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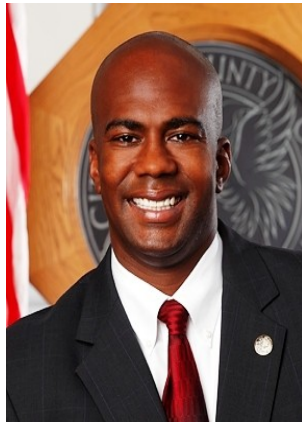
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Message From Councilman Herndon



District 11 City Councilman,
Christopher J. Herndon

As we approach the end of the year, I want to wish everybody a very safe and happy holiday season. I ask that we take a moment to think about our servicemen and women overseas. I know, first-hand, the stress of a deployment, but that is magnified during the holiday season. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The District 11 team will be doing a community toy drive partnering with Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Please call our office to receive more details on how to participate so that each and every child will get a toy this holiday season. Thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to represent you on Denver City Council.

The District 11 Team Finds a New Home

The District 11 team has officially moved! The new location is 4685 Peoria Street, Suite 245, in the Arie P. Taylor Municipal Building. Montbello Community Health Clinic previously occupied the space, but recently upgraded to a beautiful new facility triple the size, and features several new amenities to better serve families in the community.

The vacant space was a great solution for the District 11 office; the convenient location and reuse of space in a city owned building saved the City and County of Denver thousands of dollars. The Arie P. Taylor Building is also home to Denver Motor Vehicles, Denver Human Services, District 5 Police, and the Montbello Workforce Center. The council office is located on the 2nd floor of the building across the hall from the Montbello Workforce Center. All constituents are encouraged to stop by the new office. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm with the exception of government holidays. Directions to our office can conveniently be found on our website along with our staffs' contact details. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please feel free to contact us directly at 720-337-7711.

Flight Plan: New Retail Locations Open at DIA

New Retail Locations Now Open at Denver International Airport: Travelers have new places to shop at Denver International Airport (DIA). The airport announced the opening of its Retail Merchandising Unit (RMU) and Kiosk Program, managed by Provenzano Resources on September 15. As one of the largest RMU programs in the airport industry, it is projected that the new retail offerings will add \$13 million in concession revenue in the program's first year, generate an additional \$500,000 in annual sales tax, and create almost 200 jobs.

"DIA's RMU program is important for Denver, the airport, and the business community," Aviation Manager Kim Day said. "This program provides an excellent opportunity for small businesses who have never retailed out of an airport before. Since the capital costs are relatively low and license agreements are flexible, it is a very low risk method for a small local business to test their market to air passengers. At the same time, we benefit by providing unique retail goods for our passengers, in addition to the increased revenue which helps maintain the competitive rates we charge our airline partners. This is a win-win situation for everyone involved."

"The airport offers an unbelievable opportunity with this new program for small businesses to succeed," said Irene Pierpont, director of special projects for Provenzano Resources. "Our primary goals for the program are to enhance the airport's retail merchandise mix, create exciting visual displays, offer personal and outstanding customer service to the traveling public and exceed the financial and small business outreach goals established by airport management. We are on our way to succeeding. Passengers can look forward to purchasing gifts and easy take away items that travel well."



Local to Denver, Hammond's Candies has been handcrafting and twisting the finest every day and holiday confections for over 90 years. Passengers can now purchase oversized candy canes, beautifully spun ribbon candy, and stunning lollipops at DIA.

Merchants include:

<u>A Gates</u>	<u>B Gates</u>	<u>C Gates</u>
Bose Breckenridge Hat Company Climax Jerky Jestibo Sterling Works Summit Shade Sports Wystone's World Teas	Amber Room Beauty Box Emporium Bose Breckenridge Hat Company Climax Jerky Convertibles Hammond's Candies Jestibo Jose Eber MacTrade NYS Pillow Pets Rosetta Stone Sterling Works	Alex and Ani Amber Room Bose Fire CZ Hammond's Candies MacTrade NYS Object D'Art

For more information about participating as a business in the RMU program, please call Provenzano Resources at 720 878 5278 or visit www.proresourcesinc.com.

Future Leaders: KIPP Montbello College Prep

KIPP Montbello College Prep opened this year with a founding class of 5th graders and will grow by adding one grade each year to be a grades 5-8 middle school. KIPP Montbello is housed inside the Rachel B. Noel building on Kittredge Street in Montbello. KIPP – the Knowledge Is Power Program – is part of a larger network of open-enrollment, college-preparatory public charter schools with a track record of preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and in life. KIPP builds a partnership among parents, students, and teachers that puts learning first. With an extended school day and year, and a strong culture of achievement, KIPP is proving what is possible in public education. Nationally, over 85 percent of students who have completed KIPP middle schools have matriculated to college.

KIPP Colorado operates two other open-enrollment public charter schools in the Denver area—KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy Middle School and KIPP Denver Collegiate High School. Last year, KIPP Sunshine Peak had the highest reading growth scores in all of Denver and has a ten-year track record of success that is being replicated at KIPP Montbello College Prep (KMCP). KMCP students have over 100 minutes of math instruction each day and take part in reading skills intervention using the Reading Plus program. On average, KIPP students will make two years of academic growth each year. They also enjoy daily science, history, and physical education class. The school day ends with elective courses, which include everything from basketball to art to film studies. KIPP focuses heavily on building a positive and accountable school culture – students are in school from 7:15 – 4:15 every day but cite strong relationships with teachers and a safe peer culture for why they're willing to work so hard! Small advisory groups support this culture and the school's staff is relentlessly focused on college readiness. KMCP's founding class of 5th graders **know** they are going to college in 2019.

KMCP is already taking names of interested 5th and 6th grade families for the 2012-2013 school year. Parents can contact the school's Principal, Mr. Nick Bucy, at 303-307-1970. Interested teachers, volunteers, and funders can learn more at www.kippcolorado.org.



During a recent visit to KIPP Montbello College Prep, Councilman Herndon had the opportunity to visit with the founding 5th grade class. Councilman Herndon is pictured above with a group of students eager to hear about his past military experience.



Raise of hands of who is going to college

Parkfield Lake Park Grand Opening



Splash play area where underground sensor-activated pumps spray water.



Denver's newest park is in the far northeast!

On Saturday, October 15th, residents finally had the opportunity to view Parks and Recreation's crown jewel, Parkfield Lake Park. Several city officials were on hand for the ceremony. This \$9.8 million dollar project has something for everyone; miles of trails around and through the park provide beautiful views for a relaxing stroll, or brisk run.

Amenities also include a soccer, baseball and multi-purpose field, dog park, water spray playground, and a state of the art lighted synthetic turf football

stadium. It will provide the community a fantastic area for all types of activities, recreation and celebrations.

At the grand opening, two Police Activity League football teams competed and Mayor Hancock threw out the first pitch for a little league game. A crowd of more than 5000 attended throughout the day and enjoyed the sounds of the Denver Municipal Band while kids and young adults had the opportunity to participate in fishing demos with instructors from Environmental Learning for Kids.

Parkfield development is one of the fastest growing communities in northeast Denver. The growth of this community and others in the far northeast magnified the need for additional recreation sites. This new park with all its amenities will more than adequately serve the far northeast communities while complementing the available indoor after-school programs available at Montbello Recreation Center, adjacent to Parkfield Lake Park.



4yr old Jalaylah showing the fish she caught during the fishing demonstration with Environmental Learning for kids (ELK).



Youth participants from Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) pose for a photo on the synthetic turf football field with Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, ELK founders Stacie and Scott Gilmore and Denver Parks and Recreation Representative, Dodi Erikson.

RTD's East Rail Line Construction Gearing Up



Get ready for the long-awaited construction of RTD FasTracks commuter train between downtown Denver and Denver International Airport. More than half of this \$1.1 billion, 23-mile project passes through Council District 11.

Early construction work has been underway since spring on what RTD calls the East Rail Line. For the most part, it has consisted of excavating and relocating underground utilities such as water, sewer and communications fiber-optic lines that cross the path of the train along Smith Road. If you've driven Smith since the summer, you've likely had to detour around the construction closures that occurred at Monaco, Quebec, Dahlia, Kearney and Forest streets.

Right now, heavy earth-moving equipment is grading on the north side of the Union Pacific tracks between Sand Creek and

Havana Street for a replacement freight railyard. All of this preparatory work will give way over the winter and into spring to major work on the path for the commuter rail tracks, including bridges and retaining walls. The commuter train tracks will be built along the south side of the existing freight tracks.

Residents and business owners can sign up to receive project-related road closure and traffic information at tiny-url.com/EastTraffic. Detour information and maps are available at http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/ec_14.

The East Rail Line is scheduled to open in early 2016. There will be trains every 15 minutes in each direction. To address noise issues, RTD will build the type of crossing gates and roadway configuration that will allow the federal government to exempt both RTD's trains and the Union Pacific freight locomotives from blowing their horns at each street.

Three of the five stations between downtown and DIA will directly serve District 11 residents. The Central Park Station, located at Smith Road and Ulster Street adjacent to the existing RTD Stapleton park-n-Ride, will be the largest on the line, with 1,500 parking spaces. It will serve the Northeast Park Hill and Stapleton communities. The Peoria Station will be a straight shot down Peoria Street from Montbello, via Peoria Street. It will be on the west side of Peoria, south of Smith Road, and will have 550 parking spaces. The 40th/Airport Station serves Montbello, Gateway and Green Valley Ranch neighborhoods with 1,079 parking spaces at the existing park-n-Ride.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Kevin Flynn, RTD's public information manager, at 303-299-2898 or Kevin.Flynn@rtd-denver.com.

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Important Resources in District 11

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