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SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE- Denver City Code 10.28.040 reads: During the winter months of November 1st thru April 1st no person is allowed to park a motor vehicle, trailer of any kind on the north or south side of the roadway. The following specific locations are as follows: 1. On East Fayette Street from its intersection with State Street to the intersection with Mill Street. 2. On West Fayette Street from its intersection with State Street to the intersection with Zingg Dr.

When a weather event measuring more than 3 inches of snow or weather occurrences indicate the need for the Mayor or Street Superintendent or Street Superintendent designee may proclaim a “**SNOW EMERGENCY**” and shall request local news media to publicize the proclamation and applicable parking restrictions. The proclamation of snow emergency shall state the date and time that the snow emergency shall take effect and parking shall be restricted. In short this means when there is a snow emergency **NO PARKING ON ANY STREET.**

Snow Emergency notifications will be on KWWL or listen to KWAY – FM 99.3 and KWAY – AM 1470

RESTRICTION ON SNOW REMOVAL – No person shall in any manner remove snow from private property into the city streets, alleys, or off-street parking areas (Denver City Code 10.28.0300)

SIDEWALK CLEANING – Property owners are required to keep sidewalks abutting their property clear of natural accumulation of snow or ice. Snow or ice accumulations need to be removed within 24 hours of the last accumulation. If property owners

fail to remove snow accumulation, the Mayor is authorized to have the snow or ice removed (Denver City Code 12.16.030).

FIRE HYDRANTS – Please clear the snow around the hydrant if there is one on your property. This will enable the fire department access to water in case of a fire.

MAILBOXES – are a concern this time of year. The snow plows get as close to the curb and gutter as possible, however, if additional snow removal is necessary you will need to remove the excess accumulation yourself. The Denver Postmaster states the face of the mailbox should be installed 8 inches from the back of the curb and gutter section. This provides protection to the mailbox from the snow plow in the event the door remains open. Mailboxes should be installed 42” to 48” from the ground to the bottom of the mailbox.

SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE REMINDER – snowmobiles are to be operated within the permitted areas of the Denver corporate limits. This area is generally described as the southern most corporate limit on Transit Street right-of-way to junction with Eagle Street and Transit Street, then east on Eagle to 341 S State Street (Kwik Star) and the reverse. The operation of snowmobiles shall be permitted 24 hours per day.

THE CITY OF DENVER will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents Day.

RECYCLING – If you haven’t noticed already, the recycling is now being picked up starting at 7:00 a.m.. They used to start recycling at 11:00 a.m., please adjust. If you can’t get it out that early, please put out the night prior.

A NEW PARK BENCH – In the spring of 2019 there will be a new park bench placed next to the basketball court in City Park. This bench is being placed there in memory of Denny Ott. Thank you Marcia.

ANIMALS AT LARGE – It is unlawful to allow animals to be at large within the city limits of Denver. (This includes Dogs AND Cats). At large means an animal found off the premises of the owner or upon the public streets, alleys, public grounds or parks within the City. Ordinance 8.04.030

CLEANUP OF PET FECES – It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of a dog or cat to fail to clean up and remove as soon as possible the feces deposited by their pet from any and all real estate, whether public or privately owned, other than on the premises of the owner or person in charge (Ordinance 8.04.050)

LIHEAP – This is the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program that is available to qualified Denver residents. If you are in need of assistance to pay your utility bills, and meet the income guidelines please call Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation at 319-352-4532.

BUDGET TIMELINE

January 21 – Council reviews expenditure projections and articulates budget priorities

February 4 – Final Review revenue and expenditure projections

February 19 – Council adopts Resolution No. 6-2019 setting Public Hearing for FY 2020 City Budget

February 5-15 – Preparation of Budget Document

February 15 – Submits Public Hearing Notice to Denver Forum for Publication.

February 20 - Publish FY 2020 Public Hearing Notice.

March 4 – City Council Conducts Public Hearing on FY 2020 Proposed City Budget

March 4 – Council adopts Resolution No. 7-2019 approving FY 2020 Denver City Budget

March 5 – Submit FY 2020 City Budget to Bremer County Auditor

S STATE ST. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT bid letting results from December 18, 2018

*Cunningham, K. Construction Co., Inc - \$1,309,109.41

*Vieth Construction Corporation - \$1,365,054.85

*Wicks Construction, Inc. - \$1,377,660.33

*Lodge Construction Inc. - \$1,388,315.50

*Midwest Concrete, Inc. - \$1,442,414.60

*Croell, Inc. – \$1,491,793.06

*Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. - \$1,549,821.43

*Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. - \$1,810,278.86

DENVER TREE BOARD met on December 10 to discuss various topics that included bi-annual maintenance on treating specific ash trees, costs of treating pin oak trees along Fairview St and Eagle St for Chlorosis (yellow colored leaves, iron deficiency), tree planting at Fairview Cemetery, tree trimming at the cemetery and in City Park.

FESTIVAL OF TREES – This year’s theme for the Festival of Trees was “Winter Wonderland”. The tree receiving the most votes was by St. Peter Lutheran Church which had an outdoor theme using owls and little forest critters. Second place was Denver Public Library also using owls and snowflakes. Third place went to Smith Studio/Wispy Willow featuring signs of the holidays.

The table setting participants were very creative this year. The table receiving the most votes was Kelly Platte.

The winners of the gingerbread houses were: Preschool-2nd was Piper Laures, 3rd – 5th was Maryn Laures, 9th-Adult/Family was Jen Lockard, Best of Show was Gesme Family.

Raffle drawing winners were Robin Johnson, the Gordons, and Shawn Buhrow. CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!!!

The Denver Betterment Committee wishes to extend a big “thank you” to everybody that participated in any way to the Fun Christmas weekend.

WHERE CAN WE GET CHESTNUTS? Rene and Nikki Valverde have planted 450 chestnut seedlings on their property just west of Denver. In four to five years their family will harvest their first chestnuts with full projection coming three or four years later. An article is in the Fall 2018 TREES FOREVER Leaflet, check it out

PLEASE REPORT SCAMS – If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

*Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or 1-866-653-4261

*Go online: ftc.gov/complaint
Your complaint can help protect other people. By filing a complaint, you can help the FTC’s investigators identify the imposters and stop them before they can get someone’s hard-earned money. It really makes a difference.

LIBRARY NEWS – Beat cabin fever this winter by visiting the Denver Public Library! Check out a book or movie, or take part in one of the library’s many programs or classes! You can find monthly events on the website at www.denver.lib.ia.us or like the Denver Iowa Library on Facebook!

The Denver Genealogy and History Club will meet at the library on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:00 in the afternoon during the winter months.

On January 22 at 2:00 local author Linda McCann will speak on her new book, Prisoners of War in Iowa. Did you know that during WW 2 there were German, Italian, and Japanese soldiers captured and housed in camps in America? Approximately 25,000 were held in Iowa and there was a camp near Waverly. Learn more about these camps during Linda’s presentation at the library. On February 26 at 2:00, Rosa Grant from the John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum will speak on the history of John Deere. The Denver Genealogy and History Club is open to anyone to attend. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is suggested.

If you like to make things, check out Maker Mondays at the library! Join the staff on the last Monday of the month to make and take a craft project! All materials are provided and there is no cost to attend. Craft projects are geared to teens and adults, but children are welcome with an adult to help them. On Monday, January 28 stop by between 3:30 and 5:00 to make and take home an all natural shower scrub or bath bomb.

Story time at the library is offered each Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30. Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy stories, songs, and crafts. The library also offers an intergenerational story time each month at Willow Winds Assisted Living Center. Children can have fun listening to stories, playing games, and doing crafts with the residents at Willow Winds. Check the library’s website for dates and times.

During winter weather events, the library will make every effort to be open. However, there may be times that the library will close early or open late if snow and ice make it dangerous for patrons or staff. Closing announcements will be made on KWWL and on our Facebook page.

Every effort was made to assure accuracy, if you find an error or have an idea for the next newsletter, call or write City Hall.