January 2020
New decade, new goals!
Here are our Lucky District 7 New Year resolutions:

- Bring a reusable bag to the grocery store and reduce waste.
- When ordering take-out, decline the plastic bag, refuse the plastic silverware and support businesses that are sustainable.
- Bike, walk, roll or use transit to reduce single-occupancy vehicle on our streets. Explore mobility options.
- Listen, engage stakeholders and develop a plan to accelerate our work to fight climate change. Check out our progress here.
- Apply for a free/low cost tree and support Denver’s urban forest.
- Become a snow angel and help a neighbor in need shovel their walk.

I challenge you to stay engaged! Attend an event, take a survey, or share your New Year resolutions with us. Visit LuckyDistrict7.org to learn how.

Happy New Year Lucky District 7!

Jolon Clark, Councilman
Single-Use Ban Fee
Every year, Denver residents use an estimated 200 million single-use bags. Many end up as litter or contaminating our waste streams. To reduce waste and change consumer behavior, all grocers, hardware, convenience, drug and department stores (the fee does not apply to restaurants) will begin charging $.10 on plastic and paper single-use bags in July 2020. The revenue collected will be used for education, enforcement, waste reduction efforts and free reusable bags. Read the ordinance here.

Airport Donates Excess Food
DIA has partnered with local nonprofit We Don’t Waste to expand its food donation program, which allows concessionaires to donate excess food items (prepared entrees, side dishes, prepackaged salads, etc.) to hungry families and individuals. Since its launch in 2015, DIA has collected and donated over 445,000 pounds of unsold food!

Free and Low-cost Trees
Trees help mitigate climate change and lessen the impact of rapid development. Be a part of the solution by applying for free and low-cost trees through the Denver Digs Trees program. Applications are available through Feb. 15 (or while supplies last) at TheParkPeople.org, or by calling 303-722-6262.

Single-Occupancy Vehicles
Transportation represents 30% of carbon emissions in Denver. To meet the city’s mobility goals, we must increase mobility options and decrease single occupancy vehicles, which contribute to traffic and poor air quality. On most days, the Lucky District 7 offices ditches the car and walks, bikes, or takes transit to work. Can you commit to at least one day without the car? Learn about your mobility options.

Reduce & Refuse
More than 100 million pieces of plastic utensils and 500 million plastic straws are thrown away by Americans every day! Recycling waste materials is better
Eliminate unnecessary disposable items, like straws, drink stirrers, toothpicks, and lids for cups, or make available upon request only

- **Say "no" to utensils, napkins, and straws you don't need.** Refuse plastic utensils, and use your own reusable utensils. Use real plates, cutlery and glasses, and cloth napkins.
- Order family style to reduce containers.
- Use bulk condiments instead of those that come in small packets.
- Use reusable containers or water bottles.

**Climate Action Stakeholder Process**

To accelerate our work to combat climate change, Councilman Clark is working the Mayor’s office, the newly created *Office of Climate Action, Sustainability & Resiliency* and a community stakeholder group to identify gaps in funding necessary to meet the science-based climate goals in Denver. The stakeholder process is underway and you can follow along at denvergov.org/climate.

**Holiday Season Recycling**

- **Recycle your broken and burnt-out holiday lights** through January 18 at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off.
- Give your Christmas trees a second life by donating it so that it can be turned into mulch that residents can pick up for free at the annual Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale! Info: denvergov.org/treecycle.

**NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**January Coffee with Councilman Clark**

We're headed back to Athmar for our next monthly *Coffee with Councilman Clark* on **Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-11 am at Vinh Xuong Bakery** (2370 W. Alameda Ave.) Stop by to ask a question, discuss an issue, or meet your councilman over some delicious Vietnamese pastries.
Stay Warm this Winter

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), is a federally funded program that helps qualifying households pay a portion of their heating costs. Applications are accepted through April 30 here or by calling 1-866-HEAT-HELP.

West Area Plan: Public Meeting #2 + Housing Resource Fair

Valverde residents: You are invited to create a vision for your neighborhood! Come share your ideas on what is important to enhance and preserve, and talk to housing professionals on Tues., Jan. 14, 5:30 pm at Lake Middle School (1820 Lowell Blvd.)

Snow Shoveling & Snow Angels

There are many reasons why people may need assistance with snow shoveling, or they may just not know what the city’s rules are for keeping sidewalks clear. A simple conversation with a neighbor or just lending that helping hand will almost always resolve a snowy sidewalk faster than the city can. Checking on your neighbor or volunteering to be an official "Snow Angel" can go long way in making your neighborhood safer and more welcoming.

Minimum Wage Increase

Beginning Jan. 1, 2020 the minimum wage for all workers in Denver who work more than four hours a week and do not receive tips will increase to $12.85/hour, and will increase to $9.83/hour for tipped employees. Questions: denvergov.org/livablewage or call 720-913-5039

eBooks at Denver Public Library

Macmillan Publishers, one of the largest book distributors has limited libraries' access to purchase new eBooks. Denver Public Library asks its customers to learn more at eBooksForAll.org and to join the 226,000 people who have added their names to the petition at eBooksForAll.org calling for Macmillan to reverse its policy.

Navigating Commercial and Multifamily Permitting
Join planning experts as they talk permits, codes, and ordinances relevant to the design and construction of commercial and multi-family projects in Denver on January 8, 6-8 pm at West High School (951 Elati St.)

**Annual Preschool Showcase – Jan. 11**

**Denver Zoo, 9 am to 12 pm**

The Preschool Showcase offers the opportunity to meet and ask questions of preschool staff and directors from numerous local preschools and find out how you can lower your monthly tuition payments, all in one convenient place. More info at www.dpp.org/news/showcase. Questions: call 720-287-5055 x180 or email tricia@dpp.org.

**Property Tax Relief Still Available**

Qualifying homeowners and renters can get a partial refund of property taxes paid (or the equivalent in rent) by filling out this application. If you’re 65 or older, have a disability, or a homeowner with at least one dependent minor, you may qualify. Applications are accepted through April 30, 2020.

**South Platte River Environmental Education - Winter 2020**

Holiday Camps: fun, educational days filled with games, crafts, and adventures by the South Platte River during DPS school breaks!

Who: Students in kindergarten through 5th grade
Cost: $55/camper/day
Location: SPREE HQ in Johnson Habitat Park (610 S. Jason St.)

- February 14: "Mapping Our Way." Learn how to read maps, and how we can use features in our ecosystem to find our way.
- February 17: "FBIs; Fungi. Bacteria. Insects." Take a deeper look at the living things in our ecosystem that help decompose!

Learn more and register at www.greenwayfoundation.org/camp.

**ADOPTABLE PET OF THE MONTH**

Meet Zoom - a male green and brown turtle who is
Zoom and other adoptable pets, contact Denver Animal Shelter at 720-913-1311 or visit denvergov.org/animal.

Get Involved
Get involved with Lucky District 7 by attending a meeting in your neighborhood. We have a lot of events coming up in 2020. Learn more here.

Report a Problem

- IF YOU NEED A POLICE RESPONSE TO AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.
- If you would like immediate contact or response by the Denver Police Department, or to file a police report, please call the non-emergency line at 720-913-2000.
- To report a city issue, call 3-1-1 or visit pocketgov.org.

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