

DARTMOUTH HEIGHTS

# NEWSLETTER



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## When to call 311 or HOA?

Denver 311 is the best option for concerns related to public safety, city services, and ordinance issues. Examples include:

- Icy or snow-covered sidewalks that have not been cleared in accordance with city ordinances
- Excessive vehicles parked on public streets or suspected abandoned vehicles
- Blocked sidewalks, ADA ramps, or bus stops
- Streetlight outages or damaged public infrastructure
- Requests for city resources or referrals to community assistance programs

The HOA should be contacted for matters related to private property and community standards, such as:

- Landscaping or lawn maintenance concerns
- Trash bins not stored properly
- Exterior property maintenance or architectural guideline questions
- HOA policy clarifications or covenant enforcement

## ● Architectural Control Committee Updates

- Enforcement will be implemented for neglected lawns during the summer months.
- Trash bins must be stored behind fences and out of public view.
- Voting for the Most Improved Property in Dartmouth Heights will begin this summer.



## DENVER SNOW ANGELS

Denver Snow Angels is a program offered by Denver Human Rights & Community Partnerships that connects volunteers with community members who are physically unable to shovel snow from their front sidewalks during the winter months. This volunteer-based initiative helps ensure sidewalks, adjacent ADA ramps, and nearby bus stops are cleared in compliance with city ordinances, promoting safe access for everyone and helping residents avoid possible fines. Eligible participants must live within the City and County of Denver and include older adults, neighbors living with a disability, and individuals who are financially unable to pay for snow-removal services. Snow Angels provide contactless assistance limited to front sidewalks and curb cuts only; they do not shovel driveways, front steps, or remove fallen trees or branches.

Email: [snowangels@denvergov.org](mailto:snowangels@denvergov.org)



## Caring for Your Home During the Winter Months

As winter settles in, it's important for all neighbors to take a few extra steps to care for their homes and help keep our community safe, accessible, and well maintained. Please remember to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, driveways, and entryways in a timely manner to reduce slip hazards for pedestrians, delivery drivers, and neighbors.

Taking time to properly winterize outdoor faucets, irrigation systems, and hoses can help prevent frozen or burst pipes, while ensuring gutters and downspouts are clear can reduce the risk of ice dams and water damage. Residents are also encouraged to check that heating systems are functioning properly, seal drafts around windows and doors, and secure or store loose outdoor items that could be damaged by wind or snow. Simple preventative steps now can help avoid costly repairs later and contribute to a safer, more welcoming neighborhood throughout the winter months.

## HOA Meeting Guest Highlights

On January 10, 2026, Dartmouth Heights held its annual HOA meeting. One of the key highlights was a presentation by Officer Chavez from the Denver Police Department, who discussed a decrease in motor vehicle thefts in District 4. Residents also requested additional patrols at the top of the hill near Loretto Heights Park to help prevent traffic crashes. For non-emergency community resource officer questions, Officer Chavez can be reached at 720-913-0276.

The second presenter was Mark Witkiewicz, the property owner of the Loretto Heights site. He shared that while there have been setbacks related to the property's development, there have also been several positive developments. These include newly installed sidewalks, traffic signals at Federal Boulevard, and the construction of multiple townhomes and apartment buildings.

The third presentation was given by Margaret Brugger and Andrea Savage from Commun, the current owners of the administration building and community center on the Loretto Heights campus. Commun is a nonprofit organization focused on community resilience, offering services such as food banks, job-building programs, community leadership initiatives, mental health and housing support. They also discussed future building developments, including rental space for both commercial businesses and residential units.

## HOA Board

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## Neighbor Spotlight

Janet Fuiks was the kind of neighbor who made a street feel like home. Her warmth, curiosity and genuine interest in others turned everyday encounters into meaningful conversations. Janet's presence brought light, kindness, and a sense of community that will always be remembered by those fortunate enough to call her a neighbor.

The fourth speaker was Councilman Kevin Flynn. Councilman Flynn announced that the Denver Police Department will increase traffic enforcement in 2026, with District 4 receiving its own dedicated traffic enforcement officers. These efforts will focus on high-crash areas such as Sheridan Boulevard and Dartmouth Avenue. He also noted that the Far South Area Plan has passed, emphasizing improvements to make southwest Denver a great place to raise a family. Additionally, zoning changes have occurred in certain areas, including the Bear Valley Shopping Center.

