



CHUNflash

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Link to the July Urban Dweller:

http://sitebuilder.redarrowgroup.com/client_files/5_page_files/UD7-2007.pdf

If you have an event or meeting you would like for us to consider including in CHUNflash, please send an e-mail to andreafulness@chundenver.org by the **second or fourth Monday of the month**. We will include what we can. Thanks!

CHUN Events and Information

CHUN Board of Delegates

Cancelled for July.

CHUN Zoning Committee Meeting

Cancelled for July.

CHUN Finance Committee

July 10, 6:00 PM - CHUN (1290 Williams St.)

CHUN Executive Committee

July 10, 6:00 PM - CHUN (1290 Williams St.)

Community Events and Information

Denver 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan Public Meetings:

Denver's Office of Economic Development, Division of Housing & Neighborhood Development will be holding a series of public meetings with interested citizens, business owners, and community groups to gather input and commentary on housing,

community and economic development needs of low- and moderate income individuals and families. The information gathered will be combined with other data collected to determine needs, develop strategies, and identify program priorities that will be summarized in a new, Five Year (2008-2012) Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the City to receive federal funding. The Consolidated Plan describes the planning process for determining needs and the funding sources and identifies key partners. The Consolidated Plan covers the following 5 HUD-funded programs which equal approximately \$15.5 million of annual funding:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)
- Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA)

In the past, these dollars have funded homeownership and rental assistance programs, construction of community centers, sidewalk and alley improvements, economic development programs and programs that assist people with special needs such as the elderly, disabled, and HIV/AIDS populations. Projects must generally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The City will hold six public meetings to gather citizen input to help identify housing and community development needs in Denver. The first meeting was July 10. All interested citizens and community groups are invited to attend one or all of the five remaining meetings:

- Sun Valley Neighborhood, Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 pm at Denver Human Services, Room 1026, 1200 Federal Boulevard
- Villa Park Neighborhood, Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 pm at Presentation School, 660 Julian St.
- West Colfax Neighborhood, Thursday, July 19, 7:00 pm, St. Anthony's Central Hospital, Auditorium, 4231 W. 16th Ave.
- Montbello Neighborhood, Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 pm at Montbello Recreation Center, 15555 E. 53rd Ave., Denver, CO 80239
- Persons with disabilities, Wednesday, July 25, 7:00 pm, at the City and County of Denver, Atrium, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80202

If you are unable to attend a meeting and wish to provide input for consideration, please mail your comments to the City of Denver, Division of Housing & Neighborhood Development, ATTN: Susan Foley, 201 W. Colfax Ave, Dept. #204, Denver, CO 80202, by August 15, 2007. You may also e-mail your comments to:

Susan.Foley@ci.denver.co.us. For additional information regarding this process, please contact Susan Foley, Senior Planner for the City of Denver, at (720) 913-1530.

Please Continue to Support the Colfax Cultivators

For the last six years the Colfax Business Improvement District (CBID) has underwritten the cost of flowers that have adorned the street front along Colfax Ave. from Grant to Josephine. Budget constraints of CBID will no longer allow them to fund this effort. The Colfax Cultivators are a group of volunteers who are attempting to take on this project in hopes of continuing this tradition of beautifying Colfax with flowers each summer. The group has arranged to purchase the materials for cost, and Front Range Services has agreed to do the watering and maintenance also at cost. Merchants will be able to purchase pots to be placed in front of their businesses.

While these materials and services are at cost, that cost is about \$7,000 – an amount that the Colfax Cultivators have to raise in the next 30 days if they are to be successful in beautifying Colfax again this summer.

For further information or to make a donation, call Helen Strader of the Wyman Historic District at 303-370-6911.

Denver Calculates its Carbon Footprint

Greenprint Denver Advisory Council Provides Climate Action Recommendations for Public Feedback

The City and County of Denver has completed its most comprehensive inventory of its local greenhouse gas emissions to date. Prepared by the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center's Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering Project, this inventory - or calculation of Denver's "carbon footprint" - formed the basis to inform the Greenprint Denver Advisory Council. As a result, the Advisory Council has released for public consideration and feedback a proposed "Draft Climate Action Plan" containing a list of recommendations that will help Denver achieve a 10% per capita reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the next five years.

Denver's greenhouse gas emissions come primarily from transportation, residential-commercial-industrial energy use, and the use of key urban materials. The inventory reveals that local greenhouse gas emissions have increased in almost direct proportion to the significant population growth Denver has experienced over the past decade, with both population and annual greenhouse gas emissions increasing 24 percent between 1990 and 2005. Denver's per capita greenhouse gas emissions have remained nearly constant at about 25 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents per person per year from 1990 to 2005, with total annual greenhouse gas emissions increasing from 11.8 million carbon dioxide equivalents in 1990 to 14.6 million in 2005.

The Advisory Council's draft climate action plan presents a balanced, self-reliant and comprehensive approach that focuses on government, corporate and residential energy efficiencies; market incentives for energy conservation and waste reduction; promotion of density and transportation options; and opportunities for regional, state and federal action.

The full draft of recommendations and details on the greenhouse gas emissions inventory are available at www.greenprintdenver.org. Additionally, feedback can be submitted online at the pilot blog available on www.greenprintdenver.org/blog or by e-mail to greenprint@ci.denver.co.us.

Denver residents can now calculate their own carbon footprint at www.greenprintdenver.org, which provides a carbon calculator and simple ideas for individuals and families to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Third Annual Mayor's Design Awards - August 31st Deadline

The third annual Mayor's Design Awards showcases well designed small projects throughout our neighborhoods. This annual tradition of recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to good design in the City and County of Denver was begun by Mayor Hickenlooper in 2005. Previous recipients include **Aperture Apartments** located at 1777 Williams Street, **Bang!** on 3472 West 32nd Avenue, **Merchant's Row** at 2555 Champa Street, **Museo de las Americas** on 861 Sante Fe Drive, **Streamline Auto Repair** on 800 Kalamath Street and **Tommy's Thai** at 3410 East Colfax Avenue among others.

Self-nominations are welcome. Nominations may be made at www.DenverGov.Org/MDA , or by calling 3-1-1 **no later than 5 p.m. on August 31, 2007.**

We invite all feedback – please send comments to: andrea.furness@chundenver.org.

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