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DENVER CITY OFFICES will be closed November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day, November 25 for Thanksgiving, December 24 & 27 in celebration of Christmas and December 31 for New Year's Day.

NEW CITY EMPLOYEES - The City of Denver wants to welcome our three new employees. Ryan Petersburg and William Edgerly are linemen, and Tom Richards is our new custodian.

THANK YOU to Mike Richards for his service to Denver. He has been the custodian since 2003 when the City Hall and Library building opened.

CITY ELECTIONS will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Denver Community Center. Terms that are open are Mayor Rod Diercks, Councilmen Gavin Carman, Sean Hartman & Joel Wikner. One City Council seat will be filled by write-in. Be sure to get out there and VOTE.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME will end Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 a.m.

Be sure to turn your clocks back.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT will be October 31, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. BE SAFE...*Plan a route in advance *Wear Comfortable shoes *Stay well lit *Make sure costumes aren't too long *Avoid masks *Use flexible props and *Check your child's candy

IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Need help with your heating bill? The 2021-2022 LIHEAP income maximums are as follows:

People in household/Gross Income

1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,340
8	\$89,320

POWER OUTAGES – When there is a power outage or other public works emergency, please call City Hall at 319-984-5642 then press 1. This will get you to the City's on call phone. If they do not

answer after a couple of times they are working on the problem. Please DO NOT call the Bremer County Law Center.

MEDICAL LIST – We are starting a list for people that require electricity for medical issues. Please call City Hall at 319-984-5642 to get on the list.

WINTER RATES – October starts the beginning of the winter electric rates. The summer rates were .1204 for the first 800 kw and .1204 for everything over 800 kw. The winter rates are .1154 for the first 800 kw and .1079 for everything over 800 kw. These rates will go through May 2022

IOWA STREET PROJECT UPDATE – The primary underground electric service has been energized. The next step is to connect electric service from the primary to each individual home.

2020 CENSUS numbers are out. The City of Denver now has 1919 citizens up from the 2010 census of 1780.

BREAKAWAY DAYS – Thank you to the Breakaway Days committee for once again providing a weekend packed full of fun and exciting activities for everyone. AND, for providing the materials to replace the Prestien Park restroom building roof. Duane Boehmke has dropped off several pictures from the parade of various citizens walking, on floats, golf carts, and tractors. If you would like any of these pictures you may be in, stop by City Hall and take a look.

THANK YOU to the Denver Lions Club for installing the new steel roof on the two shelters at Prestien Park.

THE SPLASH PAD is closed for the year. It will re-open Memorial Day weekend in 2022.

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.

FLU SHOTS – Bremer County Health Department will be in Denver October 14. They will be giving flu shots and COVID shots from 9-11 a.m. at the Community Center. The cost for a flu shot is \$31.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLE will be as usual. There will be no interference for pickup this year.

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE Denver City Code 10.38.040 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:

*On East Fayette Street from its intersection with State Street to the intersection with Mill Street.

*On West Fayette Street from its intersection with State Street to the intersection with Zingg Drive.

When a weather event measuring more than 2 inches of snow or weather occurrences indicate the need, 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. So, if 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. Also, the City Facebook page.

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 10.38.030).

SIDEWALK CLEANING - Property owners are required to keep sidewalks abutting their property clear of natural accumulations 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.

WITH THE WEEKS FLYING BY, it will soon be time for the Denver Betterment Committee to remove the flowers from the planters in the downtown area and adorn the light poles with scarecrows and cornstalks. Then the next big event will be the "Old Fashioned Christmas" featuring decorated Christmas trees. The dates for this event are December 4th & 5th with this year's theme being "Tidings and Tinsel". Since it was cancelled last year, it would be awesome to have a record number of trees decorated

this year. In 2004, we had the most trees with 27 large and 4 small trees. So, let's have a great turnout and set a new record! More information will be available at a later date.

GREATER DENVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - The Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Business Tax Workshop on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 pm at the Schumacher Elevator Training Room.

Tax specialists from Bergan KDV in Waterloo will be on hand to detail some of the changes in tax filing laws for small businesses, offer advice on how to navigate this year's tax filing, and answer specific questions from business owners.

The workshop is free to attend. For more information or to sign up to attend, email Greater Denver Chamber at info@greaterdenverchamber.com.

The Chamber will have a "Member Meet-up" on November 4 from 5:00 - 6:00 at AllyCatz Firehouse Pizza & Wings. Chamber members and those interested in joining the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce are welcome to meet for casual networking and appetizers.

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Story time at the Denver Library is held every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30. Toddler and pre-school age children, parents, grandparents, daycares, and caregivers are invited to attend. Children will be treated to a fun morning of stories, crafts, songs, snacks, and more. There is no need to pre-register and no charge to attend.

The library will offer several Make and Take Craft sessions this fall and winter. If you would like to learn a new craft, watch our Facebook page or our website at www.denver.lib.ia.us for dates and times for craft sessions. Coming up on Wednesday, October 27 from 2:00-4:00, the library staff will show participants how to make a Fall/Halloween wreath. All materials will be provided to make a cupcake liner wreath to take home. On November 10, the library will host a holiday baking class from 6:30-8:00 in the evening. Details on this baking class will be available on our website and Facebook page in October. The library will also host Ron Lenth from Bremer County Extension on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9:30-11:00 in the morning for the annual holiday wreath making workshop. All of the craft sessions are free to attend but

pre-registration is required by calling the library at 984-5140 or stopping by to sign up.

The Denver Genealogy & History Club meets every month at the library and has a speaker on local history or genealogy. All programs are open to the public.

On Tuesday, October 26 at 2:00, Waterloo photographer David Marvitz will be on hand to present a program on Amish Life Through the Seasons. Marvitz has been welcomed into the Amish community to photograph their daily work. He will show some amazing photos of ice cutting, field work, and more and share some of his insights into their culture.

On November 23 at 2:00, Cedar Falls author James Kenyon will discuss his book "Echoes in the Hallway" which details some of his research into several Iowa schools that closed over the years.

The Denver Genealogy & History Club will be working with the Bremer County Historical Society to plan Denver's upcoming history cruise in 2022. Participants in the cruise will be able to drive around Denver, stopping at several historical sites for a short program on Denver History. Date for the cruise is yet to be announced, but the group is looking for people that might be interested in helping research town history and help with the event. Contact the Denver Library if you would be interested.

The library will be undergoing some renovations during the fall and winter months. Thanks to a generous gift, the library will be getting new carpeting during the month of January. Some interior painting and moving of computer stations will be taking place in October. Staff will be doing some rearranging of shelving to accommodate changing collection needs. During these changes, some collections may be unavailable for a short time, however the library will work to limit the impact to library services and will plan to be open through most of the renovation process.

FRONTDESK - Please see the enclosed letter regarding FrontDesk. Since this is a new program, updates occur often and the steps to sign up may differ slightly.

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.