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**DENVER CITY OFFICES** – will be closed November 11, 2020 in observance of Veterans Day, November 26, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving, December 24 and 25, 2020 in observance of Christmas, and January 1, 2021 for the New Year.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** will be Sunday, November 1, 2020. Be sure to turn your clocks back.

**WINTER RATES** - October starts the beginning of the winter electric rates for residential homes. The summer rates were .1152 for the first 800 kw and .1152 for everything over 800 kw. The winter rates are .1102 for the first 800 kw and .1027 for everything over 800 kw. These rates will apply through May 2021.

**AUTOMATIC PAYMENT** for utility payments. Be aware that there is an automatic payment plan if you would prefer not to write a check every month. You can pick up a form at the Denver City Hall if interested.

**IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** – Need help with your heating bill? The 2020-2021 LIHEAP income maximums are as follows:

People in household/Gross Income

1	\$22,330
2	\$30,170
3	\$38,010
4	\$45,850
5	\$53,690
6	\$61,530
7	\$69,370
8	\$77,210

**THE FY 2020 CITY AUDIT** is complete.

**THE SPLASH PAD** is closed for the season. It will re-open in the spring of 2021

**REPORT A SCAM** – If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Call 1-877-382-4357. The Denver Police Department cannot help with the scam if there has not been a crime committed, however, by reporting the scam to the above number you can help protect other people.

**THANK YOU** to the Denver Betterment committee for decorating Denver with blooming flowers for the summer.

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS** – Because of COVID-19, the Denver Betterment Committee has decided to cancel the “Old Fashioned Christmas” event for this year. We look forward to a better 2021 and hope to hold the event next year. WATCH for other possible activities

**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)

**DOGS-AT-LARGE** - Ordinance No. 3-2020 was updated and sidewalks were added as an area where the animal needs to be

attached to a leash. It is also unlawful for a dog to run at or after a person

**WEAPONS** – Ordinance No. 4-2020 Discharging weapons was updated not to conflict with the Fireworks ordinance.

**TREES** – The City of Denver was awarded the 2021 Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$7,430. Funds will be used to purchase trees to be planted along south state street.

**PARKING** – We have been receiving numerous traffic and parking complaints. Parking your car the wrong direction in the street is prohibited. Parking your car for over 48 hours in the same spot is prohibited.

**SLOW DOWN** when driving around the Denver Schools and Discoveries

**THE CITY OF DENVER** received \$2,000 from the Bremer County Community Foundation. Funds will be used to pay for the new storage shed at Prestien Park. Denver Park & Recreation plans to store their equipment in the new shed.

**YARD WASTE BURNING** in Denver is permitted, by city ordinance, from the first Wednesday of October until the last Saturday of November. Burning is permitted on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between sunrise and sunset. At no times shall yard waste, grass or leaves be deposited in the street of public right of way. Burning at unauthorized times

shall result in a fine and the Fire Department extinguishing the fires. **THE YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SITE** is for the use of citizens within the city limits. There are designated piles, please use them appropriately.

\*Brush

\*Mulch

\*Compost

At NO TIME shall anything but yard waste be deposited at this site. You can find the disposal site if you turn right on the first gravel road south of Denver, turn left on the first gravel road past the bridge.

**THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN** to the public every morning, Monday – Friday, from 9:30 to 1:00 for walk in browsing and computer usage. Parents can call the library at 984-5140 to make appointments for after school visits from 2:00 – 4:00 Monday through Friday. Appointments must be made in advance. The library will continue to offer no contact lobby pick up for those that are more comfortable calling in their requests or reserving online. The lobby will be open for pick up of materials 9:30 – 5:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 9:30 – 6:00 on Tuesday and Thursdays. Copying and Faxing services are

available during open hours or by calling ahead to make special arrangements with staff. The staff is asking those that visit the library to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

The Denver Library Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Dr. E.H. Stumme Art and Photography Show. This will be the first year in 38 years that the library has not held this annual event. Look for the show to return in November 2021!

Story Time To Go offers a great alternative to our in person story time at the library and is available to children 2 to 6 years of age! Every Tuesday, the library will have a new take home packet in the lobby for pick up. The packets include crafts, games, stories, and other fun activities for children to enjoy. Parents can also request a bundle of picture books to go along with the packet theme. There is no need to sign up for Story Time to Go! Just stop by the lobby and pick up your packet every Tuesday. One per child please.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that encourages parents to read with their young children. Studies have show that children should hear at least 1,000

books from birth to age five to build the pre-reading skills they need to succeed in school. The Denver Public Library want to make sharing stories with your baby, toddler, or preschooler fun! For every 100 books your child reads, the library will give them a fun little prize, such as coloring books, a stuffed animal, and other small items. You can sign your child up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program by visiting our website at [www.denver.lib.ia.us](http://www.denver.lib.ia.us) and clicking on the Read Squared icon on the home page. Books can be logged online and prizes can be picked up at the library. Paper logs are also available by request. Once your child has read 1,000 books, they can pick out a hard over book and will receive a certificate of completion.

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.