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Fresh City Life

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The Denver Public Library and Greenprint Denver are hosting more than a month of "Green" events between late March and early April, including speakers, films and other events for adults and kids:

- L. Hunter Lovins, Esq., who is the president and founder of Natural Capitalism Solutions, Inc., will be speaking on Saturday, March 31st from 2:00-3:00 in the Conference Center at the Central Library Branch.
- Learn about composting and xeriscaping with information sessions given by the Denver Urban Gardens and Harriett McMillan.
- The Academy Award winning "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown on Tuesday, April 10th, from 6:30-9:00pm at the Denver Open Media Studio, 700 Kalamath (at 7th Ave.) This film is a primer on climate change and a good starting place for anyone who wants to be involved in making the world and their community more sustainable.
- As a grand finale, Mayor Hickenlooper will be hosting and moderating an evening with Laurie David. Ms. David founded the Stop Global Warming Virtual March at www.stopglobalwarming.org with Senator John McCain and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. that is engaging religious leaders, labor unions, elected officials from all sides of the aisle, business leaders, and every day Americans to urge the United States to address global warming.

For the full "Green" program for the coming months, please visit our website: www.greenprint.org or visit the Library's website: www.denverlibrary.org.

Getting There:
In addition to Central Library and offsite events (noted with event description), the following Denver Public Library branches will be hosting GREEN events:

Bear Valley Branch
5171 W. Dartmouth Ave. 80236
303.935.0616

Ross-Broadway Branch
33 E. Bayaud Ave. 80209
303.777.4845

Ross-Cherry Creek Branch
305 Milwaukee St. 80206
303.331.4016

Schlessman Family Branch
100 Poplar St. 80220
720.869.0000

Smiley Branch
4501 W. 46th Ave. 80212
303.477.3622

Ross-University Hills
4310 E. Amherst Ave. 80222
303.757.2714

For info on getting to our events on public transportation, go to www.rtd-denver.com

7,000 Trees in 7 Days!

Make an investment in and be a part of the kick-off event for the Million Trees campaign, Tree by Tree - The Metro Million, a commitment to our future. Every tree planted will contribute to success and assist in improving the city's environment. The public is encouraged to participate in this campaign by planting trees, informing the city of tree plantings, and volunteering time to tree planting organizations.

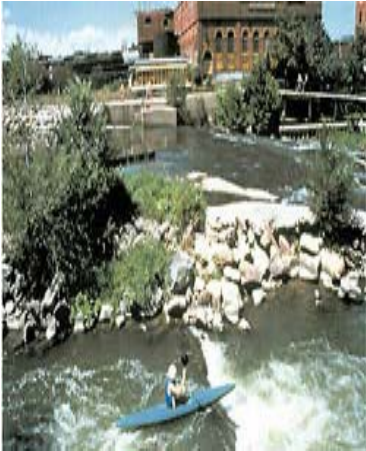
To kick off the program, the city and other metro partners are coordinating "7,000 Trees in 7 Days," a week-long event between Earth Day and Arbor Day featuring a variety of tree planting activities. To register your tree or to learn more about 7K in 7 days, please call 311.

For more information and to find events near you, visit www.greenprintdenver.org/trees.



Credit: Jim Myer, Denver Forestry.

This 60-year-old bur oak tree in Civic Center Park exemplifies the majesty of this former native, which thrived on Colorado's plains during the last ice age. When temperatures warmed, the species migrated north. However, it remains well-adapted to our present-day climate.



Credit: Denver Parks and Recreation.

With water access, bike paths and abundant shade trees, the South Platte River at Confluence Park is a favorite outdoor destination for urban Denverites. Protecting the river's water quality through improved storm sewer maintenance technology is one goal of Greenprint Denver.

For more information on the recycled system, go to www.DenverWater.org and click on the Recycled Water tab on the left side of the page.



Recycled Water, Not Gray Water

By Donna Pacetti

More than a dozen cities in Colorado use recycled water to irrigate parks and golf courses, including Aurora, Colorado Springs, Superior, Louisville and Westminster.

Denver's Recycled Water Plant opened its doors in 2004. Currently, Denver Water is recycling 8,000 acre feet of water a year. The goal is 17,000.

Denver Water's recycled water is not the same as "gray water", which refers to water that has been used in a cleaning process such as laundry or showers. Recycled water is treated for safe storage and use at Denver Water's Recycled Water Plant in Commerce City.

In the water industry, water that is recycled is simply processed through the system again. The Recycled Water Plant treats water similarly to the regular treatment process. This water has already been treated by Metro Wastewater. Normally, it would then return to the Platte River, but some is pumped to the Recycled Water Plant. Further treatment renders it safe for non-potable use, and then it's delivered to selected customers through its own separate network of pipes. This water is not treated to drinking water standards, and it's used only for industrial and irrigation purposes, primarily for irrigation of parks and golf courses. Currently several sites are irrigating with recycled water:

- *The Denver Zoo
- *Park Hill Golf Course
- *Washington, City, Swansea, Dunham, Schafer Parks
- *City Park and City Park Golf
- *Denver Country Club
- *Bruce Randolph Middle School

When a new irrigation system is connected to the recycled system, purple pipe signals its non-potable status. Purple pipe, valves, valve-box lids and heads are required. They mean the water is not for drinking.

An irrigation system served by Denver Water's Recycled Water Plant does not require "dirty water" valves, because the treated, recycled water has low turbidity. Maintenance is the same as it would be for treated water. Most species of turf grass, trees and shrubs are tolerant of irrigation with recycled water. Denver Water has done several studies to determine which species are better selected for recycled water and how best to manage landscapes using recycled water.

Take the Drive Less Denver challenge and Re:think how you get around town!

By Aylene Quale

This May 2007, the Downtown Denver Partnership is challenging 50 individuals from multi-car households to give up one of their cars for an entire month. Instead of driving, these individuals will navigate the city on foot, by bicycle and via transit in an effort to reduce the environmental impacts of driving alone. In turn, these individuals will become the poster children for the variety of transportation options available around Downtown Denver.

Sound interesting?

Think you're up for the challenge?

Go to www.DriveLessDenver.com to learn more and apply to participate. If you are selected, you will be rewarded with useful tools to keep you on task and prizes to keep you motivated. Your car hasn't been this generous lately, has it?

Applications are due March 23rd. For more information, please contact Aylene Quale at ayleneq@downtowndenver.com or 303.571.5237.



Re-think how you get around town.

Doors Open Denver

Presented by

The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and the American Institute of Architects

Join us for this opportunity to see what Denver has to offer to travelers and residents. The third annual *Doors Open Denver* will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 2007, with our headquarters at the historic Denver Union Station. This event is a FREE, city-wide annual event celebrating Denver's built environment and provides access to Denver's most notable buildings and sites by welcoming audiences into distinctive examples of architecture, engineering and design, both historic and contemporary.

Doors Open Denver will feature over 100 skyscrapers, places of worship, mansions, transportation hubs, "green" buildings, libraries, hotels, school and college buildings, Denver's newest additions to the Mile High skyline and much more. Participants can go behind the scenes at some sites such as cultural institutions and sporting venues and gain access to hidden buildings that people see all the time but never had an excuse to enter. Families are encouraged to attend and visit "Box City" or learn about trains and fire trucks at Union Station or the Firefighter's Museum. Expert Tours led by members of the architectural community will take participants on a memorable and informative excursion "inside" Denver. *For more information, please go to <http://www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver>.*

We hope you will join us for Doors Open Denver 2007! Please email your comments and feedback to julie.rodriquez@ci.denver.co.us



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