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2014 Denver Borough Council



Front Row (l to r): Mayor Rodney L. Redcay, President Blake S. Daub, and Vice President Michael Gensemer.

Back Row (l to r): Michael Cohick, Walter Fink, Jason South, Matt Stover, and Christopher Flory.

On January 6, 2014, the new Denver Borough Council met at the Denver Borough Municipal Building to conduct their Reorganization Meeting. The 2014 Borough Council welcomes the following newly elected members: Blake S. Daub, Chris Flory, Mike Gensemer, Jason South, and Matt Stover. Rodney Redcay begins his term as the newly elected Mayor for the Borough.

During the January 6th meeting Borough Council reorganized for the next two (2) years and elected Councilman Blake Daub to serve as Borough Council President. Councilman Mike Gensemer was elected Vice President, and Councilman Walter Fink was elected Chairman Pro Tem.

Borough Council meets the second and last Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Borough Municipal Building, 501 Main Street, Denver. All meetings are open to the public.

2014 Denver Park Clean-up Day



The annual Denver Park Clean-up Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 5, 2014,**

beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Kitchen Pavilion at the Denver Memorial Park and Playground. Residents are invited to join together with various civic organizations including the Denver Recreation Board, the Denver Park Association, and the Denver Fair Committee to clean sticks, debris, and trash from the Denver Memorial Park and other park facilities.

Volunteers who participate in the clean-up day are treated to free hot dogs and drinks. The Borough would like to thank Denver Meats for donating the hot dogs; Turkey Hill Minit Mart for donating the drinks; and Weavers Markets for donating the hot dog rolls. Come on out, get involved, and help your community.

Arbor Day/Tree City USA Celebration



TREE CITY USA®

On **Saturday, April 26, 2014**, the Shade Tree Commission will celebrate Arbor Day 2014 with a tree planting ceremony in the Denver Memorial Park and Playground, 801 Main Street, Denver. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the North 9th Street and Spruce Street entrance to the Park and will include the reading of an Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Rodney Redcay as well as a presentation from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) recognizing the Borough as a **Tree City USA Recipient**.

Following the ceremony, community volunteers, under the direction of the Denver Borough Shade Tree Commission, will plant five (5) trees at designated areas in the Denver Memorial Park and the Denver Park Annex. This year will mark the **16th consecutive year** that the Borough of Denver has been named as a Tree City USA. Residents are invited and encouraged to participate in the ceremony and to assist with the planting and celebration.

Denver Fire Company Annual Fund Drive



The Borough of Denver would like to recognize and thank the following Denver Borough businesses, organizations, and churches who have donated to the Fire Company's Fund Drive in 2013.

Businesses

F & M Hat Co.	Fulton Bank
Denver Orioles	Denver Cold Storage
Kalas Foundation	Denver Supply
Weaver Industries	Weaver Health Foods
Gehman Feed Mill	Ephrata National Bank
Ben's Truck Repair	Nic's Barber Shop
Purcell Construction	Denver Planing Mill
Leid Lorah Company	Reamstown Excavating
Ephrata Precision Parts	Denver Beer Distributor
Harding-Yost Insurance	DiBlasi's Sandwich Shop
Denver Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	
Roseboro-Stradling Funeral Home	

Churches

Faith United Lutheran Church
St. John United Church of Christ
Denver Mennonite Church
Faith Mennonite Church

Others

Denver Lions Club
Four Seasons Produce
High Company Foundation

The funds donated to the Denver Fire Company through the Annual Fund Drive are used to offset operating expenses and capital improvements. The Borough encourages all businesses and property owners/residents living in the Borough to support the Denver Fire Company by contributing to the Denver Fire Company's Annual Fund Drive.

FEMA's New Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Denver Borough

Flooding is one of the most frequent and costly disaster in the Borough of Denver. The risk for flooding changes over time due to erosion, land use, weather events, and



other factors. The risk for flooding can vary within the same neighborhood and even property to property, but it exists throughout the area. Knowing your flood risk is the first step to flood protection.

A multi-year project to re-examine the Borough of Denver's flood zones and develop detailed, digital flood hazard maps has been completed. Just released for public review, the new maps -- also known as digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) -- reflect current flood risks, replacing maps that are up to nine (9) years old. As a result, you and other property owners throughout Lancaster County will have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about your flood risk, on a property-by-property basis.

These flood hazard maps are important tools used in the effort to protect lives and properties in the Borough. By showing the extent to which areas of the Borough and individual properties are at risk for flooding, the flood maps help business owners and residents make more informed decisions about personal safety and financially protecting their property. These maps also allow community planners, local officials, engineers, builders and others to make determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built.

The maps that were just released are still preliminary. A Public Comment Period concerning these draft maps will extend through **May 5, 2014**. This is a time when citizens have the opportunity to submit technical and/or scientific data to file a protest regarding their individual property, or an appeal regarding the accuracy of the mapping process in general. To learn more about the appeals process, visit www.rampp-team.com/fact_region3.htm.

Once the appeals and protests are reviewed and once any needed map changes are incorporated, FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination. Six (6) months later, an ordinance approving the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map will be adopted. The maps then will become effective, as will any new flood insurance requirements. However, please be aware that starting immediately, these flood hazard maps will be used in helping to determine requirements for construction and development.

Denver Borough's 2014 Improvement Projects

Listed below is a summary of the major infrastructure improvement projects that are proposed for Denver Borough in 2014:

Jefferson Avenue Reclamation and Repaving Project

This project includes a full-depth reclamation and paving of Jefferson Avenue from Lancaster Avenue to South 4th Street. The contractor will mill the existing street surface and then recycle the millings with the addition of a cement additive to strengthen the street base. The roadway will be paved with the final grading matching the existing storm water management system and new handicap ramps on Jefferson Avenue.

Fausnacht Drive – Milling and Overlay Project

The Fausnacht Drive Project includes a base bid to mill and overlay (with some base repair) the section of Fausnacht Drive from Jefferson Avenue to the radius heading toward School Court, and, an Alternate Bid for the mill and overlay of the dead-end section of Fausnacht Drive.

The Borough will Bid the Jefferson Avenue and Fausnacht Drive street projects as two (2) separate projects in one (1) advertisement. This will enable the Borough to receive bids from contractors for the mill and overlay work on Fausnacht Drive who do not bid on full depth reclamation projects. Also, by Bidding in this manner, the Borough will have the options to award the bids for one (1), two (2), or all three (3) projects, based on the projected costs for the projects as well as the Borough's allocation of funds for these projects.

The proposed project timeline includes the work to begin on June 15, 2014 and to be completed by August 15, 2014. Prior to the start of the project, the Borough's Public Works Department will install a six-inch (6") water cut-in valve on Jefferson Avenue at Fausnacht Drive to help isolate sections of that water main in the event of any future water line break. The Public Works Department also will make repairs to the existing storm water inlet boxes on both Jefferson Avenue and Fausnacht Drive in the project areas prior to the paving.

S.R. 1051 Bridge Replacement Project (Main Street by Kalas Manufacturing)

Beginning in October, 2014, PennDOT will contract to have the bridge deck on the Main Street Bridge by Kalas Manufacturing replaced. Construction will continue through the summer of 2015.

During the bridge deck replacement project, vehicle traffic will be maintained on this section of Main Street by alternating lanes through the use of a temporary traffic signal. Also, pedestrian access will be accommodated during construction via a detour walking route. PennDOT will install a form liner, pattern finish to the bridge structure as part of the project.

Denver Borough Streetlight System Purchase and LED Conversion

The Borough of Denver currently is working with a consultant from Suburban Lighting Consultants, Inc. to purchase the Borough's streetlight system from PPL Electric Utilities and to replace the existing high pressure sodium lights with brighter, crisper, and more energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights. The goal for completion of this project is October 31, 2014.

The Borough currently has a total of 344 streetlights in the community. The projected costs associated with purchasing the streetlights and decorative streetlight poles from PPL is approximately \$255,000.00. The projected cost to the Borough for the removal of the existing high pressure sodium lights and the installation of the new LED lights is approximately \$230,000.00. Overall, the worst case scenario for the Borough to purchase the 344 unit street light system and to convert these lights to a clear, white LED light is approximately \$484,690.00.

As per the results of the feasibility study, based on current rates, the Borough will realize an annual rate reduction savings of approximately \$55,000.00 per year. Thus, based on the projected savings, the system will pay for itself within 10 years and the Borough will have a brighter and cleaner street light system to benefit the residents.

State Representative Mindy Fee's Report...

Help for Veterans

Twice each month, a representative from the American Legion visits my offices to offer assistance to local veterans. Here are some of the issues that this representative can help with:

- Compensation and pension claims.
- Education benefits.
- Enrollment in the VA healthcare system.
- Burial and survival benefits.
- State benefits.
- Obtaining military personnel and medical records.

Appointments are available in the Denver office the second Wednesday of every month. To schedule an appointment, call the office at 717-336-2199

Town Hall Meeting – Let's Talk About the Issues

I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, March 25, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Denver Borough Municipal Building, 501 Main Street, Denver.** I'll share what is going on in your state Legislature, and you'll share with me what's on your mind about the issues. No registration is required. Hope to see you there!

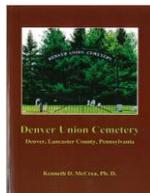
My Denver district office is located in the Denver Borough Municipal building and the hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday and Thursday hours are available by appointment.

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Denver Union Cemetery Genealogical Book

Local historian Kenneth D. McCrea, PH.D, recently published a book titled "Denver Union Cemetery,



Denver, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania." According to the Forward on page 2 of the book, "the purpose of this book is to make the genealogical information recorded on the gravestones in the Denver Union

Cemetery available to those people who are not able to travel to the cemetery."

People interested in purchasing this bit of Denver history can do so at Amazon.com.

2014 Street Sweeping Program

The Borough of Denver will conduct its annual Street Sweeping Program on **Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Friday, May 2nd also will be reserved as either a rain date and/or a final clean-up date for the annual street sweeping program. On Wednesday, the Street Sweeping Program will be scheduled for Zone 1 which includes Main Street from the Denver Memorial Park to North 3rd Street and all streets north of Main Street and west of North 3rd Street.

On Thursday, the Street Sweeping Program will be scheduled for Zone 2 which includes Main Street from North 3rd Street to Snyder Street, the balance of streets north of Main Street from North 3rd Street to the Snyder Street, the Bon View Estates Development (Beech Street, Birch Street, and Catalpa Circle), and all streets south of Main Street.

The Public Works Department will post No-Parking signs on the Borough streets prior to the street sweeping program.

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