

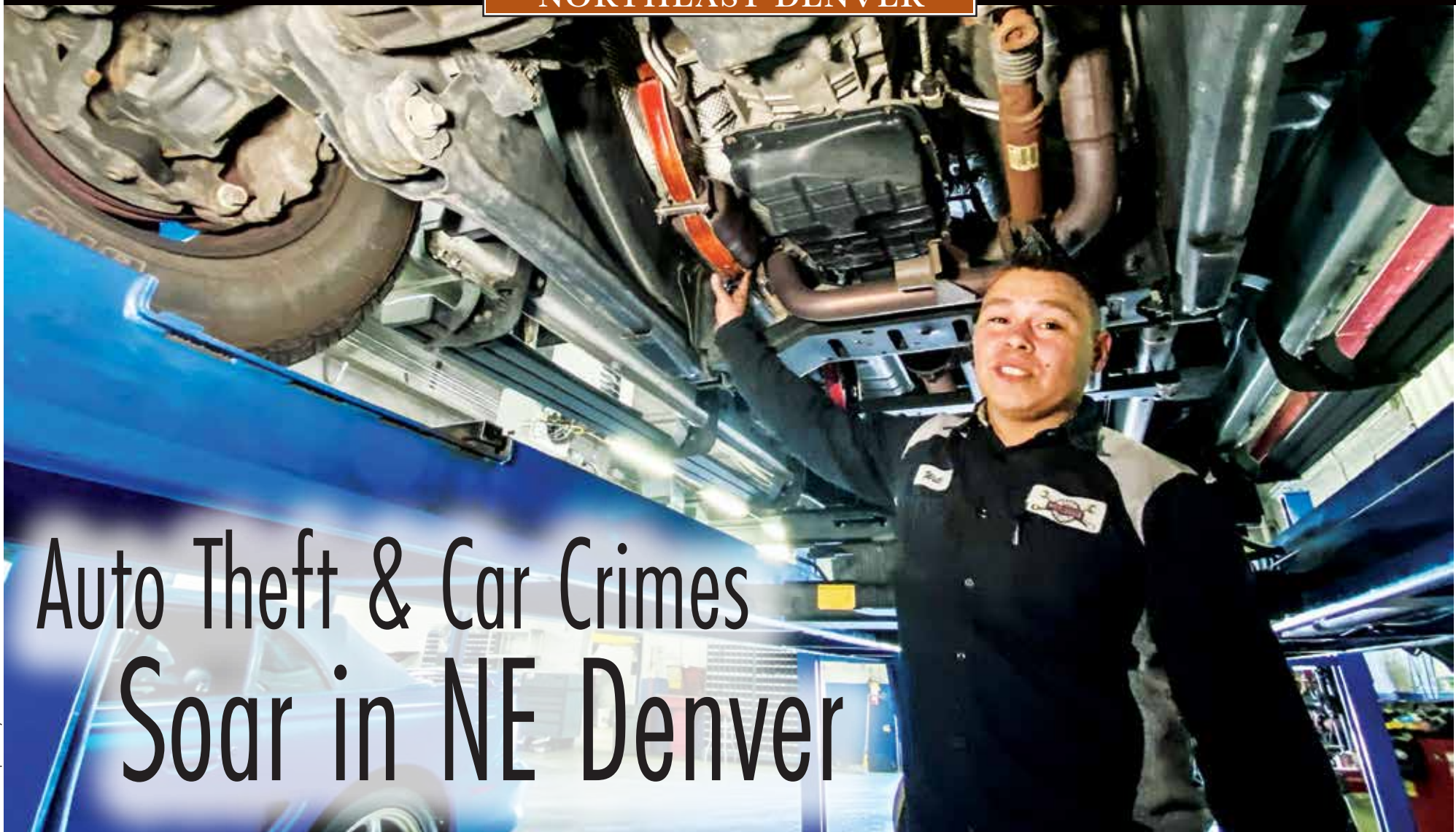
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Auto Theft & Car Crimes Soar in NE Denver

Technician Will Calderon, from Hotchkiss Auto Repair in Northeast Denver, explains how a catalytic converter safety device is installed. In the past year, the shop has installed approximately 130 devices due to the recent surge of catalytic converter thefts in the city. Stolen catalytic converters can cost \$1,200-\$6,000 to replace.

The auto theft rates that are skyrocketing throughout Denver have been especially prevalent in our Northeast communities. While car theft incidents are rising in every NE neighborhood, Central Park has among the worst rates in the city, and now the trends of catalytic converter theft and gas siphoning have further compounded the car crime problems. As the law enforcement community struggles to alleviate the growing rates of auto theft and car crimes, many NE Denver residents are outraged that their vehicles have become targets for thieves. *Story by Brian Heuberger on page 6.*

2022 Ballot Overview



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Apartment Complexes Set to Open Near Stanley Marketplace



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Construction on the two Stanley House buildings (shown above) in Northwest Aurora is expected to be completed by November. Just south of Stanley House, the first of four buildings in the Alexan Westerly Creek development opened for residents in August. Combined, the two developments will offer 506 new apartment units with amenities such as fitness centers, co-working spaces, indoor/outdoor lounge areas, and a swimming pool. *Story by Mary Jo Brooks on page 4.*

The ballot measures for this election cycle will allow voters to decide several liquor issues, including whether stores can deliver, whether owners can get more licenses, and whether grocery stores can start selling wine. Other measures involve psychedelic mushrooms, affordable housing, school lunches, and tax rates. Learn more about the city and state measures on your fall ballot. *Story by Todd Engdahl on page 8.*

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Osprey

This month's large bird is the osprey, a fierce and fearsome bird of prey, whose diet is fish, fish, and fish. The osprey's vision is excellent to spot its prey in the water.



Once the target is sighted, the osprey dives towards the water surface and extends its talons before entry into the water. Completely submerged, it will resurface with the fish held in both talons. The fish is secured in the most aerodynamic fashion, and then the osprey flies off with its prey to a nearby perch and devours the meal.



The osprey's average weight is 3 lbs; average wingspan is 5 feet; and length is 1.7 to 2.0 feet.

Sora

The small bird this month is the elusive and secretive sora. The sora is a member of the rail family, which includes coots and gallinules. The adult has a gray face with a black mask, dark brown upperparts, and black and white barring on the flanks. Juveniles have buffy faces without the mask. They have a short and thick yellow bill, yellow feet, and a short pointy tail.

The soras feed mainly on vegetation. Their diet includes seeds and insects, such as dragonflies, flies, beetles, and snails that they extract from the mud. Their nest is well-concealed in dense vegetation. Soras are more often heard than seen. Rarely are they seen walking in shallow water without vegetation nearby. At the slightest threat of motion or noise, they dash back into the thick vegetation and disappear.



Above left is an adult sora, above right is a juvenile sora. The sora's average weight is 2.6 oz; average wingspan is 12 inches; and range of length is 8 to 10 inches

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Apartment Complexes Set to Open Near Stanley Marketplace

By Mary Jo Brooks

The first of six new apartment buildings near the Stanley Marketplace has begun welcoming tenants and will offer new urban-living options in the southeast Central Park neighborhood.

Alexan Westerly Creek

Developed by Tram-well Crow Residential, Alexan Westerly Creek will ultimately consist of four buildings with a total of 338 units, varying in size from studios up to three-bed-

room apartments. Rental rates for the units in the four-story buildings will range from \$1,560 to \$3,455 a month.

Regional property manager Savannah Bennet says the apartments will have top-notch finishes with open floorplans. “We’ve surveyed the market to determine what people want. The apartments have beautiful views and, of course, the location is key.”

Alexan’s Building One, which opened in August, has 96 units, a fitness center, and an outdoor

courtyard with a firepit. Building Two will be completed by mid-November, and will have a fourth-floor “sky lounge” with views of the mountains and a ground-level swimming pool with resort-style features. Building Three is expected to open in February 2023, and

will include four retail spaces on the ground floor and co-working office spaces for the residents. The fourth and final building at Alexan is planned to open by May or June.

Bennet says the buildings will all be dog-friendly and bike-friendly, with a bike storage area and workshop on the ground level. “We think these apartments will be appealing to a broad array of people, from young professionals to families. That’s why we offer so many different floor plans.”

Parking is notoriously difficult in the area around the Stanley Marketplace,

so Bennet says Alexan will be rolling out a car rental service with electric

vehicles for residents who don’t own a car. “We think many people will be attracted to these apartments because the neighborhood is so walkable. But the car rental service will be available for when people do need access to a car.”

Stanley House

The two uniquely shaped apartment buildings that are located directly south of the Stanley Marketplace are part of Stanley House and are being developed by Westfield Company, which co-developed the market. Supply chain issues forced numerous delays in the project, according to Westfield partner Jonathan Alpert, but the apartments should be ready for occupancy by mid-November. The buildings will house 168 units ranging from studios to two-bedroom apartments, and the units will be located on the four floors above the ground-level parking lot. Rental rates will range from \$1,400 to \$2,500 a month.

Alpert says the buildings will include a fitness center, a dog wash area, and a community lounge with a demonstration kitchen and large TV screen. Residents will also have access to rooms where they can store and tune their bikes and ski equipment. “We’re providing really cool urban housing that hasn’t been done in this neck of the woods before.” Alpert expects that many people who work on the Anschutz Medical Campus will find these apartments very attractive, adding that the buildings will be ideal for “younger professionals, students, faculty, nurses – people who work long hours and want to come home to a place that provides 24/7 amenities.”

Alpert says Stanley House—conveniently located between Lowry, Central Park, and the Anschutz campus—will also likely appeal to people who grew up nearby. “Folks who have maybe moved out of their parents house, gone to college, and now are coming back



Tenants have begun moving into Building One at Alexan Westerly Creek, which features balconies with views of the mountains and an outdoor lounge with a firepit and ping pong table.

and want to be close to where they grew up but want to have more of a downtown vertical housing experience.”

The Stanley Marketplace will be a key reason that people choose to live in these apartments, says Alpert, so many of the retail establishments have announced that they will make some changes to meet the needs of the new residents. “Traditionally families from Central Park have been the market’s major supporters. They are what got us through Covid. But that means that things usually quiet down about 8 o’clock. With the new apartments, we think we’ll have a new fun audience that will come in from 8pm–midnight to eat, drink and hang out, so restaurants are going to expand their hours.” Alpert says that many restaurants plan to offer a reverse happy hour after 8pm and that they are also discussing food delivery options to potentially provide room service for tenants.

For more information about Stanley House and Alexan Westerly Creek, visit their websites at www.liveatstanleyhouse.com and www.alexanwesterlycreek.com.

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By Brian Heuberger

Over the past three years, the rates of car crimes committed in Denver have skyrocketed and include vandalism, catalytic converter removal, gasoline siphoning, and vehicle theft. Although these problems are impacting the entire city, car crimes have been especially prevalent in Northeast Denver neighborhoods.

FBI data compiled by the Common Sense Institute, a non-partisan research group, demonstrates that Colorado has the highest per capita car theft rates in the nation and that Denver has the second highest rates of any city (just behind Bakersville, California). The auto theft rates in Denver have been rising substantially since 2019, and Denver Police Department data shows that the rates have increased by another 80-percent in 2022.

This issue has hit Northeast Denver especially hard. Already in 2022, car theft has risen in Northeast Park Hill by 86 percent, in the East Colfax neighborhood by 87 percent, in Lowry by 136 percent, and Central Park by 157 percent. Central Park, in fact, has the second highest spike of car thefts in the city, with the only higher rate being in the nearby community of Skyland.

“I know that there are a lot of car thefts in Central Park,” says Denver District Attorney Beth McCann. “Maybe it’s because the kind of cars that people drive in Central Park are more desirable, maybe it’s where they park them,



The Central Park RTD lot has among the highest rates of car crimes in Denver. Thieves have been targeting this hotspot to steal cars, converters, and gas.

or maybe it’s just easier to get out of the neighborhood quickly.”

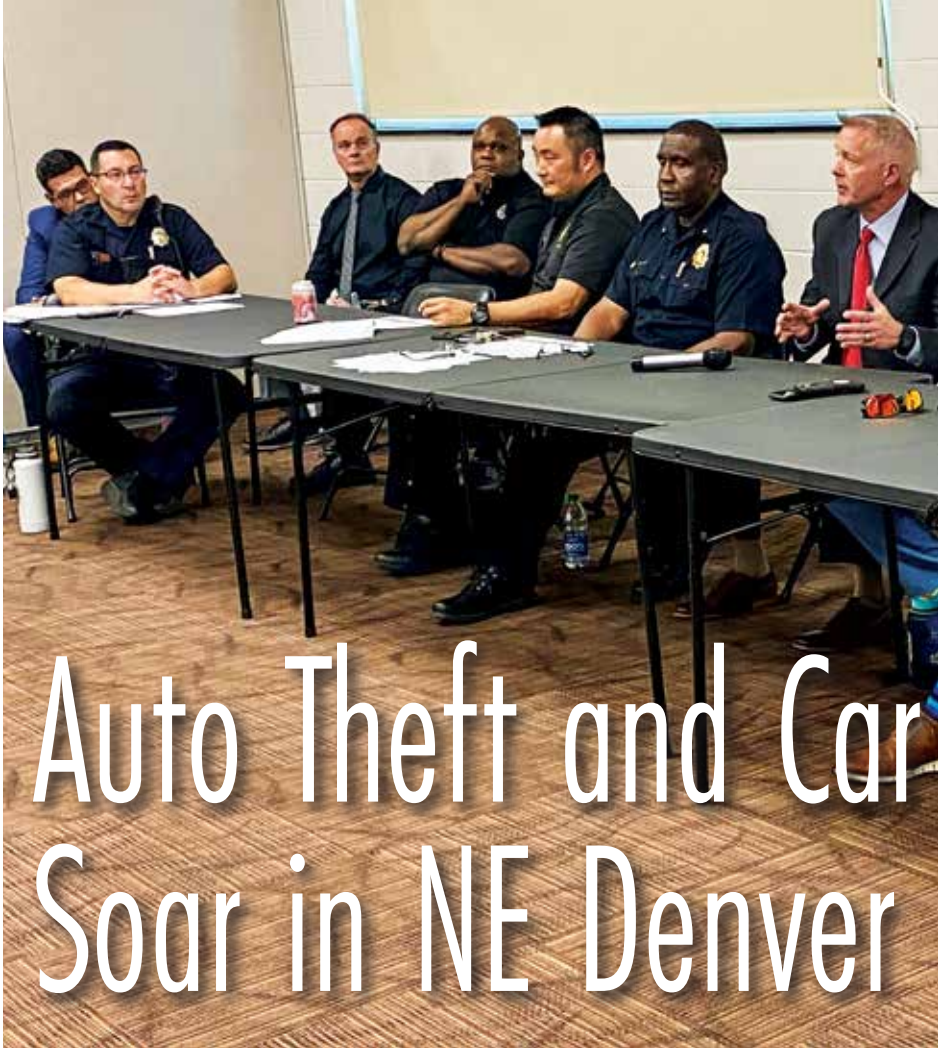
The many auto theft rings operating in Denver have been the primary targets of DA prosecutors. “Since 2019, we’ve been jumping up every year by at least 200 cases that we’re filing against motor vehicle theft,” explains McCann. “We’re devoting a lot of those resources on the complex cases that we can take into the Grand Jury. We’ve been focusing on the bigger fish of organized rings that are making this their career, stealing lots of cars, and preying on people with automobile crimes.”

This past May, the DA’s Office achieved a significant victory by indicting an 11-person car theft ring that used electronic devices to steal over 100 cars worth more than \$3 million. “The indictment of that ring was a big deal,” says McCann. “We took several people out of commission, removed a number of people from the community who were active in the car theft world, and we’re hoping that the indictment deters others from following in their tracks and from committing those crimes.”

McCann also hopes that the increased prosecutions of car thieves can reduce the rates in Northeast Denver. “We take the car theft issues in Northeast Denver very seriously. When we have enough evidence to prove a case we will always file it, so I encourage people to report any incidents in their communities and we will always do our best to prosecute the cases.”

The problem of catalytic converters being stolen from cars is another type of crime that has become frequent throughout Denver and prevalent in northeast neighborhoods. Catalytic converters transform toxic pollutants from the vehicles into safer chemicals for the air. But these parts also contain rare metals, and so thieves have become adept at sliding under cars, cutting out the converters, and leaving the scenes within minutes.

The Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) has been a leader in combating this new problem of catalytic converter theft. CATPA allocates funds, develops programs, and promotes legislation to reduce all types of auto crimes. CATPA also funds the Colorado Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (C-MATT), which specializes in apprehending car thieves throughout Denver and its surrounding suburbs. With the rates of converter theft rising



At a community meeting at the Montbello Recreation Center, the District 5 police unit speaks to Northeast Denver residents about the crime rates. The police panel included officers, lieutenants,

Auto Theft and Car Soar in NE Denver

by over 5,000 percent since 2019, CATPA is allocating more resources towards alleviating this crime.

“Catalytic converter theft really took off in the pandemic era,” says Cale Gould, the Program Assistant of CATPA. “The precious metals that are in the converters were no longer being produced at the same rates during the pandemic, and so the price of these metals skyrocketed. A converter that you could recycle for just \$50 suddenly rose in value and became worth \$200 to \$500.”



DPD Chief Ron Thomas speaks at the Montbello meeting. Thomas, a former District 5 Commander, was nominated as Chief on Aug 30.

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detectives, and commanders. The meeting featured a presentation by the police about crime data for NE Denver followed by comments from residents who are concerned about the safety of their communities.

The lack of identifying markers on the converters makes it difficult for police officers to retrieve the parts or catch the criminals. “Our public outreach program for catalytic converters includes a huge identification element,” says Gould. “We’re trying to adopt an identification labeling system for catalytic converters that was successful for the United Kingdom. We’re hoping that changing legislation and working with the automotive industry can lead to big changes of new car models having these identifiable labels on the converters.”

The Park-n-Ride at the Central Park RTD station has been one of the biggest hotspots for catalytic converter theft. Besides DIA, the Central Park RTD lot has the highest number of catalytic converter thefts of any location in the city. The Central Park lot has also been susceptible for other auto-related crimes. It is one of the worst locations in the city for stolen vehicles, and it is the primary spot where criminals have been stealing gas by puncturing the tanks under the cars and pouring the fuel into cannisters.

“RTD Transit Police is dedicating a police officer to check problematic lots that have experienced theft from vehicles or stolen vehicles,” says RTD Communications Manager Marta

Sipeki in a statement to *Front Porch*. “The agency’s police department continues to collaborate with the Denver Police Department about trouble spots. RTD encourages the public to download its free Transit Watch app to directly communicate with RTD Police Dispatch if they see suspicious behavior or activity.”

A recent community meeting gave Northeast residents a chance to express their concerns with the Denver Police Department. The meeting was held on Sept 1 at the Montbello Recreation Center, and the DPD panel included many officers and detectives from the District 5 unit that encompasses Northeast Denver. The panel was also joined by Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas, who had been nominated to the position the previous day.

During the discussion, residents articulated their dissatisfaction with the inadequate response by police as crime rates keep rising in their neighborhoods. Some attendees believed the officers should be more present on the streets and responsive to the crimes. The need for the police to improve their relationships with the

residents was a consistent theme throughout the meeting, and many people argued that the officers should foster better connections to the communities.

“We want you to come to our level, and we want to know how you feel about the crime and what you think you can do about the crime,” said NE Denver resident Larry Murray. “They’re producing guns and none of you guys have been stopping the guns from coming into our community. And when issues are going on I’ll look around for the police but I never see them, so if you get police into the major areas of the community that would stop a lot of these crimes.”

The police officers were generally receptive to these complaints. Some officers agreed that the rising crime rates in the neighborhoods warranted improved performances from the department, and many officers emphasized the importance of developing positive relationships with the residents. DPD also encouraged the residents to always report these issues. The officers emphasized that engaging with the community and collaborating with the residents can help them more effectively patrol the hotspots, deter those crimes, and protect Denver’s neighborhoods.



Two variations of catalytic converter safety systems that Hotchkiss Auto Repair in Northeast Denver uses.

Preventing Catalytic Converter Theft

By Brian Heuberger

The increased frequency of catalytic converter theft throughout Denver has encouraged many car owners to purchase protection devices that can restrict thieves from stealing the parts. It can help to know the different types of protection devices that are available and the particular features of each option.

Cat-Clamp: Many auto shops sell and install universal cat-clamp devices that can fit onto most cars. The cat-clamp is a cage that wraps around the catalytic converter, locks it in place, and obstructs access to the converter. Although determined thieves can still cut through the cat-clamp to reach the converter, the process of doing so is arduous and time-consuming. Since the appeal of catalytic converter theft is the fast process of the crime, adding this extra layer of difficulty can serve as an effective deterrent against theft.

Cat-Shields: This is another safety device that can protect your catalytic converters. The cat-shields are flat metal plates that are installed on the car beneath the converter. The metal is usually hard enough to prevent thieves from being able to cut through the plate, making it a reliable option to secure your converter and repel the thieves. However, the shields are not universal and so you would need a particular plate that is compatible for your car. Many cat-shield companies design products for different types of cars, and some dealerships provide cat-shields that are customized to fit their models.

Converter Alarms: Alarm devices can also protect your catalytic converter. The devices are fastened to the bottom of the car, and the motion sensors can sound the alarm when the converter is moved. The alarms are generally inexpensive, easy to install, and universal for most types of cars. The detriment is that the alarm does not lock the converter in place and so thieves can still take the part. But the sound of the alarm could be sufficient to scare away criminals, and the sight of the device could prevent them from targeting your car.

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Of those 18 ballot measures, 11 involve changes to the Colorado Constitution or state laws, and seven apply only to Denver.

Three proposals of note won't be up to the voters this year. Supporters of a proposed statewide abortion ban weren't able to collect sufficient petition signatures. The same problem stopped a proposal to increase school funding using some excess revenue that's currently refunded to taxpayers. And in Denver a proposed marijuana tax increase to fund after-school programs was withdrawn by supporters.

In 2021 there were three statewide measures and 13 in Denver. The 2020 election saw 11 statewide measures and 13 in Denver, including two proposed by the Denver Public Schools.

Before we get to the summaries of the proposals, here's a little refresher on the different kinds of ballot measures.

Statewide amendments and propositions – Constitutional changes are called amendments; changes to state law are propositions. Amendments require approval by 55 percent of voters, but a proposition passes with a simple majority. Amendments and propositions that are put on the ballot by citizen petitions are assigned numbers; measures proposed by the legislature are assigned letters.

Denver lingo – City residents regularly consider changes to the city charter (kind of Denver's constitution), city ordinances (the city equivalent of state laws), and proposed tax increases. A measure proposed by the City Council is a "Referred Question" and a measure proposed by citizen petition is an "Initiated Ordinance."

(The summaries include campaign or supporting committee names and information about organized support and opposition if available. Information about fundraising is based on committee disclosures as of mid-September.)

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State Measures Proposed by the Legislature

Amendment D – New judges for the 23rd Judicial District

If this largely technical constitutional amendment passes, the governor can assign some judges from the current 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln counties) to the new 23rd District, which was created to contain Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln because of population growth in the southern suburbs. Reassigned judges would have to live in the new district.

Amendment E – Property tax exemption for Gold Star spouses

Disabled veterans and senior citizens who have lived in their own homes for at least 10 years can claim an exemption that reduces their homes' value for property tax purposes. Under this amendment, spouses of armed forces members who died in the line of duty and spouses of veterans who died from service-related injuries or diseases could claim the exemption.

The state reimburses counties for tax revenues lost because of what's called the homestead exemption. The state reimburses counties, and it's estimated passage of this amendment would cost the state \$525,000 in the first year.

The program originally covered only senior citizens, but voters extended it to disabled veterans in 2016.

Amendment F – Charitable gambling requirements

This proposal is intended to make things easier for charitable organizations that raise or would like to raise money from bingo, raffles, and pull-tabs. If passed, the amendment would repeal the longstanding ban on paying game managers and operators.



Payment would be limited to the minimum wage until after July 1, 2024.

Charitable groups say it's become increasingly hard to find volunteers to run games. The amendment also would reduce from five to three years the waiting period for new non-profits to apply for gaming licenses. The amendment would allow the

legislature to change that waiting period without voter ratification starting in 2025.

Charitable organizations raised an estimated \$24 million in net profits from such games in 2021. Legislative fiscal experts predict that the passage would cost the state \$420,109 in implementation costs in 2023-24.

The amendment is backed by the Colorado Charitable Bingo Association.

Proposition FF – Healthy school meals

Campaign name - Healthy School Meals for All Colorado Students

The measure would reduce the amount of income tax deductions that could be claimed by taxpayers who earn more than \$300,000 a year. Doing that would raise an estimated \$100.7 million that would be used by the state to reimburse school districts for providing free meals to all students regardless of income.



Districts could also use the funding to purchase Colorado food products, increase compensation for food service workers, support district advisory committees on healthy school meals, and create a state program to promote Colorado food products and healthy meals.

Education advocacy groups have campaigned for years to bypass the current paperwork-heavy, family income-based system of free meals and instead provide free meals to all students. Federal pandemic relief funding expanded coverage of school meal costs, but that funding was temporary.

Expect to see mailers and advertising in favor of this measure, which is being strongly pushed by the advocacy group Hunger Free Colorado and a long list of other non-profits. More than \$750,000 in contributions have been raised.

Proposition GG – Information about proposed tax changes

The 1992 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) set limits on the annual growth of state and local government spending and required voter approval of tax rate increases. The amendment also sets rather detailed requirements for ballot language of tax proposals presented to voters.

That set off a decades-long chess match between pro- and anti-TABOR interests that has involved lawsuits, court decisions, and various ballot measures. TABOR opponents long have felt the amendment's current ballot language requirements understate the potential impacts of tax rate changes.

This proposition seeks to create more transparency by requiring that ballot titles and summaries for tax measures provide detailed information on the possible tax changes for people in different income brackets.

A group called Coloradans for Ballot Transparency has raised more than \$700,000 for the campaign.

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Ballot Pullout Section

State Measures Proposed by Interest Groups

Proposition 121 – Reduction in state income tax rates

On the surface this proposal from conservative groups is pretty simple. It would reduce the state income tax rate from 4.55 percent to 4.4 percent.

Conservative groups long have fretted that TABOR—hampered in their view by various court rulings and pieces of legislation—hasn't done enough to restrain government spending. In recent years they've proposed a series of ballot measures, mostly unsuccessful, to rein in spending. This is their latest effort.

If passed, there would be no immediate effect on state spending because state revenues are strong enough that they already exceed TABOR spending caps. But in a future economic downturn, if revenues drop below the cap that triggers taxpayer refunds, this reduction could decrease revenues available for spending on education and other state services.

This proposal comes hard on the heels of 2020's successful Proposition 116, which reduced the tax rate from 4.63 percent to 4.55 percent. Both it and this year's measures originated with Jon Caldara of the Independence Institute and Republican state Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg.

Scott Wasserman of the Bell Policy Center, a liberal advocacy group, has spoken against the measure. A group called Colorado Character has raised more than \$500,000 in support of passage.

Proposition 122 – Legalization of psychedelic mushrooms

Campaign name – Natural Medicine Health Act

This proposal is pitched as expanding "access to natural medicine."

Passage of 122 basically would create a legal, regulated way for people to obtain and possess psychedelic mushrooms and some other plant substances. (In 2019 Denver voters approved a back-handed version of legalization when they passed a measure that declared enforcement of mushroom laws the lowest priority for city police and prosecutors.)



Mushroom advocates maintain that such substances have mental health benefits for some users. A group named Natural Medicine Colorado is sponsoring the initiative. The committee reported \$2.78

million in contributions, with almost all of that coming from an out-of-state political action committee.

Opposition has been expressed by individual conservative commentators who also retroactively question legalization of marijuana in Colorado, something voters first approved more than two decades ago.

Proposition 123 – Funding for affordable housing programs

Campaign name – Yes on Proposition 123

Along with the school meals proposal, this is a key public policy proposal on this year's ballot. It seems like almost everybody—homebuyers, renters, policymakers, and people at risk of losing their housing—is fretting about the cost of putting a roof over one's head.

This proposal would make a small dent in the housing crisis by earmarking one-tenth of 1 percent of income tax collections from individuals, estates, and corporations. It would exempt those revenues from TABOR spending restrictions and dedicate the revenue to state programs that are designed to expand affordability for both renters and home buyers. The goal is to increase the number of affordable housing units by 3 percent a year.

Passage of the measure would raise an estimated \$270 million in the first full year of operation and could provide 10,000 units of housing a year.

The measure is backed by a group named Coloradans for Affordable Housing Now and is being pushed by Denver-based Gary Community Ventures. It's supported by a wide variety of other groups, including Realtors. About \$4 million has been raised in support.

The conservative group Advance Colorado Action opposes the measure because it would reduce TABOR refunds.

And Then There's Booze

For decades feuding factions of the liquor industry and lawmakers have been wrestling with issues like liquor store licensing and which kinds of stores can sell which types of booze.

Sales of spirits, wine, and full-strength beer were once the almost exclusive preserve of individually licensed liquor stores. A proposal to allow grocery stores to sell wine was defeated by voters in 1992. (Grocery chains are allowed to sell spirits, wine, and beer at a single location.)

The system began to open up in 2008 with legalization of Sunday liquor sales. Then, in 2016 a compromise law allowed grocery and convenience stores to sell full-strength beer and gave grocery chains the ability to buy up to four liquor licenses over time.

Three ballot measures backed by national chains and food delivery services would change things more significantly.

Proposition 124 – Multiple liquor licenses

This measure would speed up the process created by the 2016 law and allow single ownership of up to eight licenses by the end of 2016, 13 licenses by the end of 2031, and 20 licenses by the end of 2026. Starting in 2037 a single entity could hold an unlimited number of licenses.

A group named Coloradans for Consumer Choice and Retail Fairness is backing this measure and has raised campaign funds from out-of-state interests and primary contributors associated with the Total Wine chain.

Proposition 125 – Wine sales in grocery stores

This measure is pretty simple but would have the greatest impact on consumers. If it passes, grocery and convenience stores would be able to sell wine under a combined beer-wine license.



Proposition 126 – Alcohol delivery

Under this proposal, third-party companies like DoorDash could deliver liquor to homes, something liquor stores now do with their own employees.

Wine in Grocery Stores, the campaign supporting Propositions 125 and 126, has raised \$11.4 million. Top donors include DoorDash, InstaCart, Target, Albertsons Safeway, and Kroger.

A group named Keeping Colorado Local is leading the campaign against all three alcohol initiatives. It has raised less than \$500,000.

Denver Measures Proposed by City Council

Referred Question 2I – Additional library funding

Campaign name – Strong Library Strong Denver

The Denver Public Library and its patrons would be the beneficiaries of this plan, which would increase city property taxes by about \$36 million in the first year (more in subsequent years), with revenues going to the library, not the city operating fund.

Projected uses for the money include expanding open hours at library branches; buying books and other materials; raising staff pay; increasing access to technology for patrons who lack such access; and expanded services for children and youth, seniors, job seekers, minorities, and other vulnerable groups.

Passage of the proposition is projected to increase annual property taxes on an average home by \$50.

Supporters have raised about \$170,000.

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Referred Question 2J – Continuation of climate action tax

This cleanup proposal would allow the city to collect and retain the full amount of revenue raised by a 2020 sales tax increase of .25 percent, money the city uses for programs related to climate change.

Referred Question 2K – Continuation of homeless programs tax

This similar proposal would allow the city to collect and retain the full amount of revenue raised by a 2020 sales tax increase of .25 percent, revenue that is used for homeless programs.

Referred Question 2L – Reform of election procedures

This technical but complicated measure would update city election procedures by limiting initiative proposals to a single topic and by updating deadlines for candidate nominations. Passage of the measure would also change procedures for title setting of initiatives, referenda, and recalls by allowing public comment on titles and by cleaning up wording in city charter provisions related to ballot questions.

Denver Measures
Proposed by Interest Groups

Initiated Ordinance 305

Campaign name – No Eviction Without Representation
This proposal is technically a fee, not a tax, and it wouldn't hit everyone.

The measure would impose an annual \$75 excise tax on landlords for every rental property. There would be exemptions for some owner-occupied properties with renters. The excise tax would raise an estimated \$11.9 million for the city in the first year.

That revenue would be used to pay for legal representation of tenants facing eviction proceedings, with small amounts for administrative costs and a tenants' council to oversee the program.

Supporters have raised about \$80,000. There was no organized opposition as of mid-September.

Initiated Ordinance 306 – Mandatory non-residential recycling

Campaign name – Waste No More
Colorado's relatively low rate of recycling is regularly bemoaned by environmental groups, and this ordinance proposes to do something about it.

The measure would require apartments, condominiums, businesses, and food waste

producers to offer recycling services and organic materials diversion to residents, staff, and customers. This has caused concern within the business community because of the potential costs. Landlords and owners would have to hire commercial recycling services because the city basically only provides trash and recycling pickup to homes.

While homeowners receive city recycling bins without cost, they aren't required to use them.

Supporters have raised about \$54,000 and opponents—a variety of business groups—have raised about \$17,500.

Initiated Ordinance 307 – Paying for sidewalk repairs

Campaign name – Denver Deserves Sidewalks

Anybody who walks in Denver probably agrees that a lot of city sidewalks are in terrible shape—cracked, crumbling, and uneven.

Unlike city streets, where the cost of fixing potholes and repaving roads is funded by tax revenues, paying for sidewalk repairs is the responsibility of the owner whose property adjoins the sidewalk.

The trouble is that sidewalk repairs aren't triggered unless the city receives a complaint and issues a ticket. That doesn't happen much, so most broken sidewalks don't get fixed.

In 2017, voters approved \$48 million in bonds to pay for new sidewalks on blocks that don't have them. But it's expected to take decades of time and millions more dollars to build out the sidewalk network. City Council created a fund in 2018 to compensate property owners for the cost of sidewalk repairs, but that effort has had virtually no impact.

The Denver Streets Partnership advocacy group proposed this ordinance. Instead of requiring random property owners to pay for repairs that get flagged, this proposal would impose an annual fee on all property owners. The revenues would go into a fund to help pay for repairs done by the city.

The annual fees would range from \$3.58 per foot of sidewalk on commercial arterial streets to \$2.15 a foot on residential collector and local streets.

The ordinance also requires city bureaucrats to create a "sidewalk master plan" that would direct use of the money.

Supporters have raised about \$235,000.

Resources

The state ballot measure guide, prepared by professional, non-partisan legislative staff, provides detailed information about each proposal, including pro and con arguments. Ballotpedia articles provide similar material plus campaign finance information. The article is based partly on material from both sources.

- Official state "blue book" explaining the ballot measures (If you're a registered voter you should have received a paper copy in the mail)—https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/blue_book_2022_english_for_web.pdf
 - Analyses of state ballot measures by Ballotpedia.org—https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_2022_ballot_measures
- Check the Denver Election Division for information on both state and city measures—<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Office-of-the-Clerk-and-Recorder/Elections-Division/voter-information>

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Mark your calendars: the Denver Film Festival runs from November 2 to 13 this year. Block the dates, schedule the babysitter, warm up by watching some great movies and shows, and look for my recommendations in next month's column. Once tickets go on sale, however, a must-see at the festival is *Klondike*, a Ukrainian film that I was fortunate to see at the Berlin Film Festival in February. It will be the Ukrainian entry into the Oscar category for Best International Feature, and in my opinion, it is the best film (of any category) that I have seen so far this year. In conjunction with my own Department of English at MSU Denver, we are bringing director Maryna Er Gorbach to the festival. Stay tuned for more details, but if you see only one film this year, make it *Klondike*. Ticket packages are on sale now, individual tickets will be available later in the fall at denverfilm.org. I hope to see you there.

This month, I preview one new film, *The Woman King*, and one of the best shows on TV over the past decade, *The Handmaid's Tale*. In honor of *Klondike*, women of color, oppressed women anywhere and women/mothers all over the world, I urge you to see these beautiful works of art. All three are difficult, brutal and sad, but also fulfilling, uplifting, and important. Enjoy.

The Woman King (2022)

Simply put, this film is a winner. It is no simple production, no simple story and no simple feat of filmmaking, yet the result is dense, provocative, and dazzling. Starring Viola Davis as the fierce warrior Nanisca, it tells the story of the East African kingdom of Dahomey and the women warriors who help defend it. Set in the

1820s, the times are changing for the Dahomey, and the American slave trade is one of the major factors. The traders strike a deal with a neighboring tribe, and it seems likely that the Dahomey will be obliterated by the larger, well-funded, well-armed, and ruthless killers. Based on a true story, the sprawling production gives us everything we want in a great movie. And so much more.

While Viola Davis does Viola Davis things, the entire cast is up to her (very high) standard. Lashana Lynch as Izogie steals every scene she's in, oscillating between sweet big sister, fiery warrior, and tenacious teacher. She takes the young, wayward Nawi (played by a snappy Thuso Mbedu) under her wing and turns her into one of the best fighters. Sheila Atim as Amenza, Nanisca's second-in-command, is also dazzling as Nanisca's confidante and sounding board. John Boyega as King Ghego shakes off his *Star Wars* boyish naivete and gives a strong performance as the King of the Dahomey. If you have kept up with these pages, you know I believe that a stellar secondary cast is the mark of a great director, and we have that here in Gina Prince-Blythewood.

Beyond the acting, however, the overall production is top-notch. The direction and staging are outstanding, and corral-ling such a large cast with so many battle sequences is no easy task. Prince-Blythewood handles it all marvelously. The cinematography is both beautiful and brutal, giving us the bloody battles and the serenity of the landscapes. Those landscapes and the magnificent colors pay homage to the great African director Ousmane Sembene, a Senegalese legend who highlighted the plight of African women in many of his films. Here, the women are no longer the depraved, however; if it were an actual word, they would be the *praved*.

I rarely review movies that are already out in the theaters before the first of each month, nor movies that mainstream outlets cover. This inspiring movie, however, is the rare exception that dazzles in both the art houses as well as the multiplexes. It is important and political but is also just damn fun.

You will enjoy this if you liked *Moolaadé*, *Black Panther*, and/or *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.



The Woman King



The Handmaid's Tale

The Handmaid's Tale (Season 6—Hulu)

For those who have not yet seen the show, now is the perfect time to start. For those of you who have followed along, now is the perfect time to rewatch the final episodes from last season to prime you for this one. There were only a few episodes available to pre-view at press time, but it is clear that the show delivers on its past promise and continues the epic saga.

Spoiler alert: with Commander Waterford out of the picture, the season is shaping up to be a battle of wits and wills between June and Serena. The first episode telegraphs it, and joyously so for faithful watchers. Seeing the fantastic Elisabeth Moss and Yvonne Strahovski duel is one of the show's highlights. The spectacular production values that have been a show staple also soldier on. Is there a return to Gilead in the offering? Stay tuned.

"Nolite te bastardest carborundorum, bitches."

You will like this if you enjoyed the first five seasons.

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10/1 Saturday—Nick's 13th Annual Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off. 9-10:45am registraion, weigh-off 11am-2pm. Nick's Garden Center & Farm Market, 2001 S Chambers Rd, Aurora. nicksgardencenter.com

10/1 Saturday—Fall Into Fun Festival. 10am-3pm. Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy. auroragov.org

10/6 Thursday—Oktoberfest at the Denver Zoo. Just one of the Wild Fall events during October at the Denver Zoo. 2900 E 23rd Ave. Reserve tickets at denverzoo.org

10/7 to 10/9—Pumpkin Festival at Chatfield Farms. 9am-4pm. Purchase tickets online at botanicgardens.org

10/8 Saturday—Decorate a mask @ the ideaLAB Decorate a felt mask for Halloween. 10-11:30am, Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. First come, first serve - space is limited. denverlibrary.org

10/8 & 10/9—Pumpkin Harvest Festival. Music, food, activities and more. Four Mile Historic Park, 715 S. Forest St. fourmilepark.org

10/9 Sunday—Candy Crawl. Free, family-friendly, Halloween event. Enjoy trick or treating, hay rides, crafts, thriller dancers, giveaways, contests, & more. 8340 Northfield Blvd. shopsat-northfield.com

10/14 thru 10/29—Victorian Horrors 2022. Ages 12 and up. 6-9pm, timed entries, \$22. 1340 Pennsylvania St. mollybrown.org

10/18 thru 10/23—Glow at the Gardens. A luminous, nighttime celebration of America's favorite gourd. 6-9pm. 1007 York St. Tickets at botanicgardens.org

10/22 Saturday—Howl-oween. 3rd Annual Pet Howl-oween costume contest, 11am-3pm. Free pumpkin, photos, food trucks, great prizes. Register at facebook.com/pawsnplaybeelerpark. The Shops at Beeler Park, 5665 N Beeler St.

10/22 & 10/23—Colorado Railroad Museum's Harvest Haunt. Rides/activities. 9am-5pm. coloradorailroadmuseum.org

10/27 Thursday—5th Annual Drive Thru Harvest Fest Trunk or Treat. Benefiting Special Olympics. Dicks Sporting Goods Park, Lot B. 6000 Victory Way, Commerce City. specialolympicsco.org

10/28 to 10/30—Boo on the Bluff: Spooky Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt. Reservations required. Sign up at blufflake.org Bluff Lake Nature Center, 11255 E. MLK Jr Blvd.

10/29 Saturday—Trick Out Your Jack-o-lantern. Bring your own pumpkin and trick it out! 10-11:30am, Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. First come, first serve - space is limited. denverlibrary.org

10/29 Saturday—Halloween @ The Shops of Beeler Park. Trick-or-treating, photos, local vendor pop-ups, kid's crafts. 5665 Beeler St. aspenln.com

10/29 Saturday—District 5 Halloween Party. Lincoln Tech. For more details, email officer Ferencz at Danae.Ferencz@denvergov.org

10/29 Saturday—Coloween 2022. A frightfully fantastic and fun evening. VIP admission at 8pm, regular admission at 9pm. Stockyards Event Center, 5004 National Western Dr. Tickets at coloween.com

10/30 Sunday—Halloween Spooktacular! A family-favorite concert features music from films, television, and more! 2:30pm, tickets start at \$10. Boettcher Hall. coloradosymphony.org

11/1 & 11/2—Día de los Muertos. Celebrate our community's rich diversity and unique cultural traditions.. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St, Aurora. stanleymarketplace.com

11/5 Saturday—Día de los Muertos. Celebrate with altars, entertainment, related events, and programs. 9am-3pm. 1007 York St. Tickets at botanicgardens.org

11/5 Saturday—The Urban Farm's Fall Harvest Dinner. Tickets go on sale 10/1. Dishes will feature seasonal and local food. 10200 Smith Rd. theurbanfarm.org

NE DENVER/NW AURORA EVENTS

Saturdays—East Colfax Free Bookstore. 4-6pm. Located at Counterpath, 7935 E. 14th Ave. Take books or donate kids books.

Saturdays thru 10/29—City Park Farmers Market. Featuring 60+ Colorado-based vendors offering locally made produce and products. 8am-1pm at 2551 E. Colfax Ave. cityparkfarmersmarket.com

10/1 Saturday—Sand Creek Volunteer Workday. 9-11am. Morrison Nature Center, 16002 E. Smith Rd. Aurora. All ages welcome. Registration required at sandcreekgreenway.org

10/1 Saturday—Grand Opening at The Exchange at Boulevard One. Fun, community-driven grand opening celebration for all. 63 N Quebec St. boulevardonelowry.com/retail

10/1 Saturday—Being Humans Again: Skills to Improve our Communication for Conflict Resolution Month. 1-2:30pm. Adults. A conversation on how to have productive and healthy conversations with people. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/1 & 11/5—Bluff Lake Bird Walks. Saturdays: 2.5-hour walk at 7:30am or 2-hour walk at 8am. Free but must RSVP at blufflake.org/birdwatching

10/2 & 10/9—Central Park Farmer's Market. Colorado-grown produce, baked goods, meats, and more. The Green (29th Ave & Roslyn) 8:30am-12:30pm. 10/9: pumpkin patch and final market of the season. mca80238.com

Thursdays from 10/6-11/3—Laser Cutter Basics for Adults: Make a Wooden Lantern Create a DIY wooden lantern. 10:30am-12pm, Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. Register at denverlibrary.org/idealab-laser

10/6-11/10—Memoir Writing Workshop with Think 360 Arts for Learning. 1-2pm. 6-week series, registration required and closes on 10/7. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/8 Saturday—Shakespeare in the Parking Lot: A Midsummer Night's Dream. 2-3pm. Enjoy a bit of the Bard with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Schlessman Family Library, 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

10/9 Sunday—OUT! At the Museum. Free. 9am-5pm. A fun and welcoming atmosphere with LGBTQ partners. Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd. dmns.org

10/11 & 10/18—In-person Memory Café. 1:30-3pm. 10/11 - Theme is Lotería Mexicana!. 10/18 - Ageless Grace brain workout. For people experiencing memory loss and their families/caregivers. Schlessman Family Library, 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

10/12 Wednesday—Lotería Mexicana/Mexican bingo. 4:15-5:15pm. All ages. ¡Acompáñenos a jugar lotería mexicana y gane premios! Join us to play Mexican Bingo and win Prizes! Pauline Robinson Library, 5575 E. 33rd Ave. denverlibrary.org

10/13 Thursday—Active Minds presents: The Lewis & Clark Expedition. We will discuss the achievements, challenges and legacies of this expedition. 1-2pm, free. Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. denverlibrary.org

10/14 Friday—Digital Privacy for Reproductive Health. 4:30-5:30pm. Ideal for ages 18 and up. Learn about how to manage your digital footprint while seeking reproductive care. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/15 Saturday—Forest Bathing (Shinrin-Yoku.) 9-11am. For adults/teens. Class limited to 10 people. RSVP at blufflake.org/events/guided-relaxation-walks

10/15 & 10/16—Park Hill Open Studio Tour. 10am-5pm. Local artists, refreshments, special events. Tour maps at Art Garage, 6100 E. 23rd Ave.

10/21 Friday—Opening Night for Dali Alive. A fully immersive experience. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St, Aurora. stanleymarketplace.com

10/22 Saturday—Cockpit Demo Day. Get an up close look inside select aircraft. 10am-2pm. 7711 East Academy Blvd. wingsmuseum.org

10/27 Thursday—Mom's Night Out Productions - Exclusive Movie Night. Enjoy YOU time with fellow moms. Harkins Theater in Northfield, triciacampbell17@gmail.com

10/29 Saturday—Drug Take Back. Bring your old prescription drugs to be safely disposed of. 10am-2pm. District 5 Police station, 4685 N Peoria St.

10/29 Saturday—Goat Yoga in the Plaza. 4-5pm at The Shops at Northfield, Main St. between 46th and 47th Ave. The movie *Beetlejuice* will be shown at 6pm. shopsatnorthfield.com

10/30 Sunday—Qigong and Mindfulness Walks. 7:30-9am. Qigong practice followed by a walk around Bluff Lake. Come to either or both. Free but limited to 10 people. Please RSVP at blufflake.org/events/guided-relaxation-walks

11/5 Saturday—Family Nature Adventure Days. Featuring Generation Wild's "100 Things To Do Before You're 12" activities. 8:30am-12pm. Bluff Lake Nature Center, 11255 E. MLK Jr Blvd. blufflake.org

METRO EVENTS

10/7 Friday—First Friday Art Walks. Art District on Santa Fe. 5:30-9:30pm. denver.org/things-to-do/denver-arts-culture/denver-art-districts

10/9 Sunday—Walk to Defeat ALS. Check in 9am, walk starts at 10am. Sloan's Lake Park, parking area off of W. 24th Ave and Stuart. [http://web.alsa.org/denverwalk](https://web.alsa.org/denverwalk)

10/9 Sunday—Music in The Galleries. Enjoy live music as you wander the Clyfford Still Museum galleries with performances at 11am and 1pm. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

10/11 Tuesday—Active Minds presents: Australia. The Land Down Under, as it is affectionately known, is a country, an island, and a continent. 12:30-1:30pm, Free. Tattered Cover, 2526 E Colfax. activeminds.com

10/13 Thursday—Art & About Tours. Designed for visitors with early-stage Alzheimer's or dementia and their care partners. 1-2:30pm. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. To register email access@denverartmuseum.org

10/14 Friday—The Women's Foundation of Colorado's Annual Luncheon. In person or virtual. Keynote speaker Allyson Felix. Colorado Convention Center. wfco.org/connect/annual-luncheon

10/15 Tuesday—Active Minds presents: Colorado Ballot 2022. An objective review of the current initiatives and referenda on the CO state-wide, Fall ballot. 5-6pm, Free. Tattered Cover, 2526 E Colfax. activeminds.com

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Wednesdays—Mornings at the Museum. Ages 3–6, 10:30–11:15am. Free. New programs every week. Aurora History Museum, 15051 East Alameda Pkwy. Register at auroragov.org

Saturdays —Chess Club for 18 and Under. 3–4:30pm. No meeting 10/15. Ideal for ages 5–18. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/5, 10/19 & 11/2—Magic the Gathering Club. 4–5:30pm. Ideal for ages 12–18. A teen-run magic club. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/9 Sunday—Foxy and Shmoxy: Art Detectives. Foxy and Shmoxy help young children access and experience artworks in unique ways.. 10:30am–12pm. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. denverartmuseum.org

10/14 Friday—Kids Craft: Rock Painting. 2–3pm. Ages 5 and up. We provide the rocks and paint for you to create your favorite designs. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/15 Saturday—Family Program: Me and My Family. 10:30am–12:30pm. Join us for family artmaking. Walk-ins welcome. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

10/16 Sunday—Spanish Storytime at Tattered Cover Kids. 5pm. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St, Aurora. stanleymarketplace.com

10/20 Thursday—Kids Book Club. 4:30–5:30pm. Ideal ages 7–11. Discussing the poetry of Shel Silverstein. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

10/23 Thursday—Sensory-Friendly Morning. For kids with neurodiversity or sensory processing disorders. 9am–12pm. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. Free admission with ticket reservation. denverartmuseum.org

10/26 & 10/29—Art Crawl: Fall Colors. 10:30–11:15am. For caregivers with infants–14 months. Registration required. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

10/28 thru 12/18—Little Red, A New Musical. A charming, song-infused retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. Ideal for Pre-K–3rd grade. At the DCPA. denvercenter.org

MUSEUMS, ETC.

American Museum of Western Art. Advanced tickets required, admission is \$5. 1727 Tremont Pl. anschutzcollection.org

Aurora History Museum. Advanced reservation is required, admission is free. 15051 East Alameda Pkwy. auroragov.org

The Byers–Evans House Museum. Timed tickets required, History Colorado members are free. 1310 Bannock St. Tickets at historycolorado.org

The Children’s Museum. By reservation only at mychildsmuseum.org

Clyfford Still Museum. SCFD Free Days Oct. 19 & Nov. 5 from 10am to 10pm. Children ages 17 and under are always free. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

Denver Art Museum. SCFD Free Days Oct. 11 & 10am–10pm on Nov. 5 .Youth 18 & under always free. 100 W 14th Ave. Pkwy. denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens. Night at the Museums Free night, Nov. 5 at 5pm. Tickets and member reservations required all other times. 1007 York St. botanicgardens.org

Denver Firefighters Museum. SCFD Free Days Oct. 15 & 29. Hours: Tues–Sat, 10am–4pm. 1326 Tremont Pl. denverfirefightersmuseum.org

Denver Museum of Nature and Science. SCFD Free Day Oct. 9. Open till 9pm on Fridays. 2001 Colorado Blvd. Timed tickets required. dmns.org

Denver Zoo. SCFD Free Days Oct. 8 & Nov. 1. Reserve tickets at denverzoo.org. 2900 E 23rd Ave.

The Forney Museum of Transportation. Mon, Th–Sat, 10am–5pm; Sun, noon–5pm. 4303 Brighton Blvd. forneymuseum.org

Four Mile Historic Park. SCFD Free Day Oct. 16. Open Wed–Sun, 10am–4pm. 715 S. Forest St. fourmilepark.org

History Colorado. 1200 Broadway. More info at historycolorado.org

Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art. Tue–Sat, 11am–5pm; Sun 12–5pm. Ages 13+ welcome. 1201 Bannock St. kirklandmuseum.org

Molly Brown House Museum. Tue–Sun, 10am–4:30pm. 1340 Pennsylvania St. mollybrown.org

Museo de las Americas. Tue–Fri, noon–6pm. Sat, noon–5pm. Closed Mon & Sun. 861 Santa Fe Dr. museo.org

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver. Penny admission 1st Sat. of the month. 1485 Delgany St. mcadenver.org

National Ballpark Museum. 1940 Blake St. Check for days/hours at ballparkmuseum.com

The Urban Farm. Open to the public from 9am–1pm, Wed–Sat. 10200 Smith Rd. theurbanfarm.org

Wings Over the Rockies Museum. 7711 East Academy Blvd. wingsmuseum.org

PERFORMANCE/THEATRE

10/1 thru 10/30—Blithe Spirit. The smash comedy by Noel Coward. The John Hand Theater, 7653 E. 1st Pl. firehousetheatercompany.com

10/2 Sunday—One Night Stand Theater presents “Ghosts of the Radio” An evening of mystery and the supernatural. 7:30pm. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St. onenightstandtheater.org

10/4 thru 10/9—Come From Away. On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all. Buell Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

10/7 Friday—Denver Philharmonic: Blinded by the Light. A Tchaikovsky triumph. Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman St. denverphilharmonic.org

10/7 thru 10/16—Colorado Ballet Presents Dracula. A haunting, all-consuming cult favorite. 1385 Curtis St. coloradoballet.org

10/7 thru 10/30—Futurity. Expressions of violence seem to be ever-present these days. But what if there were another way? Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave. aurorafoxartscenter.org

10/8 & 10/9—Warner Bros. presents Bugs Bunny at the Symphony. Looney Tunes projected on the big screen, classical music-infused original scores played live. Boettcher Hall. coloradosymphony.org

Through 10/9—The Drowsy Chaperone. A musical within a comedy. 2:30pm & 7:30pm shows. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St. vintagetheatre.org

10/12 thru 10/15—DU Theatre Presents Last Train to Nibroc. Written by Arlene Hutton. Directed by Jessica Robblee. Tickets \$10. Byron Theatre, 2344 E Iliff Ave. newmancenterpresents.com

10/14 & 10/15—Pilobolus. A rebellious dance company, Pilobolus has tested the limits of human

physicality to explore the beauty and power of connected bodies for over 50 years. 2344 E Iliff Ave. newmancenterpresents.com

Through 10/15—Heroes of the Fourth Turning. A haunting play offering grace and disarming clarity, speaking to the heart of a country at war with itself. Curious Theatre, 1080 Acoma St. curioustheatre.org

Through 10/15—Coyote. Badger. Rattlesnake. A delightful comedy. Buntport Theater, 717 Lipan St. buntport.com

Through 10/16—The Chinese Lady. The year is 1834 and 14-year-old Afong Moy is the first Chinese woman mainland America has ever seen. Singleton Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

Through 10/16—The Piano Teacher. Written by Julia Cho. Directed by Dwayne Carrington. 2:30pm & 7:30pm shows. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St. vintagetheatre.org

10/21 to 10/22—Disney’s Hocus Pocus in Concert. In concert live to the film. Boettcher Hall. coloradosymphony.org

10/23 Sunday—Samantha Crain. Presented by Indie 102.3. 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tuft Theatre, 71 E. Yale Ave. swallowhillmusic.org

10/25 to 11/6—Ain’t Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations. New, smash-hit Broadway musical that follows The Temptations’ extraordinary journey. Ages 12+ Buell Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

Through 11/6—Much Ado About Nothing. A snappy, surprisingly timely meditation on gossip, gender roles, and the follies of romance. Kilstrom Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

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Project Worthmore. Help bag and deliver fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, and household necessities to refugees. projectworthmore.org

Reach Out and Read Colorado. Help sort and pack gently-used children’s books for underserved families. On the Clayton Early Learning Campus. Email info@reachoutandreadco.org for details.

Reading Volunteers needed to share reading with students in grades K–8 through. One hour a week. No experience necessary. Contact: Pil, 2011 | @partnersinliteracy.org.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) For volunteer opportunities, email Cathy Law at claw@voacolorado.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities Volunteer. Go to ronaldhouse.org under “How You Can Help” for info.

Single Volunteers of Greater Denver. Volunteer, not-for-profit singles group to meet others and assist non-profit organizations for events/activities. svgd.org

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1 Park Hill Golf Course Development Update

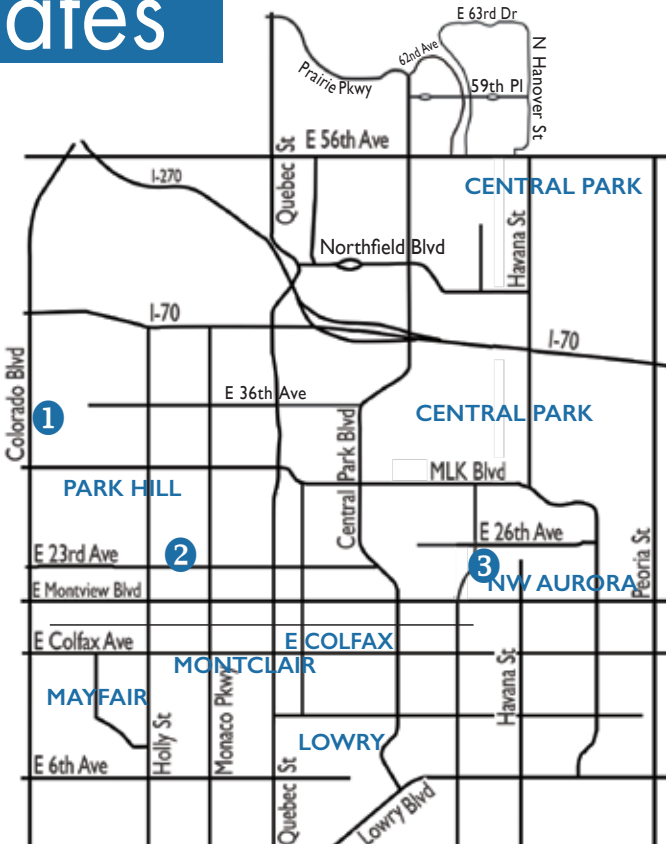
Westside Investment Partners has revealed more information about the proposed features of the former Park Hill Golf Course. During a community meeting on Sept 7, Westside principal Kenneth Ho delivered a presentation to announce the details of the project and to show the renderings of the plans.

Two-thirds of the available land would be designated for public parks and open spaces. On the eastern half of the former golf course, a 95-acre plot would be established as a regional public park that is only accessible for pedestrians and bikes.

The western portion of the golf course would feature residential blocks that branch off from Colorado Blvd and that offer approximately 3,000 housing units. At least 25 percent of these units would be designated as affordable



Westside Investment announced the proposed plans for the former Park Hill Golf Course, which would feature public parks, affordable housing, and commercial centers. Rendering courtesy of Westside Investment Partners



for low and middle-income residents, and the affordable units would be intermixed with traditional housing to enhance the diversity of the neighborhood.

Commercial centers would also be integrated into the western section of the project. A pedestrian market called “Main Street” would stretch horizontally along 38th Avenue and offer a variety of stores, restaurants, and businesses. Main Street would also merge into the park so residents can combine the activities of shopping at the

stores, eating at the restaurants, and playing in the park. Additionally, a large plot on 35th Avenue would be used to build a grocery store for the community.

The plan still needs to be approved by voters because a conservation easement prohibits the land from being used for any purpose other than a golf course. As a result, Denver residents must vote on the proposal in a city-wide election for the government to lift the easement and for Westside to develop the land. Westside hopes to place the proposal on an election ballot in 2023, but the measure is likely to become a contentious issue. Opponents of the development project say that preserving the golf course as a public park would benefit residents by improving their physical health, mental wellbeing, air quality, and recreational activities. However, supporters of the project contend that the North-east Park Hill community also needs affordable housing, food options, and business centers.

2 Park Hill Open Studio Tour October 15 & 16

The Park Hill Open Studio Tour for this year will feature 23 neighborhood artists at eleven studio locations throughout Park Hill. The tour will spotlight artists who work with ceramics, watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, jewelry, collage, blown glass, cold wax, mixed media, and much more. The artists will display their work, conduct demonstrations, and answer



Patricia Clark is one of the featured artists on the Park Hill Open Studios Tour. She teaches painting and will be exhibiting her work at the Art Garage.

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questions. Nine artists will also showcase their pieces at the Art Garage that is located at 6100 East 23rd Avenue. The Art Garage is a community art center offering classes and special events for all ages. The center will also provide free maps of all the studio locations, which will be open from 10am-5pm on October 15 and 16. Painter Patricia Clark says taking part in the tour is a great way “to support local artists and learn about different approaches to the creative process.”

3 Second Dawn Brewing Slated to Open Soon

A large, new brewpub expects to open in Northwest Aurora by the end of October. Located at 23rd and Dayton, Second Dawn Brewing will feature a 5,100 square-foot space for the indoor bar and a 1,000 square-foot patio for outdoor seating. Owner Ross Koenigs previously worked for New Belgium in Fort Collins, where he won several Great American Beer Festival awards and helped develop the Voodoo Ranger beer that became a top-selling IPA brew. Second Dawn is Koenigs’ first solo venture. He plans to use his brewing experience to create approximately ten recipes that will include unique brewing techniques, beer ingredients, and juice combinations.



Second Dawn Brewing in NW Aurora will offer an indoor taproom, outdoor patio, and unique beer recipes developed by owner Ross Koenigs.

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Olivia - Age 9



Aiden - Age 8



Everly - Age 8



Spencer - Age 7



Ryan - Age 7



Hunter - Age 6



Chloe - Age 6

FINAL FARMERS MARKET AND PUMPKIN PATCH

Sunday, October 9th, 8:30am–12:30pm, South Green (29th Ave & Roslyn St)

The 2022 Pumpkin Patch will be held on Sunday, October 9th. Shoppers will receive a coupon for every \$5 they spend at the vendors' booths. Coupons can be redeemed at the pumpkin patch for a free pumpkin. There will be a variety of pumpkin sizes ranging from small to large. Pumpkin quantities are very limited, and coupons are only valid while supplies last.

Coupon details:

- 1 Ticket = 1 small pumpkin
- 3 Tickets = 1 medium pumpkin
- 5 Tickets = 1 large pumpkin

Pumpkins will be separated by sizes and located on the stage on the east side of The Green. Pumpkins are very limited and are not guaranteed. This market will be the final Farmers Market of the season.

2023 DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

The MCA is currently accepting delegate nominations for 2023! All nominations received no later than **November 1, 2022**, will be included on the official ballot as part of the Annual Members' Meeting Mailing. Visit bit.ly/delegate80238 for the official nomination form, open seats, and more information!

ACTIVE MINDS: The Lewis & Clark Expedition

Thursday, October 13th, 1–2pm. Sam Gary Library

Join us for a program focusing upon Lewis & Clark's expedition that opened the West over 200 years ago. We will discuss the achievements and challenges of the expedition as well as the legacies it left for the young nation. Building upon the experiences from the expedition, we will also discuss the evolution of our country's relationship with Native Americans and the lands they inhabited.

ACTIVE MINDS: Colorado Ballot 2022

Thursday, October 27th, 6:30–7:30pm, Online

Join Active Minds for an objective review of the current initiatives and referenda on the Colorado statewide ballot this fall. We will review each proposal, presenting the arguments on both sides. We will also review the referendum and initiative process in Colorado, including its history, pros and cons, and significant legislation that has resulted from this process in the past.

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