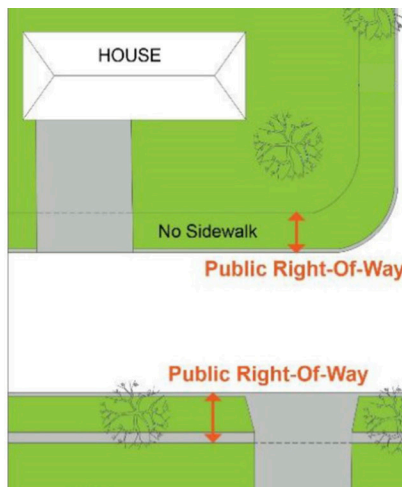
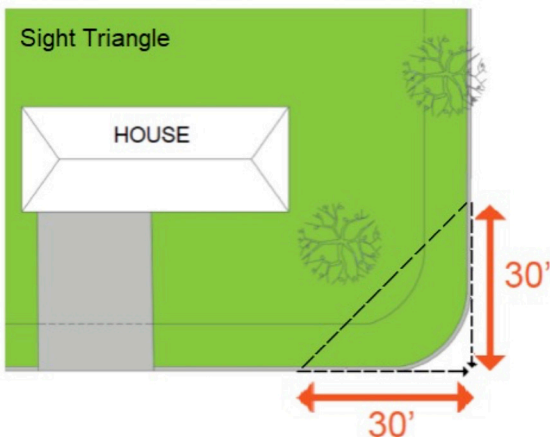
1. Submit your request.
2. Within a couple weeks, we process your request and let you know that we got it.
3. We have your underground utilities marked.
4. Our arborist will stop by to check out the site, mark where a tree can be planted and make a recommendation for what non-ash tree will thrive in the spot.
5. Your tree is delivered and planted.

We will be in touch to give you advice on the short-term and long-term care of the new tree

At every step of the process, we will be in touch to let you know what is happening.

Is there room in your right-of-way for a free tree?

- There must be adequate space in your right-of-way to request a free tree. That space must be:
 - 30 feet from the outside edge of intersecting curbs, to preserve the sight triangle (see corresponding photo).
 - 35 feet from large shade trees.
 - 25 feet from ornamental trees.
 - 20 feet from street lights.
 - 20 feet from stop signs.
 - 10 feet from alleys, driveways and fire hydrants.
 - 7 feet behind attached sidewalks.
 - 5 feet from water meters/pits.
 - Centered within tree lawns/planters.





From Raíces to Riverfront Revival: Big Plans Ahead for Sun Valley

A major transformation is underway along the South Platte River in Sun Valley just south of Mile High. Raíces Brewing which closed last October due to tax issues that resulted in a forced shutdown has been purchased by Weins Development with plans to open a new barbecue restaurant in the space before the end of the year.

Redevelopment to Add Housing, Kayaking Club, and Pickleball

The development group is also planning on building two multifamily buildings adjacent to Raíces former building.

The first building will offer a mix of studios, one bedrooms, and two bedrooms. Ground floor retail will include a kayaking club, with secure storage for people to place their kayaks so they can depart on journeys up or down the adjacent South Platte River from the building.

The second floor will feature a private pickleball club exclusively for residents. The second building will be significantly larger, with 240 units, a resident pool, and five floors of structured parking. Together, the two buildings will bring new housing, recreation, and river oriented activity to a corridor the city has long hoped to activate.

Join the DPR Park Rangers for the 2026 Park Ranger Fishing Derby!

Contact the Carla Madison team for more information at CarlaMadison.Recreation@denvergov.org

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Saturday, April 25, 2026
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Stop by any time!

CSU Spur, Hydro Building, the Confluence Theater
4777 National Western Dr., Denver, CO 80216

Speakers
Talk to experts in the field

Tables
Connect with Local Resilient Landscape Supporters & Experts

Plus
Garden Tour, Coffee, Snacks & Networking

Sign up to RSVP and receive your free free parking code for the event!

Note: There is a \$15 parking free at the venue. If you drive, be sure to register to receive your free parking voucher.

Free Native Seeds & Trees!

Denver Resilient Landscapes: A Symposium Event

The City and County of Denver is proposing updates to landscape requirements for new development to support pollinators, reduce water, and expand tree canopy in the city.

Join us and learn more about the proposed regulations. Get free resources from experts on how to change your landscaping, how to apply for rebates, and more!

Open to the public & all are welcome!

Spanish translation available by request at [Denvergov.org/landscape](https://denvergov.org/landscape)

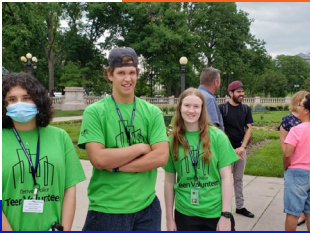
GONDOLA PUBLIC HEARING

Representatives of three companies that design and build automated gondola systems for use in urban areas presented and discuss their systems at a public hearing in Denver.

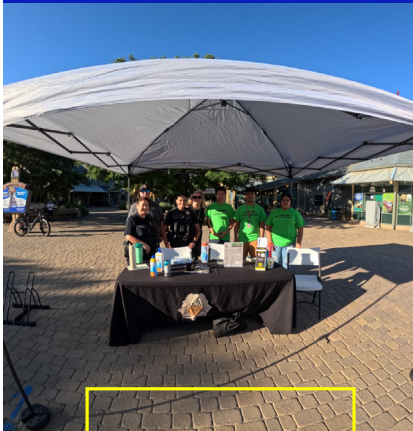
The hearing gave Denver residents an opportunity to see what these systems can do to revitalize downtown, and learn about how they work and what they offer, how much they would cost, and how they would pay for themselves from fare, advertising and sponsorship revenues.



Photos courtesy of Doppelmayr Seilbahnen GmbH



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Denver, CO 80204
Phone: 720-913-6877
Email: DPDVIP@denvergov.org
Website: www.denvergov.org/dpdvip



The hearing was sponsored by New Downtown Denver, a nonprofit created last year to promote "big-picture" projects to revitalize downtown.

New Downtown Denver promotes Den-VAIR, its vision for an automated transit network that operates like an elevated ride-hailing system, whisking passengers to and from anywhere in or near downtown in gondola-like

cabins and that can be customized to take solo passengers or a group of passengers to wherever they want to go.

Details about DEN-VAIR and other elements of the proposals advocated by New Downtown Denver are available at the organization's [website](#).

RIVER PATH CLOSED

South Platte River Trail Detour Downtown

As part of ongoing and routine wastewater treatment system maintenance, Metro Water Recovery is rehabilitating segments of corroded sewer pipe within the City and County of Denver.

This construction work requires the temporary closure of a section of the South Platte River Trail between the Broncos pedestrian bridge and the 19th Street pedestrian bridge.

The closure will affect the trail on the north and west side of the river, and all trail users will be detoured to the east bank trail.

This temporary closure is expected to be complete by May 2026.



RED BULL SOAPBOX RACES RETURNS TO DENVER

Picking Up Speed a Mile High
Saturday, June 13, 2026
Gates Open at 11 am
Empower Field at Mile High

This free to attend will take place across Empower Field @ Mile High stadium parking lots (F, G, I, and J).

To help create a safe and walkable environment, Mile High Stadium Circle will likely be closed from 17th to Decatur on event day.

Organizers are anticipating up to 30,000 attendees throughout the day, with an estimated 15,000 people onsite at peak times. Parking will be available for purchase upon arrival.

Applications are open until Sunday, April 12!

Application

TURN YOUR SCRAPS INTO SOIL

Go Green at No Extra Cost – Get Your Free Compost Cart

Did you know that if you receive city trash collection, **weekly compost service is already included in your bill at no additional cost?** Sign up to receive a 95-gallon outdoor compost cart and a countertop compost bin today, and start supporting our local environment one green cart at a time.

How do I compost at home?

Composting with a green cart is just as simple as sorting your trash and recycling. Toss all food scraps, including meat and bones in your countertop compost bin or a small container while cooking, and then transfer them to your large green cart once the bin is full. Transferring your counter compost bin scraps regularly can help prevent smells indoors, and you can toss a messy countertop bin in the dishwasher for quick cleanup. Yard waste, like leaves and small branches, can go directly in your large outdoor compost bin or in paper yard waste bags. Compostable packaging items, paper and cardboard are not accepted in Denver's compost.

Call 311 or visit your Denver Utilities Online Account at Denvergov.org/utilities to make your neighborhood a greener place and start composting today!

Why Compost?

Just like eating fruits and vegetables that helps support your long-term health, composting food scraps helps support Denver's environmental health by keeping nutrients out of the landfill and putting them back in the soil. While recycling can help prevent items like hard plastics or metals from ending up in the landfill, composting organic materials has an even larger positive environmental impact. When trapped in a landfill without the proper oxygen levels, organic materials produce harmful methane gases that contribute to the greenhouse gas effect. The methane produced from one banana peel in the landfill is 80 times worse than a banana peel being composted, so saving the scraps from one meal or one afternoon of yardwork can make a huge difference!

When you sign up for compost collection through Denver's Solid Waste services, your food scraps and yard debris are picked up and transported directly to the commercial composting facility at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS). At the facility,

organic materials are broken down in an outdoor environment and regularly turned to produce a nutrient-rich compost. Processed compost can be used directly on garden beds or regular lawns, without harsh pesticides or synthetic fertilizers that may harm pollinators like bees, butterflies and moths. As a bonus, compost helps retain soil moisture, which can support garden health during hot or dry years.

Did you know? Holiday trees dropped off during the Treecycle program are mulched and distributed back to Denver residents for free each spring. The closest Free 'dig-your-own' mulch is available at Sloans Lake Park North Parking Lot (N. Yates St. & W. Byron Pl.)

Compost Giveaway Saturday, May 2 • 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

A limited number of compost coupons are available, and registration is required. No coupons will be distributed onsite.

Sign up now for the Compost Giveaway!
This is a dig your own compost event.

Event Location

City & County of Denver – Central Platte Campus
Bayaud & Navajo • 1271 W. Bayaud Ave.
Enter through the campus gates at W. Bayaud Ave. & S. Navajo St., then drive past the Denver Animal Shelter.

How to Receive Your Compost Coupon

1. Complete the **"Sign Up for the Compost Giveaway"** form below.
2. Watch for your electronic confirmation number from Solid Waste Management the following day.
 - o This confirmation number is required at the event.
 - o Coupons are delivered electronically one day after signing up. Please do not submit multiple requests.
3. Bring the following to the event:
 - o A 5 gallon bucket
 - o A shovel
 - o Your confirmation number
 - o Proof of Denver residency
4. Fill your bucket with rich, Denver made compost.
Limit: One 5 gallon bucket of compost per resident with a valid Coupon Confirmation Number.