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Message From Councilman Herndon



Happy New Year! From our families to yours, we wish you the very best 2012 has to offer. The District 11 team is excited for a very busy and successful New Year. 2011 was an exciting time for us. Two weeks after being sworn in, the 1st Annual Northeast Denver Leadership Week occurred, taking high school students and introducing them to various civic and industry leaders across the city. We toured The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, the House and Senate chambers, 9news, and the Denver City Crime Lab to name a few. This year NDWL will occur in June and it will be bigger and better than the first.

I visited several schools including Smith Elementary, West-erly Creek, the Montbello campus, MLK Early College and KIPP Montbello College Prep to encourage our children and support our teachers and administrators. Additionally, I attended several forums, neighborhood meetings and events throughout the district, so all residents can converse with me. I toured our Denver County Jail, District Police and Fire Stations to let our police, fire and sheriff know their good work does not go unnoticed. Also, the Stapleton Tower Committee is in full motion as we put our heads together to come up with a productive use of our beloved tower. In early December we hosted District 11 Marine Corps Toys for Tots Drive where we collected hundreds of toys for children. Thank you all for your generosity. I cannot overstate what an honor it is to represent the great people of this district on city council. I will continue to be accessible and available, so District 11 and our great city will continue to move forward. Once again, Happy New Year!!



Northeast Denver Leadership Week
August 2011



Visit to KIPP Montbello College Prep
October 2011



Far Northeast Denver Forum
November 2011

DIA's Holiday Extravaganza for Foster Youth

'Twas 10 days before Christmas, when all through DIA, foster children partied joyfully and had a great day. For the 10th consecutive year, Denver International Airport's airlines, concessionaires, contractors, and employees hosted a holiday party for 50 children who currently are in foster care with Denver Human Services.

Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Aviation Manager Kim Day, Denver Human Services Manager Penny May, and Councilman Chris Herndon also joined the celebration at DIA, interacting with foster youth, foster families, and volunteers from the airport community. "The holiday season is a time for giving," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "It is truly remarkable to see how the Denver International Airport community has come together to make this time of year merry for Denver foster children. I feel blessed to have been a part of this wonderful event, and thankful that I could spend time with the children during the holidays."



Councilman Herndon pictured with Jennifer Harris, chairperson of the event and Colleen Frost, owner of TCBY at DIA. Both ladies have helped make this event a success year after year.



The DIA community presented a check to Denver Human Services in the amount of \$6,046.67 at the 10th Annual DIA Holiday Extravaganza on Dec. 15. From there, airport volunteers guided foster youth and their families to a winter wonderland filled with games, activities, and food. While the kids were munching, Santa made a surprise appearance and later listened to the wishes of each boy and girl. At the end of the event children received a large bag of gifts. In addition to the check, the airport community

donated more than \$10,000 worth of in-kind gifts, food, and clothing to the children. Over the last decade, DIA's airport community has raised more than \$100,000 for Denver Human Services youth and families and has treated 600 underprivileged children to a delightful unforgettable day.



Santa Claus pays a special visit to foster children at the event on Dec. 15 hosted by Denver International Airport, its contractors, and tenants.



Smith Elementary School: G.R.E.A.T Graduation

On December 1st the first Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver (GRID), Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) graduation was held at Smith Elementary, where over 100 fourth and fifth grade students were awarded for completing the prevention program intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.

The ceremony included city leaders, District 11 City Councilman Christopher Herndon, Director of Neighborhood relations, Michael Sapp and the Deputy Manager of Safety as well as others who spoke to the young students about the importance of making healthy decisions, pursuing their education and avoiding delinquency.

Councilman Herndon spoke to the students and staff about the importance of education, experience, and setting goals for the future. He explained to the students how his experiences and education influenced his career path to becoming a civic leader in the community. He also spoke about his aspirations as a child and how education was a determining factor in accomplishing the goals he set for himself. Most importantly, the councilman delivered a very strong message to the students focusing on following their dreams and pursuing an education that will lead them to the career they desire. The councilman’s speech was well received by all in attendance including the school staff. For many of the Smith Elementary students, it was the first time hearing from a community leader who touched on the reality that they are our future leaders and can do anything they set their mind to with hard work, focus and a good education.

Councilman Herndon has been very supportive of the GRID Initiative that focuses on implementing a comprehensive gang/violence reduction plan that will reduce violent crime and also provide intervention and prevention level strategies to the community.



Councilman Herndon congratulated each graduate one by one as they came to the stage to receive their certificates



Group photograph of community leaders presenting a visual of the GRID curriculum

Flagship Help Center: An Anchor for the Community

If you haven't already heard about Flagship Help Center ("Flagship") it is guaranteed you will in 2012, and you'll be pleased to learn about the free services available to you and your family at a nonprofit organization located right in your own community. Flagship is in its third year of operation as a community based organization with a purpose of serving the employment and training needs of residents of northeast Denver, primarily Montbello, Green Valley Ranch and North Park Hill. The organization's vision states, *"We will continually pursue success for those we serve by providing encouragement, promoting self-value and accountability, and responding to the needs of our community. Our work will forever be guided by our belief that everyone has worth."* Flagship staff keeps that vision alive by implementing the following creed upon which its belief is based and through which they strive to lead by example: Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence.



Flagship offers programs and services that facilitate the continuing education of adult learners to help them upgrade their job readiness skills and/or attain a GED if they are not high school graduates; expose program participants to meaningful work experiences with partnering businesses; and support self-sufficiency efforts of unemployed and working poor individuals by helping them to secure jobs that pay family-sustaining wages. Flagship services include job readiness and soft skills training, computer literacy classes, GED prep

classes, community based employment training (CBT) experiences, job placement, and job retention services to an average of 300 individuals each year. During 2012, Flagship intends to expand its services to the youth of Northeast Denver by creating a youth employment program for youth ages 14-21; the youth program is intended to grow young leaders of Northeast Denver into responsible, contributive citizens.

When it comes to community resources and services, Flagship wants to become a household name for Far Northeast Denver residents and businesses. If you want to know more about this caring and concerned community organization, plan to participate in "How Can We Help?" day at Flagship Help Center on Saturday, January 15th from 8:30 to 12:30 and complete a "Community Needs" survey, talk to Flagship staff who will be on hand to help identify resources that may be able to supply your needs, meet City Council staff and other city business and community representatives, and enjoy music and refreshments. What are your needs and how can we help? Those are the two questions Flagship Help Center is committed to answering. Flagship Help Center truly is *"an anchor for the community."*

Pet Licensing: Lifetime Dog and Cat License

Since 1995, the City & County of Denver has had an ordinance requiring Denver pet owners to license dogs and cats over 6 months of age. Pet owners who reside outside of the city but use Denver's off leash parks are also required to have their pets licensed. In 2010, 18,505 pet licenses were issued in Denver.

The benefits of our pet licensing program range from reuniting owners with missing pets, to ensuring vaccination from rabies, to generating revenue and allocation information for animal related resources. Knowing how many pets live in a certain area helps determine how many animal control officers are needed and where dog parks should be located. It is also the only way Animal Care and Control (ACC) can identify how many owned animals reside in the city. Last year, between December 2010 and January 2011, ACC asked Denver residents to complete an online questionnaire on dog and cat licensing to help them determine the root cause of low licensing rates in Denver. Approximately 1,500 residents responded. Nearly 1,000 of the residents (70%) designated that they would like the option of a Lifetime Pet License (for the life of the animal).

In 2011, the City ordinance was amended to allow a Lifetime License option for dogs and cats. The \$150 fee for the Lifetime License was set by the Board of Environmental Health. In determining the cost of the license, ACC used ten years as the average lifetime of a dog and twelve years as the average lifetime of a cat. This change was supported by the Animal Care & Control Advisory Committee and the Board of Environmental Health. The ACC implemented an aggressive outreach plan enhancing efforts to make residents aware of all the aspects of pet licensing, including Lifetime Licenses, and to make licensing an easy process. These efforts included making all licenses available online and allowing owners the ability to update license information online. If you have any questions regarding pet licensing, please contact Doug Kelley, Director of Animal Care and Control, at 720 337 1777 or doug.kelley@denvergov.org

Sam Gary Branch Library Opening In Stapleton



Please join Councilman Christopher Herndon, Councilman Albus Brooks, City Librarian Shirley Amore and members of the Denver Public Library Commission for a sneak peek at the new Sam Gary Branch Library due to open in mid-2012.

When: January 28 at 1:00 pm

Where: 2961 North Roslyn Street

(Southeast corner of Roslyn Street and 29th Avenue in the Stapleton Town Center)

What: An up-close and personal look at the construction progress of the new Branch Library!

The new branch library was recently named after Sam Gary, who has been dubbed by the *Front Porch* as “the key community member in Denver who brought the new-urbanism planning concept to the redevelopment of the old Stapleton airport.” He is an upstanding citizen and philanthropist who dedicates much of his life to help economically challenged inner-city children through his foundation, the Piton Foundation, as well as contributing to early childhood education and healthcare programs.

In an effort to ensure the quality programming, materials and faculty for the upcoming library; The Denver Public Library is offering the community an opportunity to purchase beautifully engraved sandstone pavers as a special way to memorialize your family or business outside of the new Sam Gary Branch Library in Stapleton. For more information on purchasing a paver or to learn about interior naming opportunities, please contact Brenda Ritenour at 720-865-2046 or brittenour@denverlibrary.org.

Important Resources in District 11

[311- Denver's Help Center:](#)

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Hours

7am - 8pm, Monday thru Friday
8am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday

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Emergencies: 911

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