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PVIA Meetings: Monthly meetings are held at Sabin Elementary School, (Dartmouth & Vrain) on the: First Tues. of the month at 6:30 pm

PVIA 2016 Social Events

Easter Egg Hunt – Mar. 19th
Garage Sale – June 3 & 4

Trash Schedule 2016:

4/6 Trash, Overflow
4/13 Trash, Recycle
4/20 Trash
4/27 Trash & Recycle

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NEXT PVIA HOA MEETING: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Sabin Elementary School.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EASTER EGG HUNT Due to pending weather forecasted for this Saturday, (and we don't want to disappoint the kids), we have prepared goodie bags ready for the kids to pick up at the home of: **Jane Brown, 3761 So. Eaton St. from 12-2:00 pm on Saturday.** Stop by and pick one up.

ISLAND COMMITTEE Rocky Mountain Tree Care came out again and looked at our Pear Trees in the island and said they will probably both bloom this year. So we are just going to wait and see what happens before making any decisions on what to do. We will be planting another Globe Spruce in the entry way this spring.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE The Architectural Control Committee would like to say hello to all the Pinecrest Village residents. We have not had much to report over these last few Winter months. However Spring is approaching and some of us are undoubtedly thinking about Summer projects. Last Summer several of our Homeowners took on the project of painting their homes and they all turned out very nice. Thanks to all who provided Color Samples to the Committee for approval. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all the Homeowners planning to dig in the yard this summer to "Know what's below", "Call before you dig". Call Colorado 811 at 811 or visit www.colorado811.org. Locators will then be dispatched to mark the underground lines. These lines can be anywhere in the yard. Be safe call 811 and learn the areas in your yard that have underground lines. Make a record of those areas for future reference. What happens if you don't call, you may ask? You could end up with interruption of service, project delays, and legal problems. Be safe and enjoy the coming warm Spring days.

FROM COUNCILMAN KEVIN FLYNN:

I am happy to report that Denver is going to hire 41 additional police officers this year as a result of my work to increase public safety. Rather than hiring 44 new officers this year, as first outlined in the 2016 budget last fall, we are going to put 85 recruits into our police academy.

But it won't stop there. As a result of a police staffing analysis conducted due to my efforts, Police Chief Robert White is recommending that the authorized strength of the Denver Police Department be ramped up to 1,570 by 2019.

That will be an increase of 150 officers over the number of officers we had on the street just two months ago. And it will get us back to the department strength we had in 2008, before the recession halted new police hiring and our numbers dropped by 230 officers due to retirements and other departures. We've slowly been building back from a low 1,340 officers in 2013.

Building up the uniformed strength of the Denver Police Department was my first objective after taking office in July. Response times to 911 calls were unacceptably long, and the crime rate has been rising. Crime was up citywide 8.2 percent in 2015, with property crime up 7.3 percent and violent crime up 13.4 percent. However, in Council District 2, the numbers are more troubling. The overall crime rate was up 12.3 percent last year. Property crime increased 11.2 percent and violent crime was up nearly 20 percent.

Did You Know

In 1942, the United States was faced with a severe shortage of pilots, and leaders gambled on an experimental program to help fill the void: Train women to fly military aircraft so male pilots could be released for combat duty overseas.

The group of female pilots was called the **Women Airforce Service Pilots** — WASP for short. In 1944, during the graduation ceremony for the last WASP training class, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Forces, Henry "Hap" Arnold, said that when the program started, he wasn't sure "whether a slip of a girl could fight the controls of a B-17 in heavy weather." "Now in 1944, it is on the record that women can fly as well as men," Arnold said.

A few more than 1,100 young women, all civilian volunteers, flew almost every type of military aircraft — including the B-26 and B-29 bombers — as part of the WASP program. They ferried new planes long distances from factories to military bases and departure points across the country. They tested newly overhauled planes. And they towed targets to give ground and air gunners training shooting — with live ammunition. The WASP expected to become part of the military during their service. Instead, the program was canceled after just two years.

WASP's weren't granted military status until the 1970s. And now, 65 years after their service, they will receive the highest civilian honor given by the U.S. Congress a bill awarding the WASP the Congressional Gold Medal.

During the war, the women were considered civilians. But since 1977, federal law has granted them status as veterans. Since 2002, they have been eligible to have their ashes placed at Arlington with military honors. But in March 2015, then-Secretary of the Army John McHugh ruled that WASPs never should have been allowed in and revoked their eligibility.

It will take time for the new hires come on board and show results. So I ask you to continue taking part in preventing and solving crime by calling police when you see anything suspicious. In this data-driven world, police resources are allocated to areas where calls for service originate. One of Chief White's strategic goals is to have officers spend 35 percent of their time in pro-active community policing — initiating contacts and meeting the people. Right now, too much of an officer's day is spent going from call to call — reactive policing. We can and will do better. The staffing analysis he did quantified the number of officers needed to achieve that goal.

I want to thank Chief White for his and his staff's thorough analysis, which documented the need for higher authorized strength. I also want to thank those constituents who contacted me on this issue, testified during City Council's budget hearing and took the time to write to the chief and the mayor's office attesting to the need for additional police officers.

Finally, I want to thank Mayor Michael Hancock for agreeing to set aside sufficient funding in the 2016 contingency fund to accommodate this additional hiring. Public safety is the first mission of local government, in my estimation. In our rapidly growing city, that requires a growing police department.

Just over 1,000 women were accepted into the WASP program, which ran from 1942 to 1944. There are an estimated 112 WASPs still alive, according to Kate Landdeck, a history professor at Texas Woman's University. Landdeck has researched the WASPs and advocated for their inclusion at Arlington.

The acting Army secretary has signaled his support for legislation that would reverse a decision by his predecessor and allow female World War II pilots known as WASPs to continue placing their ashes at Arlington National Cemetery. They are still waiting that decision.





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