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All entries are subject to the approval by the Pres. of PVIA

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

PVIA 2014 Social Events
December 6 – Christmas Party
6:00 pm. Foothills Club House

Trash Schedule:

11/26 – Recycle
12/3 – Overflow
12/10 – Recycle
12/24 – Recycle & Overflow

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Next HOA Meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014 at Sabin Elementary at 6:30 pm.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTED Nominations took place on November 4th at the regular HOA meeting. The nominations were the same existing board members who graciously accepted their nominations for the 2015 board year with the exception of secretary. The new secretary is: Rachael Collins. Welcome aboard!

GUEST SPEAKER **Maro Casparian**, Director of Consumer Protection from the Denver District Attorney's has been rescheduled for January 6th.

SOCIAL Reminder, the Christmas Party is **Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 pm at Foothills Club House.** See you all there!

ISLAND/ENTRYWAY Decorating the entryway for Christmas was done a little early this year in anticipation of bad weather. Thank you to all who helped in this effort.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST With further discussion, the board has reconsidered the "Christmas Lighting Contest" which will take place on **Friday, December 19th**. Please have your displays turned on by 6 pm. Cash prizes will be \$30, \$40, and \$50.

NASTY Someone in our neighborhood has a **nasty habit** of dumping their cigarette ashtray butts out in the middle of the street (Lehigh Ave & S. Depew St.) as well as our community entrance and has been reported several times. This littering, according to the City of Denver website, is illegal and is a class 2 misdemeanor charge with hefty fines attached. We live in a beautiful area and want this nasty behavior stopped immediately. It is upsetting to think that any individual would think they were entitled to trash our community at will. If you see anyone littering, please take down the license plate number and call 311. The goal of all homeowners is to keep our neighborhood clean and our home values strong.

NEIGHBORHOOD THIEFT A car was stolen from in front of one of our resident's home. The car was parked, not running, and still had snow on it. Thieves are just waiting for you to slip up. If it's outside, it's good pickings. **It's important to park your car in your garage for safe keeping.** Cars are not cheap to replace. Prevention is the best policy.

FROM COUNCILWOMAN JEANNE FAATZ

Let it Snow

With winter weather around the corner, it is time to discuss city snow rules and policies. For new residents in our neighborhood, this may be new information. For longer-time residents, it's a reminder.

Residents have the responsibility of removing snow on sidewalks around their home. Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers rely on clear walkways. Residential and business rules differ.

Once snow has stopped falling, residences have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. Businesses have four (4) hours. If you detect a problem, please contact Denver 3-1-1 to provide the address of unshoveled sidewalks.

Denver has a Snow Buddy program to pair healthy volunteers with seniors 60+ within a 2 mile radius of one another. It is a partnership with Volunteers of America. If you are interested, please check out <http://www.voacolorado.org/Volunteer/View-All-Opportunities/Snow-Buddies-Volunteer.html>. There is an application process which includes a \$20 fee for a background check. Seniors who cannot shovel their own walk can call 303-297-0408 to be paired with a Snow Buddy if one is available. Numerous private

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DID YOU KNOW:

Little Know Facts about Christmas

- In 1965 two astronauts on their way back to orbit spotted something in space they couldn't identify. Frantic, they radioed Mission Control. After several minutes of tense silence, engineers at Cape Canaveral began hearing the faint jingle of sleigh bells followed by a harmonica rendition of "Jingle Bells" ... played by none other than the two "frantic" astronauts. The men later donated the harmonica and bells to the National Museum of Space & Aeronautics in Washington, where they now sit on display.

- Even before the arrival of Christianity, Germans decorated evergreen trees to brighten the dark, gloomy days of the winter solstice. The first "Christmas trees" appeared in Strasbourg in the 17th century and spread to Pennsylvania in the 1820s with the arrival of German immigrants. When Queen Victoria married Germany's Prince Albert in 1840, he brought the tradition to England. Eight years later, the first American newspaper ran a picture of the royal Christmas tree, and Americans outside Pennsylvania quickly followed suit.

companies also offer snow removal for a fee and occasionally advertise in your homeowner association's newsletter.

Denver plows main streets – streets with stripes – with its largest plows. The city may also use anti-icer and de-icer to improve the condition of the roads, both when the snow starts to fall and after it has accumulated on the pavement.

Residential streets are plowed only during a Major Snow Event. Such an event is defined as receiving 12 inches or more of snow between the dates of November 15 and March 15, accompanied by prolonged freezing temperatures. The city will deploy pick-up trucks mounted with plows to plow residential streets. They will plow one lane down the center of neighborhood streets and will not apply any de-icing materials.

Denver Parks & Recreation will perform snow removal on park property and select sidewalks, such as bridges and underpasses within the city. Recreation centers will also be plowed and shoveled, including weekend hours as needed.

For latest updates on major snow events and snow removal plans and activities, visit www.denversnowplan.com.



- Christmas traditions vary from culture to culture. Finns often visit saunas on Christmas Eve, while Portuguese revelers hold a feast on Christmas Day for the living and the dead (extra places are set for the souls of the deceased). In Greece, some believe that goblins called *kallikantzeri* run wild during the 12 days of Christmas, and most Greeks don't exchange presents until Jan. 1, St. Basil's Day. Thanks to their geographic location, most Australians and New Zealanders enjoy Christmas on the beach or at barbecues. Spain, meanwhile, hosts the world's largest lottery.

- From 1659 to 1681, showcasing one's holiday spirit in Boston could cost you a fine of as much as five shillings. That's right — Christmas used to be *illegal*. It's somewhat surprising, then, that the same puritanical minds also created the first American batch of eggnog at Captain John Smith's 1607 Jamestown settlement. (The word *nog* comes from the word *grog*; that is, any drink made with rum.) Christmas was so inconsequential in early America that after the Revolutionary War, Congress didn't even bother taking the day off to celebrate the holiday, deciding instead to hold its first session on Christmas Day, 1789. It took almost a century for Congress to proclaim it a federal holiday.

The PVIA Board would like to wish all our residence a

Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year



***The Nicest Present
Under the tree the gifts enthrall,
But the nicest present of them all
Is filling our thoughts with those who care,
Wanting our Christmas joy to share.
To you, whom we're often thinking of,
We send our holiday joy and love.***

By Joanna and Karl Fuchs
