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Welcome New Editors of the Platt Park Post

by Greg Pulliam, 3PA Ad Sales

Wow! Two neighbors stepped up and volunteered to be editors of the Platt Park Post, in response to the appeal in the November-December issue. Welcome to Gretchen Healey and Mark Newton! They have agreed to share the load and work as co-editors — such good fortune for Platt Park!

Gretchen has lived in Platt Park for more than 16 years. Her regular line of work is assisting travel-related businesses in crafting and maximizing the effectiveness of their communications to clients and potential clients. Gretchen was a member of the 3PA Board from approximately 2005–2009.

Mark has lived in Platt Park for ten years. He retired two years ago after 35 years teaching journalism in public schools, most recently at Mountain Vista High School in Highlands Ranch. Mark said he has been looking for something meaningful to do in retirement. The Platt Park neighborhood is fortunate that Mark has chosen the PPP as a recipient of his talents.

THANK YOU to Gretchen and Mark! And THANK YOU again to our immediate past Platt Park Post editor - Nora Weiser!

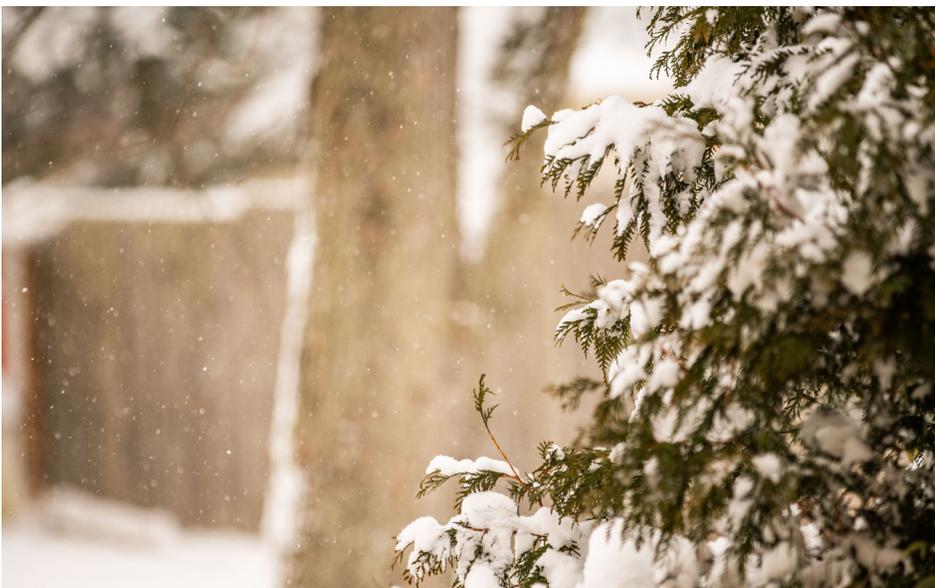


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Neighborhood Notes

Maybe it's been a Covid thing but it sure seems like it has been a longer, colder-than-usual winter around here. The ice on my pond has been there since about Thanksgiving. Guess it is a mixed blessing that all my fish were served up last fall as delicacies to the wandering hordes of raccoons, coyotes (do coyotes eat fish?), assorted birds and probably a squirrel or two. Let's get some of those warm Colorado days going, shall we? Hope you are enjoying (and reading) the online version of the *Platt Park Post*. We hope to get back to print eventually but for now at least this version is in living color. Yeah!

Let's lay to rest one of the burning questions you've been wondering about. What the heck is the big blue building on South Broadway named **Cookies** that always has a line outside? If you were hoping for some purveyor of amazing cookies (maybe white chocolate macadamia?) you'd be wrong. Pot shop! Yep. I guess not just any cannabis dispensary but evidently something of a big deal if you are an aficionado of such things. Cookies is a California-based company with over a dozen locations. They are known for some of their unique strains that have developed a considerable following, hence the line. Not sure if they sell actual cookies however. So now you know.



Speaking of lines on Broadway, the other little shop that I've been seeing daily lines in front of is **Wake & Bake** Denver (1301 S Broadway). No not a pot shop (but maybe a little play on words there??) but doughnuts. Now if you are still coming out of your Covid quarantine haze you may be asking, "wasn't there a Winchell's Donuts there just the other day?" and you'd be right. Juan Lopez, the new owner, purchased the Winchell's in 2019 with an agreement to run it as such for a year. When that period ended everything changed. Juan is still selling donuts, not boring old Winchell's donuts, but a whole new experience from décor

to, well, the donuts. The menu is greatly expanded to include a host of pastries as well as savory delights like pastries stuffed with hot links, sausage and cheddar, eggs and much more. There are bagel sandwiches, espresso drinks and fresh juices...all kinds of fun. Wake & Bake is open from the slightly unusual hours of 1 a.m. (yes, that's 'a.m.') to 4 p.m. every day. You can order online at wakeandbake.live.



Probably old news to many of you by now but way back last summer, at 1472 S. Pearl Street, next to Stella's Coffee shop, **etc. Eatery** (not a typo) opened. Hey, let's open a brand-new restaurant right square in the middle of the pandemic. Who's in? Well as it turns out new owner Tim Chladek was all in. Tim had been considering opening a restaurant for some time. On Mother's Day 2020, he was patiently waiting to grab some takeout from Sushi Den (yes, per his mother's request). Parked outside the recently closed Palizo Italian restaurant he inquired about the space and as he tells the story three days later, he was under



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contract to purchase the building. In what had to be some sort of a world record for opening a new restaurant, about two months later etc. Eatery was born.

The concept of etc. is to serve comfort food, not just American style, but comfort food with an international flare. At the time of this writing due to Covid restrictions, etc. Eatery is limited to 25% seating capacity and takeout. During this period the menu is pared down as well but Tim hopes by end of February or early March to be back to full menu for both lunch and Dinner. In addition to American comfort staples like burgers and fried chicken you'll find things like pork belly banh mi, karaage (Japanese-style fried chicken), ahi poke bowls, Texas-style chili and so much more. Right now, for lunch they feature six different kinds of soup. We sampled the minestrone and chicken noodle, and both were amazing — perfect for a chilly afternoon. As the weather warms up all four patios will be open so it's a perfect place to take in the happenings on Pearl Street along with your meal. Covid operating hours are Wednesday through Sunday Noon till 9 pm. You can order online at etcdenver.com.

The infection rate in Denver is trending down at the time of this writing and spring is not that far around the corner. With a few million vaccinations hopefully under our belt and some diligent mask wearing maybe by our next issue we can all feel like we are climbing out from under the pandemic somewhat. We can only hope! All the best to you and your loved ones.

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My Second Great Love Affair

My First Love Being Air

by Jen Grauer, Platt Park Green Team

What do increasing smoke days from forest fires, non-swimming days in reservoirs due to blue-green algae, plant damage from grasshoppers / insect infestations, and man-made snow at ski resorts have in common? Drought.

According to the the US Drought Monitor, as of January 12, 2021, Colorado is at these drought levels:

- 100% of Colorado is abnormally dry:
Hay production decreases, irrigation begins sooner
- 100% of Colorado is in a moderate drought:
Wildfires, dryland crops suffer, ski season limited
- 91% in severe drought:
Longer fire season, farmers reduce planting, low snowpack/river flow
- 73% in extreme drought (including Denver County):
Large wildfires, city landscapes dying, insect infestation, fish dying, rafting/fishing/hunting/skiing reduced, reservoirs extremely low, water temperature increases
- 27% in exceptional drought (the highest, worst level):
Dust storms that remove topsoil (think depression era dust bowl), large economic losses in agriculture and tourism

When the water keeps flowing out of our taps and the price of water is still relatively cheap in our “[Great American Desert](#),” it’s easy to neglect our duty to conserve water, especially during times of abundant snowfall and rain but even during times of drought.

Like money, we need to reduce our spending/use of water to ensure we have enough for today’s critical needs and the future. Every drop we save today will increase the surface water in rivers and reservoirs and build up our “savings” in the groundwater.

Visible water savings:

We interact with and use water every day. Its most important functions are humidity, hydration and growing food. We are lucky enough to also enjoy water to keep ourselves and society healthy and clean.

Turning off a faucet while washing hands or brushing teeth = saves from 1/2 to 5 gallons

Taking standard size bath for 30 minutes instead of a shower for 30 minutes = saves 40 gallons

Reduce shower time by 10 minutes and switch to [1.5 gpm aerated shower head](#) = saves 35 gallons

35 gallons per shower x 30 days = saves 1,050 gallons

Have you looked at your gallon use on your water bill?

Can you make changes to get closer to “[water efficiency](#)” each month?

Water efficiency is:

2,440 gallons or less with 2 people in your house

4,880 gallons or less with 4 people in your house

Invisible water savings:

All products—food, beverages, containers, all things/stuff and energy— require water to produce. Each product has a water footprint that we cannot see directly but reduces the amount of freshwater available for use. [Of all the fresh water Colorado uses, 89% goes to agriculture](#) and the largest percent of our agriculture is in raising cattle.

Dinner at Park Burger?

Choosing the Veggie Park Burger instead of the beef Park Burger = saves 570 gallons of water.*

Choosing a pound of Colorado grown organic pinto beans instead of one pound of Colorado beef = save 1,620 gallons of water x 5.759 million Coloradans = 9.330 billion gallons of Colorado fresh water saved.

Jeans have a hole but you already lived through that trend in the 80s?

Choose second-hand jeans (sans holes) [here](#) and [here](#) instead of new = save 2,900 gallons of water

Vacation souvenir?

Take a picture and leave the T-shirt in the shop = save 650 gallons of water

All that grocery shopping got ya thirsty?

Wait until you get home and skip the plastic bottle = save 1.85 gallons of water

With just a few easy choices and habit changes we can ensure Colorado—and our global society—has enough water for drinking, food, daily life, recreation and our economy.

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Extra resources:

Water footprint of foods: [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Water footprint of things: [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Calculate your water footprint [here](#)

Water footprint app: [here](#)

Water documentaries worth watching: [Flow](#), [Blue Gold](#), [Tapped](#).

Notes:

These water savings are estimates. Different websites state differing amounts. One website said it takes over 9,000 gallons of water to make jeans when dyeing and washing are included, another said it takes 1,800 gallons to produce jeans. You get the idea, either way it's a lot of water. Burger water savings: 1/3 lb burger 600 gallons - 1/6 lb veg burger 30 gallons..not including bun and fixings. Beef vs bean savings: 1 lb beef 1,800 gallons - 1 lb beans 180 gallons



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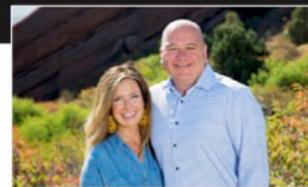
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Denver City Council Lucky 7 District Update

By Jolon Clark, Councilman

Hello Platt Park neighbors! Happy New Year!

Bring Your Own Bag

We challenge you to commit to a New Year sustainability goal — refuse and reuse! Denver residents use almost 200 million plastic bags each year, and many end up in landfills, rivers, and in trees. While City Council agreed to delay implementation of the “Bring Your Own Bag” ordinance, a 10-cent fee on most single-use plastic and paper bags, until July 1, 2021, now is a great time to get in practice of bringing your reusable bags to the store.

Here are some tips from our Solid Waste team:

- Write “Bring Bags” at the top of your grocery list and put your bags with your list.
- Post a reminder note by your door.
- Hang your bags by your door or put them back in your car or bike basket as soon as you empty and clean them.
- Store or clip an extra bag in your purse or backpack.
- Keep a spare bag at work.
- Put your coupons in your bag.
- If you regularly shop on a set day of the week, put a reminder in your phone for that day to bring your bags.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Denver received the first shipments of the vaccine in mid-December and vaccination is currently underway for individuals who fall into the first phase of the state’s vaccination plan.

The vaccine is free, but some providers/pharmacies may ask for insurance so that they can bill for the vaccine administration fee. Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance will cover the cost of the COVID-19 vaccines. In addition, uninsured Coloradans will have access to free vaccines.

Additional information can be found on the state’s COVID-19 vaccine website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/vaccine-for-coloradans>

Until the vaccine is widely available, we all need to continue following critical public health protocols. Wear a mask in public, maintain at least six feet of distance from others, avoid gatherings, wash your hands often, and stay home when you are sick. Visit denvergov.org/covid19 for information to learn more on the vaccine roll-out.

Iowa Underpass Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements

Our engineers have finally got the green light to move forward with the Iowa Underpass. The project will be split into two phases: (1) Santa Fe and the intersection, and (2) Iowa. The project will provide a critical and safe connection underneath the railroad tracks and to the South Platte River Trail, and will come with improved crossings and new sidewalks for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The design for the Santa Fe shared use path is completed and construction will begin later this year. The Iowa underpass, which includes the removal of the stairs to create an ADA accessible, separated path, will occur in 2022. For more information on the project: <https://www.luckydistrict7.org/projects2.html>.

Please reach out with your question, comments and concerns. My team and I are working remotely, but we are ready to assist you.

To reach Councilman Clark:

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McKinley-Thatcher Elementary Update

School leaders at McKinley-Thatcher Elementary, 1230 S. Grant Street, are hard at work this school year rising to the many challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

School leaders have invested in livestreaming cameras for most classrooms, focused fundraising and community outreach efforts on supporting vulnerable families, and embraced the virtual era of school recruiting.

They would like to express their gratitude to their school community and the Platt Park neighborhood for helping to raise \$5,200 since March 2020 to support school families with everything from food to clothes to childcare. They raised an additional \$4,750 in December 2020 specifically to support school families through the winter holidays. The generosity of this community continues to be a vital part of caring for everyone at McKinley-Thatcher.

Community members who are interested in helping to further support McKinley can join the school's recurring monthly fundraising events.

The second Monday of each month is McKinley Monday at Divino Wine & Spirits, 1240 S. Broadway. All day, 25% of Divino's profits will be donated to McKinley, so please stop by!

The second Tuesday of each month is McKinley Restaurant Day at Birdcall. Dine at any Birdcall location (the nearest location is at 1535 E. Evans Ave.) and use the special code "mckinley" to have 35% of sales donated back to the school.

In January and February, McKinley-Thatcher will be focused on Round One of SchoolChoice, which runs until February 16.

SchoolChoice is the Denver Public Schools program designed to ensure all students have access to quality schools. Families complete a SchoolChoice application to sign up for a space at their preferred school.

During Round One, families who are interested in enrolling at McKinley can visit mckinleythatcher.dpsk12.org/school-tours to sign up for a Zoom Open House with the principal, see the school's digital brochure, and experience a brand-new video tour, one of the first in the district.

Grant Beacon Middle School Update

By Roseyn Hood

It is with enthusiasm and gratitude that we look forward to welcoming back our Grant Beacon students to campus!

While our 6th graders were on campus the week of January 25, we are anxious about the return of all three grade levels the week of February 1.

Students who selected the in-person learning option will begin in a hybrid model, attending Mondays and Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Thursdays based on their assigned cohort. Friday will be an asynchronous day for all learners.

We are excited to share all of the new and upgraded spaces with each of you.

The brand new cafeteria is reflective of the Beacon core values, and throughout the building, students will quickly recognize the new features of our extensive remodeling project.

We have worked diligently to infuse the school colors in the new flooring and furniture. With a completely new front office, students will find both staff, administration, and the health aide easily accessible.

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Denver South High School Update

by Principal Bobby Thomas, from Denver South Weekly Communication, January 22, 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic and return to in-person learning has presented educators with an instructional challenge: How can a teacher effectively teach to in-person learners and at-home learners at the same time?

This challenge is further compounded by the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted our communities of color and we see the effect in our in-person return at South: 78% of our white students have selected in-person learning, compared to 60% for our students of color. In order to continue our work to close the achievement gap, and not allow that gap to widen even further, we have been very intentional with our hybrid instructional approach. We want to ensure high-quality instruction for all students, no matter if they have chosen in-person or virtual.

To that effect, in-person instruction will not look or be what many families anticipated and will look different than it has in more typical years. Students and staff will wear masks and may wear gloves and face shields. There may be physical barriers separating students in classrooms, sanitation breaks for shared spaces, temperature checks, and limited bathroom breaks. Additionally, other health and safety guardrails may be implemented.

Our end goal is to minimize screen fatigue for in-person learning, provide more professional development and support for teachers to livestream equitably for all cohorts, enhance hybrid learning, and become more interactive.

What will instruction look like?

Students are scheduled to return to school February 9.

- Teachers (both remote and in-person) will be instructing three groups of students at any given time.
- Students will be in one of three groups:
 - Cohort A: in-person Tuesday/Wednesday, remote Thursday/Friday.
 - Cohort B: in-person Thursday/Friday, remote Tuesday/Wednesday.
 - Cohort C: 100% remote.
- Teachers will address all three cohorts simultaneously while providing opportunities for:
 - Collaboration between cohorts.
 - In-person and remote checks for understanding
 - Small group instruction.
- All direct instruction will occur through Google Meets.
 - In-person students will physically go to their classroom, and log onto the scheduled Google Meet.

- Remote students will attend class during their scheduled time on Google Meets, as we are doing now.
- Attendance will be recorded for each student whether they attend in-person or stay home.

How will asynchronous learning time be used?

- During asynchronous learning blocks, students should use that time to:
 - Meet virtually with teachers in order to clarify misunderstandings, discuss extension activities, get feedback on specific assignments, etc...
 - Complete missing assignments.
 - Complete extension activities.
 - Go “screen-free” and complete instructional tasks that do not require technology.

Remote Teachers

- Teachers with remote accommodations will continue to teach their classes from home, as they are currently doing.
- A staff member will be in the remote teacher’s classroom at South to provide supervision for in-person students.
- This assigned staff member will not be teaching. All instruction will come from the remote teacher.

Refer to each school’s website for current information:

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Platt Park Holiday Lights Contest

The winning home in the inaugural Platt Park Holiday Lights Contest was 1541 S. Corona (shown in the accompanying picture).

Neighbor Sam Cox initiated a Holiday Lights Contest for Platt Park in December. Sam posted information about the contest, including a nomination form and the ballot for voting, on NextDoor Platt Park in early December. 3PA also sent an eBlast alerting neighbors to the contest.

If you are not signed up to receive eBlasts from 3PA, [sign up here](#).

Sam, who said holiday lights lift his spirit, said his primary motivation for the contest was to help lift neighbors' spirits considering all the difficult things going on in the world now. He also said he thought that a friendly neighborhood competition would be fun.

Runner-up recipients were:

- 1928 S. Washington
- 1282 S. Lincoln
- 1167 S. Sherman
- 1591 S. Sherman

Another 13 houses received Honorable Mention recognition in the balloting, although they were not officially entered in the competition.

In addition to specific houses, the following blocks received Honorable Mention honors:

- 1600 block of S. Grant
- 2000 block of S. Sherman
- 1100 block of S. Logan
- 1400 block of S. Washington
- 1700 block of S. Emerson

Sam said he is planning to repeat the competition in December 2021 with plans to improve the event by getting started sooner and finding better ways to get information out to people so they can enter the competition and vote for their favorites.

If you have ideas or suggestions for Sam, reach out to him at: sambo.cox@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the participants in the 2020 Holiday Lights Contest — and, here's to bigger and better in 2021!



Top 10 Things to Know about Denver Water Replacing Your Lead Service Line

by Jay Adams, Denver Water

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of stories about Denver Water's Lead Reduction Program. You can read the first story in the Nov./Dec. edition of the Platt Park People's Association newsletter.

If you own a home, you've probably replaced appliances, furniture, faucets, and maybe a toilet or two. But most people have likely never replaced their water service line — it's the pipe that brings water into your home.

Customers own their service lines, not Denver Water. And while the water Denver Water provides is lead-free, lead can enter water when it passes through customer-owned service lines or household plumbing fixtures.

When Denver Water launched its [Lead Reduction Program](#) on Jan. 1, 2020, and began [notifying more than 64,000 customers](#) that the utility will be replacing lead service lines at no direct cost, the announcement was greeted with many questions.

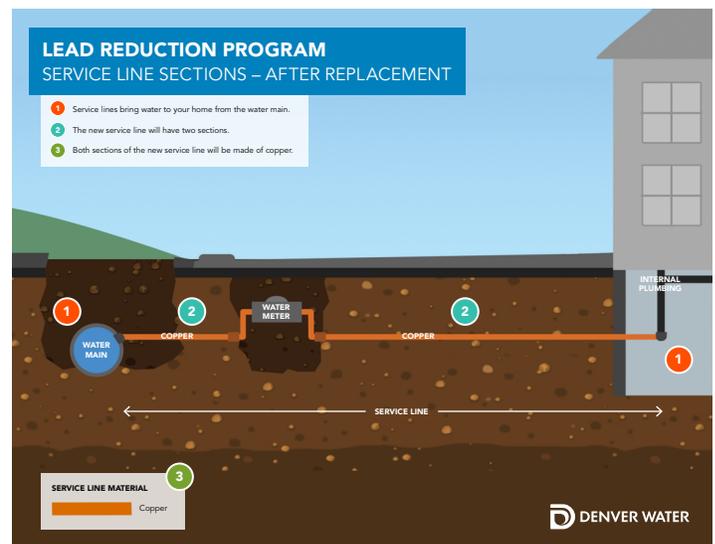
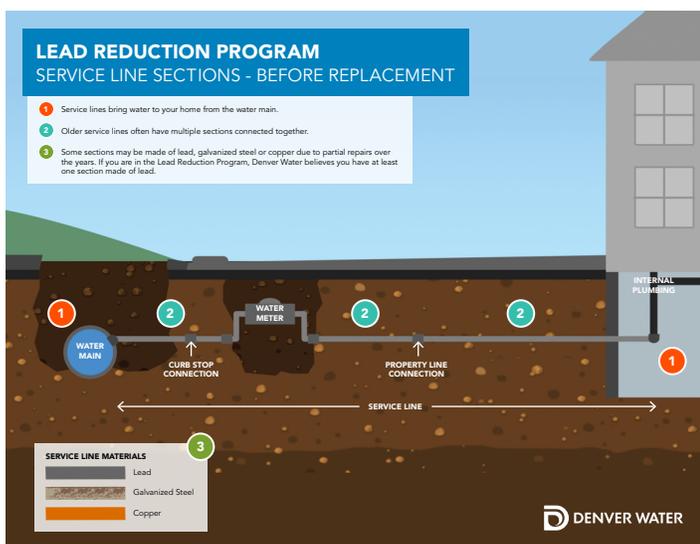
To help you understand the process, we've rounded up a Top 10 list of what to expect when your lead service line is going to be replaced.

1. A Denver Water representative or one of our contractors will inspect your home and meet with you to review the service line replacement process. The crews follow COVID-19 safety precautions during all in-person meetings, including social distancing and wearing face coverings. We also ask that home and property owners wear face coverings and maintain a minimum of 6 feet of separation when interacting with workers.
2. Denver Water will replace your service line, from the

house to the water main in the street, with a new lead-free copper pipe. This work is being done at no direct cost to the customer.

3. Your water will be turned off for up to eight hours and crews will give you a heads-up before they turn off the water. Please plan accordingly.
4. You and your family do not need to leave the home during the construction work. Your electricity will remain on the entire time. If you choose to leave, at least one person who is 18 years old or older must be on-site during the process.
5. You'll need to move vehicles from in front of your house from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. to make room for the work crews and their equipment.
6. Workers will dig two holes to replace the service line. One hole will be dug in the street to reach the spot where your service line connects to the water main. The second hole will be dug around the water meter. The meter is usually located in your property's public right of way, often near the street and sidewalk. Most replacements do not require digging a trench on the property. Both holes will be filled in after the work is done.
7. Crews will try to limit disturbances to plants and landscaping, but there will be some impact. Workers will restore the property to a level surface after replacing the service line. A landscaping company will come back in a few weeks to do additional restoration work if needed.
8. Crews may replace multiple lead service lines on the same street, so construction equipment could be on your block for a couple of weeks.
9. Immediately after construction, a temporary street repair patch will be placed to ensure the road is safe. A permanent repair will be made later.

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- 10. Crews will flush debris that got into the service line after the construction work. You will need to flush your faucets to flush debris out of your internal pipes. Our crews will give you instructions and we have information available on our website.

It is important to know that replacing the estimated 64,000-84,000 customer-owned service lines in our service area will take [15 years](#) to complete. Denver Water is entering the second year of this effort in 2021.

Denver Water plans work areas for the Lead Reduction Program about one year in advance due to the need to coordinate with other projects and the city. If customers don't want to wait for their service lines to be replaced by Denver Water, there is a [partial reimbursement](#) program available. In addition to the service line replacement, Denver Water has additional protections in place for customers, such as providing free water [pitchers and filters](#) certified to remove lead, and increasing the [pH level](#) of the water to reduce the risk of lead exposure.

Denver Water provides [illustrations](#) and a [video](#) about how the process works and has additional information about the Lead Reduction Program at denverwater.org/Lead. Customers can also call our Customer Care team at 303-893-2444 and sign up for a [monthly newsletter about the Lead Reduction Program](#).

To learn more about Denver Water's work to bring you safe, clean, reliable water, [sign up for TAP](#), a free, weekly newsletter.

Look for additional information about how the service line replacement process works in the next edition of the Platt Park Post.

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- Are you concerned about changes happening in Platt Park?
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The Importance of Winter Tree Maintenance

by Michael Swanson, City Forester,
Denver Parks and Recreation

During the fall, many Denverites prepared for the cold months ahead by blowing out their sprinkler systems and composting their leaves. But many mistakenly think their trees are self-sufficient and that the snow, when it comes, will provide enough moisture to sustain them until spring. That's unfortunately not the case. Trees need water year-round, especially in our arid climate.

Here are a few signs that your trees may be in distress and tips for how to winterize your trees to help them stay healthy year-round:.

Signs of tree in distress:

- Premature autumn color or shed leaves prematurely
- Advantageous shoot growth along the branches and/or trunk or near the base
- Deadwood throughout the crown

Tips for your trees in winter months:

- Use 20 gallons of water per week for every inch of diameter of tree (for instance, a two-inch diameter tree needs 40 gallons of water in a one-week period). A new tree will need focused watering atop the root ball and then throughout the rest of the planting area.
- Apply mulch around the tree, leaving a six-inch gap between the tree trunk and the start of the mulch. Mulch should extend by a three-to-four-foot radius from the trunk of the tree or to dripline (whichever comes first).
- Portions of southern or southwestern-facing trees are subject to sun scald. Sun-scald is the damage that occurs to living cells just underneath the bark of a tree due to the day-and-night fluctuations during Colorado's winter months. Signs of damage include discolored and/or cracked bark or sunken areas within the bark. This is a serious byproduct of our warm winter days. To avoid this, you can wrap your tree's trunk using materials such as cloth or tree wrap available at a hardware store. Butcher paper is a great tool as it's waterproof and removes/absorbs some of the energy that the sun produces.
- Keep an eye out for signs of [emerald ash borer \(EAB\)](#), which has destroyed millions of ash trees in

the Midwest, has been discovered in Boulder and recently in Arvada and will inevitably arrive in Denver. There are an estimated 1.45 million ash trees in the Denver metro area, including 330,000 in the City and County of Denver. That means that one in six Denver trees are ash trees, and they can be found everywhere in the Mile High City — with the majority on residential properties.

- Become familiar with the [Be A Smart Ash](#) campaign, which aims to actively educate and enlist the help of you — our City and County of Denver residents — in the process of identifying, treating, and replacing ash trees.
- Check out this [interactive tree inventory map](#) and information about [ash tree treatment options](#) and [resources to find a tree care professional](#).

Recommended tree care supplies include:

- Water device (such as a soft spray wand) for winter watering (can also be used year-round)
- Soil moisture meter (it tells you when the soil is dry and needs water)
- A hose (make sure it's the right length to reach your trees if they are a long distance from your spigot)
- Tree wrap
- Pruning shears to remove dead wood
- Gloves
- Compost comprised of organic food scraps and yard waste (use it on your trees, grass or flower beds when you are refreshing your mulch; when using compost with your trees, do not apply more than a quarter-inch per year within the dripline of the tree, and make sure the compost does not come into contact with the trunk of the tree or roots)

Learn more about winter tree care by watching the third episode of "[Water, Trees, Life](#)"

Poet William Carlos Williams once eloquently [wrote](#): "... having prepared their buds against a sure winter, the wise trees stand sleeping in the cold." Preparing trees for winter slumber means we can enjoy their healthy urban canopy next year and for years to come.



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3PA President's Corner

by Benda Holder, 3PA Vice President

Hello Platt Park neighbors!

Happy New Year Platt Park! The 3PA Board members wish everyone a safe and happy 2021.

We miss seeing you all at our general meetings, happy hours, and other events. We're so sad to have had to cancel our events for last year, but we are optimistic that 2021 will bring us back together in person!

Mark your calendar for our Movie in the Park, August 21, at dusk. We are also working to plan safe, socially-distanced outdoor events when weather permits.

Check our website (<https://www.3pa.org>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/plattpark3pa/>) often for the latest updates.

If you would like to get involved, email us at board@3pa.org.

We can't wait to see you again!

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