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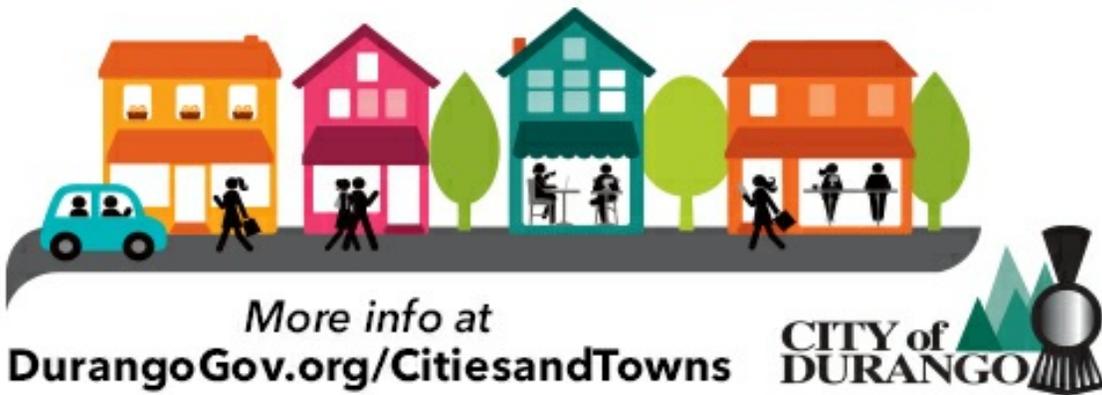


SEPTEMBER 2017

IN MULTIMODAL NEWS

COLORADO CITIES & TOWNS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2017



This week! Calling all volunteers



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SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 16

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Hold your e-bikes

E-bike pilot period status

An electric assist or electric bicycle (e-bike) is defined by the City of Durango as a tandem wheeled cycle that has an electric motor.

In response to inquiries about the status of the E-bike Pilot Period and to clear up any misconceptions, the City of Durango would like to update the community on the anticipated start of the



Bill "Beagle" Abshagen on a pedal-assist e-bike, courtesy of Durango Herald.

trial period in conjunction with Animas River Trail improvements.

The E-bike Pilot Program start date has not yet been announced. The E-bike Pilot Program start date will be announced once improvements are made on the Animas River Trail, which will include signage and surface markings. The Pilot Program will only be on hard surface trails and the soft surface commuter route on Chapman Hill. E-bikes are not permitted on the City's natural surface trail system, including Horse Gulch.

E-bike are allowed on all City streets. E-bikes are defined as motorized, and as such, use is allowed on City property only where other motorized vehicles are allowed.

Durango Transit returns to winter hours on October 1st

Winter hours include:

- No Sunday trolley,
- Evening bus operates until 10 PM,
- Last trolley leaves the Transit Center at 7 PM.

For more information, view the [Durango Transit Rider's Guide here](#).

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- **Thursday, October 5, 5-7 PM at Needham Elementary School, Multipurpose Room.** Public meeting for the Needham Connect II design of sidewalk and roadway improvements along Columbine Dr.
- **Thursday, October 19, 1-3 PM at TBD.** Join our fourth quarter joint Way to Go! Together and Local First Workshop!
- **Friday, December 1, 3-9 PM in our Durango Transit Trolley at Main Ave and 8th St.** Pickup your discounted 2018 transit and parking passes during Noel Night!

Please contact Jennifer Hill at (970) 375-4955 or jennifer.hill@durangogov.org with questions.

The Wheels on the Bus Go 'Round

City Council passes ordinance to create Department of Transportation on August 15

As part of a larger citywide reorganization meant to improve efficiency and continue to provide high-level service, Durango City Council approved an ordinance that created the Department of Transportation on August 15. The Department of Transportation now includes Durango Transit and multimodal programs, including pedestrian and bicycle facility improvement projects, the Way to Go! Club, and all your favorite events.



Sarah Dodson is now the Assistant Director of Transportation, reporting to Amber Blake, Assistant City Manager. Jennifer Hill serves as the Multimodal Coordinator and Kent Harris is the Transit Operations Manager.

For more information, please contact Sarah Dodson at (970) 375-4901 or sarah.dodson@durangogov.org.

A successful and fun Float to Work Day on August 25!

The City of Durango hosted the first annual Float to Work Day on Friday, August 25, 2017. Over 60 people hopped into the Animas River on rafts, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and tubes. Thanks to our sponsors for a fun, successful event!

2017 Sponsors:

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For more photos from the City's inaugural Float to Work Day, go [here](#).

Complete Streets make safer streets for walking, wheeling & biking to school

Ideas from across Colorado make safer routes to school

Here in Durango, we recently implemented phase 1 of the Junction Connect Project. You asked, and we listened! Junction Connect improves safety and accessibility to road users along 25th and Junction Street from West Second Avenue to the City limits. Narrowed travel lanes and dedicated bike lanes help calm traffic and create a better environment for Miller Middle School students and neighbors. View [Junction Connect FAQs](#) [here](#).



Freshly painted vehicle and bike lanes along Junction St.

Idalia School District has instituted a Ride-n-Stride program where school buses in this rural community drop students off at a safe location and they walk with staff and community members to school. The bikers ride a different route to make it safer for the walkers. They recruited several women who were regular walkers in the community to accompany the children on their trip to school.

Weld County Public Health has worked to increase walking in Platteville with walking school buses, Walk to School Day events, and remote drop off. The town identified a need and added a stoplight and crosswalk on Main Street. Weld County also worked with three school districts to update their school district wellness policies with SRTS-appropriate language.

Thompson School District in Loveland, after reviewing several years of compiled data, realized that the emphasis on their program needs to shift to a stronger focus on walking safety particularly for K-2 grade students. This year they will begin implementing a 30-40 minute safety presentation for all 1st grade or 2nd grade students to be included in the district's other safety programming.

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Commuter of the Month

Patrick Wenger commutes by bike from the Junction St. area to and from downtown. He and his family ride their bikes all over town on a regular basis.

Patrick says "I like riding because I enjoy moving. If I ride my bike I don't have to pay for gas or the upkeep of my car. I ride to show my son that you don't have to drive, no matter the weather. I try to live by these principles and I do my best to uphold them." Patrick encourages all road users to share the road.

If you or someone you know would make a great **Commuter of the Month**, please email your nomination to getarounddurango@durangogov.org.



IN TRANSIT NEWS

Upcoming Free Transit Days

On Free Transit Days, ride Durango Transit for FREE all day long thanks to our sponsors!

[See the Rider's Guide here!](#)



Free Transit Day Sponsorship provides an excellent opportunity for your business to give back to the community.

By sponsoring a Free Transit Day, your business will provide fare-free transit service to the public, which is also a great advertising tool for your business.

For information on sponsoring a Free Transit Day, call 970-375-4945 or [click here](#).

IN PARKING NEWS

Disabled Parking Perks and Restrictions

Did you know the City has a number of free parking options for disabled drivers who want to park downtown?

If you are disabled and would like to park for free, please display a handicap placard or disabled plates when parking. The City honors disabled veteran plates at handicap designated spaces, but Purple Heart plates must also display a handicap placard to utilize a handicap designated space. Most of the cross streets in the Central Business District have a Handicap parking spot on the west side of Main Ave, which have extra space for vans with side exits.



The City parking lots each have one or more Handicap spaces which are available to vehicles with or without a parking permit. Additionally, the City allows properly marked vehicles with handicap placards, plates, disabled plates or purple heart plates to use the 3 hour and 10 hour meters for free. We ask that you not use the 30 minute meters without paying as they are designated for fast turn over. Most of the private lots have one or more handicapped parking spaces as well.

For additional information on Durango's parking laws, please see the [Municipal Parking Code](#). For more information, please call 970-375-4960 or e-mail parking@durangogov.org.

IN SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

The EV Revolution

We hear a lot about how easy it is to get around Durango by foot, by bike and by bus, but Durango is also a great place to drive an electric vehicle (EV).



With almost one hundred and sixty thousand sold in the US during 2016, the electric vehicle revolution is well and truly upon us and it might be cheaper and easier than you think to jump on the electric powered bandwagon.

With a \$5,000 state tax rebate applied at the time of purchase, on top of up to \$7,500 in federal tax rebates, Colorado may well be the best place in the country to purchase an electric vehicle. What's more, not only do EVs help cut down on carbon emissions and protect our clean mountain air, but EV drivers can also save an estimated \$13,000 on gas and maintenance over the life of the vehicle compared to their gas guzzling neighbors.

So once you have your shiny new electric vehicle what are you going to do with all that time and money not spent at the gas pump? Well you could park at one of the six EV charging ports located in the Transit Center parking lot on 8th and Camino,

charge up for just a dollar fifty hit the shops downtown?

Since the beginning of 2017, these stations have been used over 420 times by people doing just that, saving more than five hundred gallons of gasoline in total!

With 4 new free charging ports recently installed at La Plata Electric Association's headquarters in Bodo Park and more on the way at Mercy Regional Medical Center, it's easier than ever to join the EV revolution.

For more information on EV incentives, visit the [Charge Ahead Colorado](#) website. For charging station locations, availability and registration check out [ChargePoint](#) and for more information about City of Durango Sustainability programs go to www.durangogov.org/sustainability.



For additional information, please contact Imogen Ainsworth at 970-375-5061 or imogen.ainsworth@durangogov.org

WHAT WE ARE READING

[As e-bikes grow in popularity, here are some things to know.](#) E-bikes are practical, they're cool, and they're making our lives a lot easier. [Read more.](#)

[We can, and should, share the trails with e-bike cyclists.](#) E-bikes result in positive mode shift, making transportation cleaner, healthier, safer and more efficient. [Read more.](#)

[More vehicles are expensive to own and operate.](#) Many lower-income households spend more on transportation than they can afford. [Read more.](#)

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