

09:11:06 From D Robert Lorenz IPNA : Thanks for posting the treasury ledger.

09:17:09 From Travis Leiker, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods : CHUN and SustainAbility will host their annual electronic waste recycling event on Saturday April 21 in the First Baptist Church parking lot at 1373 Grant Street.

With the help of SustainAbility, a local recycling company whose diverse workforce includes individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, area neighbors can bring electronic waste such as computer towers, modems and routers, laptops, tablets, printers and used cartridges, televisions, DVD players and stereo equipment and cellphones.

#### Electronic Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, April 23

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

First Baptist Church

1373 Grant Street

09:17:31 From Travis Leiker, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods : To get involved, please email Katie Swick, our new community outreach coordinator, at [Katie@chundenver.org](mailto:Katie@chundenver.org)

09:19:01 From Travis Leiker, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods : HERE ARE DETAILS RE: Bayaud <https://bayaudenterprises.org>

09:19:07 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : NWF Certified Habitat Event <https://washparkeast.org/events/nwf-certified-habitat-event/>

09:19:17 From Delegate Emmett Hobley : What is the address

09:20:04 From Delegate Emmett Hobley : Great!

09:20:27 From D-Judy Baxter-Montclair : Adrian said 333 W. Bayaud

09:21:33 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : Disk recycling and shredding at Bayaud Industries, 333 West Bayaud Ave.

09:33:03 From Janet Lammens, Wash Park FANS : Why are multi family units excluded from this program? Especially if they wouldn't require more bins than the average single family block? They pay taxes too.

09:33:23 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : Question on recycling: of the material that goes to recycling, how much of it is actually recycled (as distinct from winding up in a landfill either here or elsewhere)? And what can we do to increase the actual recycle rate?

09:33:29 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : CCD does not service any apartments over 7 units.

09:33:40 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : They are serviced by private haulers

09:34:10 From Janet Lammens, Wash Park FANS : Yes, but they have to pay those private haulers while paying taxes for this program. Seems inequitable

09:34:49 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : I think dogs are biggest disrupter of Zoom meetings! I do love dogs.

09:36:02 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : Is the 26% landfill diversion rate for the City or the County?

09:36:09 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : Hi Adrian: Recyclers only send loads of recycled materials to the landfill if it is severely contaminated (hazardous materials, etc.) The best way to ensure the material in your purple bin is actually recycled is to keep unrecyclable material out of bins.

09:37:52 From EJ Lorimer : what is current size cart now?

09:39:16 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) :  
<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Recycle-Compost-Trash/Cart-Service-Guidelines>

09:39:26 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : EJ: The normal "medium" size cart is 64 gallons. Denverites can mix and match the sizes of their carts (32, 64, and 96 gallons) depending on their household needs.

09:39:40 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : You probably have a 65 gallon.

09:43:39 From Luchia Brown : Will INC be sending a letter of support? Seems like a no brained since INC has a sustainability committee.

09:44:09 From Karigene Burke : You are taxing an already taxed service. You call it a 'fee', but if it was taxed yesterday...it's taxed today. Why are we not voting on this...why does the Council get to vote on increasing our taxes?

09:45:44 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : <https://www.wastenomoredenver.org/>

09:47:19 From D -Lou Raders CCNNA : Please talk about the City's recycling centers where folks can take larger quantities of recycling. Also - do those centers take compost on a regular basis (I know they do in the fall)?

09:50:13 From Bill Tanner : Where can used paint, pesticides be deposited?

09:50:22 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) :  
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/denver-trash-and-recycling/id887636501>

09:50:40 From D - Greg Sorensen (NGCH) : Waste Management is piping methane at the landfill site to generate electricity. Is this program being expanded?

09:50:53 From D-Jane Potts -Rosedale Harvard Gulch : The app is Denver Trash & Recycling. It's very helpful.

09:51:03 From Nick Campion : 12 min video from Denver about recycling  
<https://youtu.be/o5Dng5xVsNI>

09:51:07 From Bill Tanner : Perhaps permanently label trash containers as to acceptable materials?

09:51:38 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : It's called a MRF - Materials Recycling Facility.

09:51:43 From D-Betsy Rubner DPHD : Last year I tried to get someone to come to our annual neighborhood meeting to discuss recycling and couldn't find anyone. How do connect with your outreach people?

09:52:02 From Nick Campion : Denver Trash and Recycle app  
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/denver-trash-and-recycling/id887636501>

09:52:07 From D- Carolyn O'Shea, Montclair : I think part of the problem with bagging recyclables is due to the fact that many people have moved to Denver from out of state where their former communities did accept plastic bags for recycling and they aren't aware that Denver does not accept them. Also, some trash bags Hefty, Glad, etc. say "fully recyclable" on the box and that causes confusion.

09:53:12 From EJ Lorimer : While we understand reduction of landfill content is an overall City goal, how does composting work better than landfill when done in huge quantities; that is does it not also produce methane gas?

- Where is the compost disposed of and what happens to it long term?
- Will composting be mandated in that those who choose to not take the barrels, have to take them anyway?

09:53:13 From D Robert Lorenz IPNA : Burned out florescent bulbs are accumulating. Where to recycle?

09:54:04 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : @Carolyn - there is a lot of recycling confusion. If you move to a new City, I think you should take time to

learn about City infrastructure. The app is great. I would recommend using it. Some people just don't care and there is not much you can do about that.

09:54:25 From Nick Campion : This place takes a lot of items that you can normally recycle. SustainAbility Recycling  
(303) 425-9226

<https://goo.gl/maps/CcPFdMwUpZ4tSehu5>

09:55:05 From Nick Campion : And <https://www.thehappybeetle.com/>

09:55:59 From D-Betsy Rubner DPHD : Ridwell also provides a service that takes things that can't be put in the purple bins

09:56:06 From D-Betsy Rubner DPHD : [ridwell.com](http://ridwell.com)

09:57:20 From D-Jane Potts -Rosedale Harvard Gulch : The State election on Waste No More incudes construction waste.

09:57:27 From D-Betsy Rubner DPHD : ridwell takes florescent bulbs

09:57:31 From Nick Campion : I was about to say Ridwell!

09:57:33 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : There is a lot of work being done with the Commercial Construction industry. I work on projects that are diverting a minimum of 50% and upwards of 75% of waste from the landfill.

09:58:27 From D-Ellen Roth, SCPNA : Denver compost collective is a great option if you're a renter looking for a compost option. They work with secure buildings and we used them for years :)

09:58:51 From D- Carolyn O'Shea, Montclair : Adam, I agree. I think it's going to take constant reminders and publicity from Denver Recycles that people should not bag their recyclables. We've put reminders in our RNO quarterly newsletter and I guess we'll just have to keep doing that.

10:02:15 From Judy Trompeter - Uptown on the Hill - D : Our 25-unit building has a compost bin in the back parking area. Many units participate. This does involve someone annually removing the resulting compost and spreading it around the gardens.

10:03:03 From Bill Tanner : Put the words "do not bag recyclables" on the recycle bins

10:03:06 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : We pay for all our other utilities. Why shouldn't trash be the same? Methane from landfills are even more dangerous than the greenhouse gases created from burning fossil fuels in our homes. I currently pay for compost and have a 35 gallon trash can for a family of four. My bill in this new proposal will go down! Create less trash and pay less. Simple.

10:03:21 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : Info on the Cherry Creek transfer station:

[https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/709/documents/2017\\_DropOff\\_FLYR\\_final%20English%20&%20Spanish.pdf](https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/709/documents/2017_DropOff_FLYR_final%20English%20&%20Spanish.pdf)

10:04:02 From D-Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors : What about landlords of 7 unit apartment, can the tenant be placed on the bill. What would be the repercussions if bill not paid by tenant?

10:04:39 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : Household Haz program:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/trash-and-recycling/hazardous-waste/household-hazardous-waste-collection.html>

10:04:54 From Jessica Lally :

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Recycle-Compost-Trash/Hazardous-Waste>

10:05:03 From Jessica Lally : Thanks, Ryan :)

10:05:26 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : <https://www.paintcare.org/>

10:05:36 From D-Betsy Rubner DPHD : If you turn your camera off the audio might get better

10:05:56 From D-Judy Baxter-Montclair : Remind us of the timeline on this proposal and when it is going to City Council? Are there likely to be changes from what you presented?

10:05:59 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : PSA: It is free to recycle paint statewide. The cost to recycle paint is included in the upfront cost.

10:06:50 From D - Greg Sorensen (NGCH) : As previously pointed out, there is a huge inequity in that high-rise condo residents pay city property taxes but do not receive any of the city's "free" waste management services. Condo owners pay separately for all trash and recycling services. The waste management fee would help make waste management more equitable for all Denver residents.

10:07:38 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Great question, Myles: I am confused whether this is a new tax/ fee.

10:08:55 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : @Gregg, I understand what you are saying. Maybe the question is how was it being paid for before?

10:10:47 From D-Jane Potts -Rosedale Harvard Gulch : Does the Mayor have control of the general fund or is it under City Council.

10:12:14 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : I do NOT think Myles' questions about the "new fee/revenue for what?" was answered. I think the City needs to answer/clarify that.

10:12:28 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) :  
<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Recycle-Compost-Trash/Compost>

10:12:51 From D-Judy Baxter-Montclair : For those of us who are currently paying for compost and who would switch to a small bin, the cost to me is about even.

10:13:17 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : I don't think we should move on. Myles' point is important: call the dollars what you will, we the citizens are going to be coughing up an additional \$25 million per year for trash. The equitable thing for the City to do is to reduce our taxes to reflect the reduction in the services that they pay for. Period.

10:14:05 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : @Adrian You have the choice not to receive the service.

10:14:55 From Karigene Burke : D-Adrian Brown, Baker is right...we should NOT move on from Myles point as it IS the crux of this matter...and someone should be able to address this as opposed to only having folks from the city who are not educated about this. Thanks.

10:14:59 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : <https://denvercompostcollective.com/>

10:15:28 From Nick Campion : And <https://www.compost-colorado.com/>

10:15:43 From Thomas Conis : Adam..are you saying we can opt out of this? Question for presenters...can we opt out and perhaps use a private service?

10:16:15 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : I would ask that question

10:16:45 From D-James Slotta : Denver Compost Collective, LLC  
[www.denvercompostcollective.com](http://www.denvercompostcollective.com)

10:17:44 From Loretta Koehler BHNA : we will try and save the chat and it should be posted on the website.

10:18:17 From Loretta Koehler BHNA to D-Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : can we make sure to save the chat?

10:18:54 From D-carol hunter : That is appreciated, Loretta.

10:20:04 From Thomas Conis to D-Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : Maggie, thanks for asking about our neighborhood supervisor is. Please share it with me.

10:20:12 From D-Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors : Yes the chat will be saved and published

10:21:25 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP Home.) : 180,000 customers times \$9 minimum is \$1.62M.

10:22:01 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : Bruce, that is per month.

10:23:33 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP Home.) : You are correct, Myles!

10:24:36 From Jessica Lally : If you are a single family home or multi-family with seven or less units, you would not be able to out of the program. If you do choose to go with a private service (which would be more expensive), you would still have to pay the minimum fee, which is \$9/month (small trash cart size). Our proposed fees are based on what it would cost to provide service to all eligible customers that we have today.

10:24:40 From Thomas Conis : Is there a projected cost on acquiring the new equipment for the expansion and also projected cost for additional employees needed?

10:25:49 From Jessica Lally to D-Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : Jessica.Lally@denvergov.org - Happy to connect you with your District Supervisor!

10:26:08 From D-Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors to Jessica Lally(Direct Message) : Thanks Jessica!

10:26:10 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : We have a \$1.49 Billion dollar budget!  
<https://303magazine.com/2021/11/hancocks-2022-budget/#:~:text=Denver%20City%20Council%20Approves%20Mayor%20Michael%20Hancock's%20%241.49%20Billion%202022%20Budget,-Hilal%20Bahcetepe%20November&text=With%20a%20focus%20on%20revitalizing,fiscal%20year%20on%20November%208.>

10:28:23 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : From my math \$12 million dollars is .08% of the budget. I'm not a mathematician.

10:28:54 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : Sorry. .8%

10:34:09 From D-Eleni Sarris : Is there any data on the emissions from all the trucks now, and what will be put into the air after this change.

10:34:13 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : Using you number. This would be a fee based minimum new tax of 0.8%. This fee can also be raised. Will Solid Waste tie this to inflation? Could this rate keep increasing?

10:37:31 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : How about collecting the methane from the city's landfills, and using it to fuel the trucks? Let's get creative, here. It's about sustainability.

10:37:59 From D-Ellen Roth, SCPNA : Very excited about weekly recycling :)

10:39:19 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Jessica Lally: You talk as though this is already a "done deal".

10:39:39 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : I think it has a lot of issues.

10:39:47 From D-Eleni Sarris : Privacy Act. . . .

10:40:10 From D-Eleni Sarris : Filtered by people have to give permission.  
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10:40:14 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : You say you've had a lot of meetings, but that is SOP for the City. Hold a lot of meetings where you're not really listening.

10:40:22 From D-carol hunter : Maybe this will alter people's buying habits in a positive way. And how they select, purchase, and store food. What if people stopped using plastic bags for their lettuce, asparagus, apples, etc.?

10:40:27 From D-Eleni Sarris : People have to waive their privacy rights first.

10:41:01 From D-Eleni Sarris : It is possible that many who are living at margins will get charged because they won't know about program to get a "rebate."

10:41:28 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP Home.) : I wonder if it would be a 'good' idea to finally sign up for composting before this new plan takes effect? Or if that might be "complicating"?

10:41:50 From Jessica Lally : Regarding the trucks - With Solid Waste's new routing structure, they're actually driving about 62k less miles per year (reducing about 10 metric tons of CO2/year).

10:42:09 From David Halterman-WD CA :  
<https://www.greenbiz.com/article/pay-you-throw-one-cities-most-effective-tools-reducing-waste>

10:42:35 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : If Solid Waste started to electrify their trucks, then I would really be behind it. Where does electrification of trucks stand with the City now?

10:42:39 From D-Jim Slotta, CHUN : The respected fellow from Eco-Cycle has his hand up; I'm sure we should hear from him.

10:43:16 From D-Eleni Sarris : We were told previously you could opt out of trash service.

10:43:34 From D-carol hunter : Thank you, Adam M.

10:44:05 From D-Eleni Sarris : Doesn't seem like program is ready to be rolled out with some many pending questions.

10:44:17 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : @Drew - Eventually the trucks will need to be electrified. I'm sure those trucks will be \$\$\$\$

10:44:21 From Judy Baxter : Yes, Adam taking the larger view is critical.

10:45:25 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : I agree with Eleni Sarris. I don't think this has been thoroughly thought through. We do have elections next year with new mayor, new council. Perhaps this issue should be decided by voters. Just a suggestion.

10:46:18 From D-Jane Lorimer WDCA : Added pollution

- Will this mean three passes of trucks for recycle, trash, compost through all neighborhoods where trash is picked up in barrels? That adds to noise, emission pollution, wear on the roads, more labor for Waste Management.
- Considering the initial cost to set up and the overall increase in Waste Management truck traffic, stops/starts, how can this possibly be deemed efficient in terms of green efforts for the city?

10:47:19 From Charlotte Pitt : [Charlotte.pitt@denvergov.org](mailto:Charlotte.pitt@denvergov.org) if there are outstanding questions. Thanks for everyone's time.

10:47:23 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : @ Drew. I couldn't disagree more. This issue has been being worked on for at least 8 years now. Hancock came into his first term and then his second term promising this type of plan. He never delivered. Now he is on his way out and hopefully it will happen.

10:47:30 From D-Jane Lorimer WDCA : Seems the emphasis on purple barrels has died down over past 10 years. Would it make more sense to just pump up the education effort? Contests per neighborhood for highest % who recycle??

10:47:30 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : [ryan@ecocycle.org](mailto:ryan@ecocycle.org)

10:47:58 From Jessica Lally : I'm happy to have our DHS partners respond surrounding sharing information between assistance programs! Please reach out if you have any additional questions. Jessica.Lally@denvergov.org

10:48:28 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Hi Adam: Thanks for your response. I would like to know the 8 year history of working on this solution. They worked for 8 years, and now ... this?

10:49:06 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : Rally information:  
[https://ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/Campaigns/Rally\\_in\\_Denver\\_for\\_Expanded\\_Waste\\_Services.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=b41ecf88-f6c1-4c22-a793-c90ae7a54582](https://ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/Campaigns/Rally_in_Denver_for_Expanded_Waste_Services.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=b41ecf88-f6c1-4c22-a793-c90ae7a54582)

10:49:07 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : On the money piece, somebody pointed out that this fee will collect around \$9 from 180,000 households, or less than \$2 million a year. Our trash system costs taxpayers \$25 million a year, so this is a drop in at least that bucket, and the tax piece will have to remain. And it is basically a fee for compost and recycling sustainability, so it is - at the end of the day - a well worthwhile program. Even I'll vote for it (not that I am going to get the chance).

10:50:57 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloans Lake : D- Adrian Brown - great points!

10:51:55 From D-Eleni Sarris : All for the zero waste aspect, but just think this policy proposition needs more clarity on where funds will go and how the program will affect those who are marginalized. Additionally it does nothing to assist multifamily and construction industry, completely left out of the discussion and account of most of the waste in landfill.

10:51:58 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP Home.) : Annualizing monthly numbers produces \$19.44M. Minimum. Larger containers cost more. That's also 1.3% of the city's budget.

10:52:35 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : Extended Producer Responsibility from companies to minimize waste in their products is ultimately where we need to go.

10:52:53 From D-Jane Potts -Rosedale Harvard Gulch : Thank you to the speakers.

10:53:58 From Ryan Call, Eco-Cycle : ryan@ecocycle.org.  
<https://www.wastenomoredenver.org/>

10:54:09 From D- Carolyn O'Shea, Montclair : Was this answered? When a house is scraped, is any of that recycled? Bricks, drywall, plaster, floors etc.

10:54:50 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : @ Carolyn - This is a residential construction issue and not part of this conversation.

10:55:11 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : Bricks typically get recycled. They are considered valuable.

10:55:36 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : I apologize for my bad math above. It's around \$20 million a year, so it's not a drop in the bucket. We should still get a refund.

10:55:53 From D- Carolyn O'Shea, Montclair : Yes Adam, thought I could get that question in since the meeting is ready to end.

10:56:30 From D- Adam Meltzer (WPENA) : You would get an \$8 rebate.

10:56:32 From D-Eleni Sarris : Adrian, since when has the City ever refunded anything. Unless it is in the ordinance approval from City Council, don't think it will happen.

10:56:58 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Great discussion, thanks everyone!

10:57:09 From Jessica Lally : Thanks for having us!