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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

Wine Tasting to Support the Tears-McFarlane House/ CHUN Community Center Restoration

CHUN will be hosting a wine tasting and silent auction, sponsored by Yellow Tail, Crossings, Kunde Estate, Osborne and Septima Wines (www.wjdeutsch.com) on Wednesday, September 19 from 5:30pm-8:00pm to continue to raise important funds for the restoration of the Tears-McFarlane House/CHUN Community Center. Tickets are now available through the CHUN office at 1290 Williams St., or online at www.chundenver.org. Advance tickets are \$25 (or \$40/couple). Taste a variety of delicious wines, enjoy light appetizers, shop our silent auction, and relax and listen to the music of Elizabeth Rose! (Visit www.myspace.com/mseleizabethrose or <http://elizabethrose.net>). Tickets will be available at the door (on Sept. 19) for \$30 per person.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who have pledged their support to our fundraiser, to date: WJ Deutsch Wines, Mezcal Restaurant, Tambien Cantina, Chama Restaurant, Irish Snug Restaurant, Comedy Works, Castle Marne Bed & Breakfast, Colleen Dyer, Elizabeth Rose, Panera Bread, Compass Bank, United Studios of Self Defense, JW Marriott, Red Lion Hotel Denver - Downtown, Wendi Humphryes, Steuben's, Rodney's, Colorado Party Rentals, and Team Player Productions.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or for sponsorship opportunities, please contact Andrea Furness at 303-830-1651 or andreafulness@chundenver.org.

For information on the restoration effort, please contact drewoconnor@chundenver.org.

Infrastructure Bond Presentation and Discussion at CHUN and INC Meeting This Saturday, September 8

On this November's ballot, citizens of Denver will be asked to decide upon a series of long-reaching bonds targeted to strengthen the City's basic infrastructure now, and create a fund for regular maintenance going forward. One is a 2.5 mill levy bump that would generate \$27 million annually to pay for ongoing maintenance of the city's aging assets such as streets and park irrigation systems. The other is a 20-year, \$550 million bond issue to pay for deferred maintenance, "critical" projects and new buildings. **Please join CHUN and Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation this Saturday, 10:00am at the CHUN Community Center, 1290 Williams Street** (corner of 13th and Williams) **for a presentation and discussion on the Bond Issues.** Frances Koncilja, Executive Committee, Infrastructure Bond Task Force will be speaking in favor of the bond package and Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz will discuss a few of her reservations. Rumor has it Mayor Hickenlooper may drop by to offer his opinions as well.

Proposed Changes at Civic Center Park...Again

Last year around this time we were presented with the Daniel Libeskind proposal for Civic Center Park, an audacious plan that many felt was inconsistent with the latest Civic Center Park Master Plan, and incompatible with the Park's original design. While it did surface some unique ideas to link the arts district with downtown, public opinion, once included in the discussion, overwhelmingly steered the city away from those concepts.

This summer we've learned of another proposal in the works which would move the State History Museum from its current location at 13th and Broadway to the interior of Civic Center Park, constructing a building in the southwest quadrant of the Park - a sort of bookend structure to the McNichols Building at the northwest corner. At a morning public meeting in July, this proposal was introduced by a team including the Mayor, representatives from Parks and Recreation, the CEO of the State Historic Society and a representative from Trammell-Crow, a local developer. While other sites for the History Museum are still under consideration, there appears to be an undeniable gravitational pull towards Civic Center.

At the urging of CHUN and other neighborhood groups such as the Golden Triangle Arts and Museum District, the City has set up a series of public meetings to review the current proposal and provide feedback. Your input is critical as these changes affect the vision, design and use of Civic Center going forward. Here at CHUN, it's our belief that a place called Civic Center is not just a public park, but an expression of the vision and desire of the diverse people in our community we hope to gather there. In order for that to happen, there has to be an open "civic" public process. Please take note of the public meetings coming up over the next several weeks and take advantage of your civic opportunity to weigh in on Civic Center Park. CHUN is co-sponsoring a meeting on September 17 at 6pm.

The remaining meeting dates and times regarding changes to Civic Center Park:

Monday, September 17, 2007
6:00 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 26, 2007
10:00 - 11:30am

Tuesday, October 2, 2007
6:00 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
10:00 - 11:30am

All meetings will be held at:
Colorado History Museum Auditorium
1300 Broadway

Community Events and Information

Streetcars and Cities in the 21st Century

Streetcars were common in the early 1900s and are uniquely suited to serve development underway in neighborhoods across the US. Streetcars promote development and street life, and fit easily into built environments.

Join Reconnecting America, the City and County of Denver, the Community Streetcar Coalition and The Seaside Institute to hear practitioners and public officials explain funding and political strategies that get robust systems built.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear in-depth discussions on the importance of streetcar oriented development and the many opportunities and benefits that have been realized in other cities. Experts from across the country will present up-to-date information on streetcars - linking transportation investment and development.

Thursday, September 27, 2007
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(7:45 a.m. Registration and breakfast)
Lunch Included
Registration Fee is \$75

The L2 Auditorium
1477 Columbine St
Denver CO 80206

For more information:

<http://www.theseasideinstitute.org/> or call (850) 231-2421

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