Two hundred thousand pounds of electronics. Forty thousand gallons of paint. Three hundred refrigerators. Six hundred mattresses. We had no idea.

Arvada’s free recycling event, which was supposed to last from May 2 – 14, was closed as of May 7 after our wonderful partners at Sustainability were so overwhelmed with the volume of cars and items that they had no more capacity to continue. Their warehouses were full and downstream recyclers of electronics and mattresses were at capacity. City crews even hauled 200 pallets of electronics to store in a maintenance facility. The event literally exceeded the capacity of the entire recycling stream in the Denver metropolitan area.

We at the City of Arvada apologize to those residents who were inconvenienced by the need to shut the event down a week early. We heard from many people who spent hours loading their cars, only to be turned away. Unfortunately, other than through our website and social media, we had no way of letting all of our residents know of the cancellation.

On the positive side, we are proud to have offered a program which did serve thousands of residents and prevented hundreds of thousands of pounds of waste from entering our landfills. We also remind our residents that there are many easy and affordable (often FREE) options to dispose of unwanted recyclables. See a comprehensive list on page 22.

It is very clear that opportunities for recycling and large item pickup are valued by our residents. Unfortunately, we can no longer provide the curbside cleanup program because no waste hauler would bid on the program. A recycling event requires the partnership of other companies who have limited capacity. The City has, in the past, explored moving to a single-hauler system (one trash company contracted to serve the entire city, which, from the experience of other municipalities, comes with benefits such as periodic, free bulk item pickup and electronic recycling) but some citizens have not been in favor. We will continue to explore other options that meet the community’s needs and interests. In the meantime, we encourage our residents to take advantage of the variety of recycling opportunities already available.

To Our Residents: We Miscalculated. We Apologize.

Summer of Construction

This year, the City of Arvada will spend more money on road maintenance and repair than ever before—a total of $10.1 million dollars. With an increasing emphasis on improving our streets, the Arvada City Council increased the 2017 budget by $3.3 million over 2016, redirecting funds from other programs. Yet, this leaves an annual gap of some $6 million which Council and staff will work to close over the next few years, with the ultimate goal of budgeting $16 million annually. This increased maintenance is critical to avoid higher costs in the future— for each $1 spent to repair streets in good to poor condition, the cost increases to $8 once a street fails.

For up-to-date descriptions and maps of street construction projects, please visit the City’s "cone zone" page at arvada.org/explore/transportation/cone-zone-impacting-your-drive.
Barb Morger - Service to the Organization

Barb Morger, Executive Assistant in the City Manager’s Office, was the Employee of the First Quarter in the “Service to the Organization” category. Barb was recognized for her efforts to improve the process by which passports are processed.

Over the last few years the passport activity at City Hall has increased dramatically. In 2016, 6,300 passports were processed—almost three times the amount processed in 2014. In addition, staff fields dozens of phone calls daily from customers with passport questions. This work has been conducted in addition to the staff’s regular duties. Upon realizing that the current volume of passports being processed by City Clerk and City Manager office staff was not sustainable, Barb suggested the passport process be examined by an internal team at the City called the “Process Improvement Ninjas,” of which she is a member. Barb planned for and conducted a full-day process improvement event to examine current practices and identify possible changes to the current system. All participants agreed that the event was incredibly valuable and has resulted in tremendous improvements to the passport application process.

Bronislawa Peña - Service to the Community

Bronislawa Peña, Custodian with the City’s Facilities Department, was the Employee of the First Quarter in the “Service to the Community” category. Broni works at the Arvada Center, which presents particular challenges given the hundreds of thousands of patrons who visit the Center annually. Her mood is always positive and her work ethic unparalleled. She is ready to lend a hand in any situation, be it cleaning up a spill or moving tables and chairs during high traffic periods. Recently she helped a child who became ill, getting them clean clothes and consoling them until his teachers will be able to respond. She is dedicated to ensuring that Arvada Center guests have a wonderful experience. Despite being an unsung hero, Broni takes every opportunity to better the environment of everyone around her.

Is the G-Line Finally On Its Way?

At the time of printing, the City of Arvada had not received any set schedule for when the Regional Transportation District (RTD) will open the G Line commuter rail, or any specific testing information. Most likely, the testing period will last at least 60 days - and will require a great deal of patience from those living in proximity to the tracks given the Federal Railroad Administration’s requirement that the trains blow their horns at crossings during the testing phase. For the most up-to-date information regarding the G Line, visit www.rtd-denver.com/g-line.shtml.

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Independence Day Celebration

TUESDAY, JULY 4
Stenger Sports Complex
(entry at W. 58th Ave. and Oak St.)

NOTE: Lutz ballfields are closed due to construction.
For more information visit www.arvadafestivals.com.

Celebrate freedom with your family and friends at Arvada’s annual Fourth of July celebration! Enjoy music, kids’ activities, food concessions, community booths, and so much more, topped off by a spectacular fireworks display simulcast to a KOOL 105 music medley.

The event is presented by the Arvada Festivals Commission, KOOL 105 Radio, Apex Park and Recreation District, and the City of Arvada.

Parking
Free parking is available on a first come, first served basis beginning at 3 p.m. Handicapped parking is available in the small lot off Oak St. Large recreational vehicles will be directed to a parking area in the Stenger Soccer Complex. No parking will be allowed on Kipling St.

Please remember alcohol, personal fireworks, drones, and pets are not allowed in the Stenger Sports Complex. Fireworks laws will be strictly enforced at the event and in the surrounding neighborhoods. Lighting of fireworks, even sparklers, is against the law in Arvada. Celebrate a safe and fun Independence Day in Arvada!

Fireworks are Illegal in Arvada

Under City ordinance, the use of ALL fireworks, including sparklers, is illegal.

- Violators risk a fine of up to $999 and up to 180 days in jail.
- The Arvada Police and Fire Departments work diligently each year to keep neighborhoods safe and ticket those who are not in compliance.
- Please be safe and enjoy the public show at the Stenger Sports Complex!

For a non-emergent report of use of fireworks, call the Arvada Police Department non-emergent fireworks hotline at 720-898-6919, between June 30 and July 6.

Pets and Fireworks

More pets run away on the Fourth of July than any other day, so taking extra steps to ensure their safety in the months or days approaching the holiday can reduce some anxiety for dogs and their humans alike.

Plan ahead to help pets cope with fireworks:
- Talk to your vet about options such as pheromone diffusers, medications, and behavioral therapy.
- Provide pets with a safe haven—a quiet area where they can hide and always have access. Choose one of the quietest rooms in your home, and associate that area with positive experiences, like leaving their favorite toys or providing a variety of chews. When fireworks go off, they may choose to go to this place because they know it is safe.
- Make sure pets wear proper identification, and have them microchipped.

During fireworks season, walk dogs during the daylight hours, and keep dogs and cats indoors when fireworks are most likely to be set off. At nightfall, close all windows and curtains, and put on some calming music. Make sure pets are in a safe, secure environment in which they cannot escape if there is a sudden noise. Dog doors should be kept closed.

If you have outdoor animals, partly cover cages, pens, aviaries, etc. with blankets so that one area is more sound-proof. Make sure all pens and corrals are secure, and consider bringing them indoors to the home or a barn.
Colorado’s Premier Beach Party, in the Heart of Arvada!

Saturday, June 24
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 25
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Ralston Park
W. 64th Ave. and Simms St.
sandinthecityarvada.org or call 720-898-3380

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce’s fifth annual Sand in the City Festival offers fun for the entire family, including:

• The Kids’ Zone, featuring tons of fun and FREE activities for kids of all ages including giant sandboxes with buried treasure, face painters, interactive games, and a make-n-take crafts area. There will also be a variety of bouncy castles, inflatables, climbing walls, and bungees available for a per-ticket cost.

• Live Hawaiian entertainment, local breweries, and more than 70 local vendors offering shopping, food, and beverage choices.

• Access to view ten-plus giant sand sculptures.

Admission is $5 per adult. Children 12 and under are FREE. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Hope House of Colorado.

Arvada on Tap - A Craft Beer and BBQ Fest

July 22, 12 - 7 p.m.
Ralston Park Addition
W. 64th Ave. and Simms St.

Tickets in advance: $8/adult.
Day of: $10/adult.
Children 12 and under are free.
(Tickets for beer and food sold separately.)

More information:
www.arvadafestivals.com/arvada-on-tap or call 720-898-7403

Tap into a fun, family-friendly festival as Arvada on Tap returns for its third year!

• Sample ales, lagers, cider, and other beverages from 25 breweries (valid IDs required).

• Live music.

• Food trucks and vendors.

• Taste BBQ samples from many of the 48 competitors participating in this competition sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Samples are $2 each and will be available from 2 – 3:30 p.m.

• Kids’ Zone including jumping castles and other activities.

• Kids’ BBQ contest.

• Beer Judging Certification Program.

National Night Out is August 1

Citizens Invited To Host Their Own Block Parties

National Night Out is an annual community celebration and effort to reduce crime – and the fear of crime – in our neighborhoods. This year’s celebration is Tuesday, August 1. Residents of Arvada will join Americans across the country in various celebrations and in supporting law enforcement by turning on their porch lights to “turn off crime.”

Arvada’s biggest National Night Out celebration is in the Olde Town Square (near Ralston Road/Olde Wadsworth) and will be in full swing by 5 p.m. Visitors will be treated to live music, hamburgers from the grill, and tasty treats.

Residents, HOAs, and community groups are encouraged to plan their own National Night Out events. Members of the Arvada Police Department will start their evening by visiting the Olde Town Square event at 5 p.m., and then travel to other scheduled block parties throughout the evening.

“This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and build community,” said Officer Dave Curtice of the Community Response Impact Team.

“Research shows that communities with strong neighbor relations have less crime overall. This is one way for us to support building those relationships.”

National Night Out is a National Association of Town Watch initiative, bringing communities together to fight crime.

For more information or to register your National Night Out block party, call 720-898-6883.

Arvada Police Department
8101 Ralston Road
Arvada CO 80002
720-898-6900
www.arvadapd.org
Free Crime Prevention Classes Scheduled

The Arvada Police Department and its Community Response Impact Team (CRIT) are again offering Crime Prevention and Crime-Free Multi-Housing classes for Arvada residents and multi-tenant building managers/owners. Class size is limited so register early (registration required). For more information or to register, call the CRIT team at 720-898-6883 or register online at arvada.org/residents/police-services/public-safety-classes.

Crime Prevention Class
Tuesday, August 8
Arvada Police Headquarters,
8101 Ralston Rd.
6 – 8 p.m.

OR
Tuesday, November 11
Westwoods Community Station, 6644 Kendrick Dr.
6 – 8 p.m.

This class gives homeowners important tips designed to keep them and their homes safe. Taught by members of the CRIT team, topics include reporting a crime, vacation safety tips, protecting your neighborhood, and how to be a good witness among others. The class will also cover crime and statistics, and how to become more involved with the Neighbors Connected program.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Classes
Tuesday, August 8
Arvada Police Headquarters,
8101 Ralston Rd.
1 – 5 p.m.

OR
Tuesday, November 11
Westwoods Community Station, 6644 Kendrick Dr.
1 – 5 p.m.

This class is designed specifically for multi-housing units and multi-tenant building owners/landlords. Participants learn important ways to make rental properties (including single-family homes) and multi-tenant buildings safer. CRIT members also discuss methods of landscaping and other design factors to help keep criminals and criminal activity away.

The class expands on ways to work with police to make rental properties safer, and discuss gang activity, graffiti, and narcotics. Members of CRIT and Attorney Deborah Wilson from the law firm of Springman, Braden, Wilson & Pontius P.C. will be available to answer questions.

Join Our Team
The Arvada Police Department continuously accepts applications for laterals and certified law enforcement officers. For new recruits, our next hiring process begins June 2. We will accept applications through July 14, and testing will be the week of August 7. Those hired will join a Spring 2018 Police Academy. To learn more, visit beacop.co.

Follow the #ArvadaRedWhiteandBlue this Independence Day
The Arvada Police will be posting tips and information before and during the Arvada Independence Day celebration using the hashtag #ArvadaRedWhiteandBlue.
Look for more information on our web site, arvada.org, and on Facebook and Twitter@ArvadaPolice. There will be fun contests and more to celebrate our nation’s independence.
Ralston House—a child advocacy center serving the 1st and 17th Judicial Districts (Jefferson, Gilpin, Adams, and Broomfield counties)—is gearing up for its annual .5K Endurance Challenge fundraiser!

The .5K Endurance Challenge is a play on the many endurance events throughout Colorado. Though our race is only 1,640 feet or 3.1 blocks long, participants receive a finisher medal and compete for the Golden Shoe Award. It’s a great event for all ages!

The Arvada .5K is Saturday, August 5 in Olde Town Arvada.

The Lakewood .5K is Saturday, August 25 at Belmar.

NEW! New this year is the Chief to Chief Challenge. Arvada Police Chief Don Wick has challenged Lakewood Police Chief Dan McCasky to increase the number of registered participants in their respective city’s event over last year’s registrants.

Ralston House provides a safe and welcoming space for children who have experienced physical or sexual abuse, or who have witnessed violent crime, to tell their stories as an alternative to a chaotic police station. Ralston House also provides support from victim advocates and forensic medical exams by expert child abuse pediatricians.

To be a part of this year’s .5K Endurance Challenge, register online at www.RalstonHouse.net or contact Tara Roesener at 720-898-6752 or via email at troesener@arvada.org.

Arvada Police In Rare Air with Tenth Accreditation

For the tenth time, the Arvada Police Department has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In addition, the agency was bestowed the designation of "Accreditation with Excellence" which is reserved for a handful of the highest-performing agencies and only given to agencies that have met the following criteria:

- Advocacy for CALEA Accreditation as a strategy for enhancing the professional standing of public safety.
- Excellence in addressing the intent of CALEA standards, beyond compliance.
- Organizational culture supportive of CALEA Accreditation.
- Standards compliance and accreditation process success.

CALEA Commissioners who reviewed assessment reports were highly complimentary of the Arvada Police Department and its employees. The award letter from CALEA stated, "Your agency has clearly demonstrated a commitment to professionalism and CALEA Accreditation has undoubtedly become an institutionalized management model for the organization. As the Gold Standard for Public Safety, CALEA is proud of your agency's accomplishment and commends you for your leadership."

The Department thanks community members and fellow law enforcement agencies who came to the CALEA public meeting on December 12, 2016. We are proud to serve this community and look forward to continuing to do so with the utmost respect, dedication and responsibility.
Getting to Know AURA

The Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) was created in July of 1981 when voters decided it was appropriate to redevelop the area in southeast Arvada near Interstate 70 and Wadsworth Boulevard. The area was called the City Center Urban Renewal Area. Over 25 years, AURA board members and staff oversaw the transformation of this formerly blighted and underutilized area into a vibrant commercial and retail center including Costco, Home Depot, Lowe’s and Sam’s Club. In addition, the Water Tower Village brought 1,200 residents to the south end of historic Olde Town Arvada, further adding to its vitality.

Between 1981 and 2006 (the 25 year life span of the City Center Urban Renewal Area):

- Sales tax revenue grew from $449,000 to over $10,000,000
- Property tax revenue grew from $1,650,000 to over $6,000,000

Since the expiration of the City Center urban renewal area in 2006, sales and property tax revenues have continued to rise. The 2016 sales tax generation is shown in the graph above.

**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

*Circa 1970, near I-70 and Wadsworth.*

*Costco.*

*Old apartments in the vicinity of the Olde Town Water Tower.*

*Water Tower Village.*
The City of Arvada offers tax rebates to qualified residents through the Resident Tax Rebate Program. The Program runs from May through August. Rebate amounts are $85 for the first person and $50 for additional persons. Partial residency rebates are offered on a pro-rated basis.

**Eligibility**

You may be qualified for the Resident Tax Rebate Program if you lived within the Arvada City limits in 2016 and meet one of the following criteria:

- Senior citizen: Age 65 by December 31, 2016; or
- Single: Between the age of 55 and 65 by December 31, 2016; or
- Disabled person; or
- Single head of household with dependent children; **AND**, the gross income for the entire household from all sources, including Social Security, is equal to or less than the annual income limit set yearly by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**2016 Gross Income Limits**

- One person - $28,050
- Two persons - $32,050
- Three persons - $36,050
- Four persons - $40,050

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### Be A Tool 5K/10K

Sign up for the first ever Be A Tool 5K/10K run/walk to be held Saturday, June 24 at 8 a.m. in Memorial Park (8151 W. 59th Ave.), raising money for Arvada’s Day of Service on September 16. Participants in the Be A Tool 5K/10K can run or walk either the 5K or 10K. This is a family-friendly event so kids are welcome. Participants will receive a t-shirt and goodie bag and breakfast is provided.

To register, go to [www.featevents.com](http://www.featevents.com).

During Arvada’s Day of Service, volunteers will come together to fix up homes and do yard work for people in our community that need help.
Bike Friendly Arvada Rides

Bike Friendly Arvada offers free community bike rides throughout the summer. There's no better way to get out and explore the community. Family rides are at a slower pace and around five miles; recreational rides are 12 – 13 miles and a faster pace. Check out bikefriendlyarvada.org for more information. 🚴

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Bike to Work Day is Wednesday, June 28

Try a two-wheeled commute and take advantage of encouragement stations set up by local businesses, governments, and community organizations across the region. Arvada’s stations feature breakfast, so be sure to get an early start! For more information or to find station locations near you, visit biketoworkday.us or arvada.org/biking. 🚴

Keep Cool This Summer with Xcel Energy Cooling Rebates

Keep cool this summer while keeping money in your pocket! Xcel Energy offers substantial rebates on evaporative coolers, ductless mini-split heat pumps, and high efficiency central air conditioners to help offset the cost of purchase to its residential electric customers. New systems have rebates ranging from $100 to $1,150. Learn more and get started at www.xcelenergy.com/homerebates. 🌡️
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**WEST**

West Phase Schedule:

2017. Tunnel construction at the intersection of Conduit 16 pipeline and State Highway 93

2018. Construction begins at the Northwater Treatment Plant and Ralston Reservoir site

2018. Construction and replacement of west segment of Conduit 16 pipeline

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**CENTRAL**

Central Phase Schedule:

2017. Tunnel construction at the intersection of Conduit 16 pipeline and Indiana Street, State Highway 58 and Youngfield Street

2019. Construction and replacement of central segment of the Conduit 16 pipeline

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**EAST**

East Phase Schedule:

2019. Construction and replacement of east segment of Conduit 16 pipeline

2018-2023. Improvements to the Moffat Treatment Plant site

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For more information:

[www.northsystemrenewal.org](http://www.northsystemrenewal.org)

or contact us at 303-893-2444

[northsystemrenewal@denverwater.org](mailto:northsystemrenewal@denverwater.org)
Denver Water Project Will Impact Arvada

In late 2017, Denver Water will begin an $85 million major reconstruction project. Arvada neighborhoods in the vicinity of the Arvada/Blunn Reservoir will see some of this construction as it takes place over the next two years.

Denver’s Ralston Reservoir, located to the west of Arvada, was constructed in 1938. This reservoir is a critical component of Denver Water’s water supply system which serves about 1.3 million people in the Front Range region. Arvada obtains about 75% of its water supplies from this Reservoir.

At the same time as Ralston Reservoir was being constructed, two large water pipelines were built to convey the reservoir water to Denver’s Moffat water treatment plant. These pipelines have reached the end of their life cycle and need to be replaced.

The map at left shows the route for the pipeline replacement project and the general timeline. In the Arvada area the work will start with a tunnel bore under Hwy 93 near W. 64th Avenue. The pipeline will then be constructed in Denver Water’s easement through the Arvada Long Lake Recreational complex and then to the southeast.

Denver Water is committed to minimizing construction impacts, but the scope of this project is such that some disruptions will occur. This is the first of several projects to rehabilitate and upgrade Denver Water’s Northern Collection system. Additional projects are planned for the next several years that will center on Ralston Reservoir. These projects are designed to maintain the reliable delivery of clean, safe drinking water into the future.

Mark Your Calendars for the First Annual Arvada Days

August 25, 6:30 – 10 p.m.:
Barn Dance, Farm to Table Dinner, BonFire

August 26, 7:30 – 10 a.m.:
Chuck Wagon Breakfast

August 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.:
Festival Activities

Clear Creek Valley Park
W. 59th Ave. and Tennyson St.
More information:
www.arvadafestivals.com
or call 720-898-7403.

State of the City

On Friday, April 21, Mayor Marc Williams gave his annual State of the City address at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. The event, hosted by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, was attended by hundreds of citizens and business owners. For a recap of the Mayor's speech, visit arvada.org/city-hall/city-council/state-of-the-city-address
Recent I had the honor of recognizing two of our fire dispatchers during an awards event for Jefferson County and Westminster due to their “Outstanding teamwork during a dangerous and emotionally difficult fire; contributing to saving victims’ lives and keeping firefighters safe on scene through exceptional information processing and communication.”

We have not emphasized enough the role our dispatchers play every day to contribute to the success of our Department. Our dispatchers are the “first, first responders” on every call for service we have. When I started 38 years ago, dispatch did not perform all of the duties that they do now. Today, dispatchers work calls from time of receipt to the arrival of the firefighters, instructing the reporting parties in actions to take until firefighters arrive on scene. During this time they assist the caller in many different ways such as CPR instruction, ensuring people are evacuating in the case of a fire, and so on. At the same time, dispatchers are also passing information along to the firefighters to ensure they have all available data when arriving on scene. The following example demonstrates how two AFPD dispatchers contributed to the saving of lives as well as giving the firefighters every chance of success.

The Robb Street fire of May 14, 2016 was a tragic incident in a group home for physically and mentally disabled occupants. Dispatcher Kelsey Bonsante answered the first 911 call from an occupant of the home who was trapped by the fire. Kelsey remained calm and helpful for the duration of the 911 call. She recommended ways for the party to escape the room; when it was determined that the party could not escape, Kelsey offered methods to keep smoke from entering the room until fire crews could get to her.

In the meantime, Dispatcher Katie Genger worked to make sure that the crews had all the information they needed and handled any other calls for service during this incident. She took the load that normally would be handled by two dispatchers, ensuring that Kelsey could stay on the phone with the trapped party.

The efforts of Kelsey Bonsante and Katie Genger, along with the responding firefighters, gave the structure’s six occupants the best chance possible to survive this horrific fire. They are an asset to the Arvada Fire Department, and we are lucky to have them. Our dispatchers ensure that 15,000 callers a year receive unsurpassed service. As always, thank you for allowing us be your fire department. It is an honor we take very seriously.
We are honored to announce that EMS Chief Mitchell, EMS Captain Putfark, and Firefighter/Paramedic Higgins were selected to receive 2017 Public Health Champion Awards. This selection was made as the result of a committed partnership between the Fire District and Jefferson County Public Health. Some of the multiple initiatives being undertaken collaboratively include Shots 4 Tots, Public Health Point of Distribution protocol, and the emergency cache of prophylactic antibiotics. Great work all!

Dave’s Medical Loan Closet

Sponsored by Arvada Fire Protection District

Dave’s Loan Closet is a local clearinghouse of donated medical equipment – for those who cannot afford these items or simply have a short-term need, as well as those who may no longer need their equipment. This is a service we offer out to the community for free!

We are currently accepting gently used items.

Contact:
Arvada Fire
303-424-3012

The Loan Closet provides and accepts donations of:

Crutches Shower stools Walkers Grab bars
Wheelchairs Canes Knee Scooters Toilet Aids
And much more!
Employee of the Year

Kevin Kirby, an inspector in the Community Risk Reduction Division, was awarded our Employee of the Year! Kevin has gone beyond what is required, helping conduct plan reviews and construction inspections. He invested significant time in bringing two new fire inspectors up-to-speed on how to conduct fire inspections, and instructing them on the Department’s new mobile inspection software. His knowledge, skills, and abilities drastically reduced the amount of time needed for the new inspectors to operate at full capacity.

In addition, Kevin has taken on Department Chaplain duties and supported crews far in excess of expectations following some of the Department’s most difficult fires. His efforts in helping our staff in their time of need is more appreciated than he could know.

Congratulations Kevin!

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Firefighter of the Year

Bert Brooks received the title of Firefighter of the Year because of his outstanding work in raising the Arvada Fire Department’s reputation in Colorado.

As the Colorado Professional Firefighters (CPFF) honor guard commander and the Colorado Honor Guard Association commander, Bert is the top honor guard commander for Colorado’s police and fire departments. He is in charge of the Colorado Fallen Firefighter Memorial every May, and for the past several years has led every line-of-duty death funeral. Bert also organizes and runs the CPFF Honor Guard academy every June. He drives wherever he is needed, as many times as needed, just to make sure everything is right and all proper honors are given. All of this, he does for no pay or benefits, while keeping up his duties as an engineer. Bert works with anyone who wants to train to become an engineer and is also in the acting officer program. He is a dedicated, motivated, and loyal Firefighter and well deserving of the title of Firefighter of the Year.

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Congratulations

Eric Berger

The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) voted unanimously to award “Fire Officer” designation to Eric Berger. Eric earned this professional designation as witnessed by a team of our peers and members of the CPC. He has demonstrated through his education, professional affiliations, and technical competence that he possesses the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the fire and emergency services profession. On behalf of the Commission on Professional Credentialing, the District commends his efforts and dedication in achieving this personal and professional milestone. Congratulations!

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This spring, Arvada Fire participated in Operation Save a Life. OSAL is a collaboration with Kidde, The Home Depot, and Denver Channel 7 news, giving fire departments the opportunity to receive 10-year, worry-free smoke and CO alarms at no cost to provide to the community. Arvada Fire received 642 smoke and 549 CO alarms to use for our District—a value of $38,010! We have already been canvassing neighborhoods to install new alarms. Check your alarms today and if they are older than 10 years, let us know and we will help you get them replaced!
City Hall 101 is a FREE series of classes offering citizens an in-depth look at City services. Classes cover every aspect of Arvada’s government structure as well as the Apex Recreation District and Arvada Fire Protection District.

Participants in City Hall 101 meet the City Manager and other members of City staff at such locations as the Arvada Center, police station, and water treatment facility. Upon graduation from City Hall 101, participants are well-equipped to be effective participants in neighborhood and civic affairs.

In addition to attending classes, participants are asked to come up with a project for giving back to the community. Past classes identified projects such as organizing a block party, starting a neighborhood group, volunteering at the Food Bank, reading to children at schools, assisting seniors with yard work and applying for a City board or commission.

For more information and to apply, go to arvada.org/residents/city-neighborhoods/city-of-arvada-city-hall-101.

Summer Reminders from Neighborhood Services

We all look forward to summertime in Colorado. Here are some important tips from Arvada’s Neighborhood Services Department.

Growing Season for Lawns . . . and Weeds

Make sure to keep grass cut below the required 12 inches—and remove those pesky weeds! Not only does your home look better, but tall vegetation quickly dries and becomes a fire danger.

Get To Know Your Neighbors

Would you like the opportunity to get to know the neighbors that live on your block? The Neighborhood Services Division offers three programs to make it easy to get to know your neighbors.

- The Block Party Trailer has everything you need to host a block party except the people, food, and fun. The trailer is very popular (most weekends in 2017 have already been booked!), so schedule your event now. Book online at www.arvada.org/block-party.
- The Neighborhood Movie Program comes with a 12 foot inflatable screen, projector, DVD player, and sound system. Grab some blankets and enjoy a movie under the stars! Visit www.arvada.org/movies.
- $100 Know Your Neighbor Grants are available for block parties, event kick-offs, neighborhood clean-ups, holiday celebrations, or other functions that build connections between neighbors. Visit www.arvada.org/grants.
Walking With Nature –
Standley Lake & Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail
Wednesday, June 14, 6:15 p.m. All ages, $3/person, $9/family.
Meet at Standley Lake Library, 8485 Kipling St.
Casual pace guided nature walk.

MVNC Service Day in the Park 🌳
Saturday, June 17, 9 – 11 a.m. All ages, Free.
Get the whole family involved in volunteering.

Snakes and Stakes:
MVNC Campfire Series
Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m. All ages, $5/person, $15/family.
Meet live snakes, learn about reptiles, and roast marshmallows.

Hands Dirty, Feet Wet –
Outdoor Nature Playdates
Friday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. All ages, Free.

Buzzing about Bees: Campfire at Lair O’ the Bear Park
Thursday, June 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Lair O’ Bear Open Space Park. Bee program with honey tasting, campfire fun and s’mores! Register at jeffco.us/open-space/nature/nature-programs/.

Wiggly Worms
Friday, June 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m. Ages 3 – 6, Free.
Yes, get up close with the real thing!

Disappearing Wildlife:
MVNC Campfire Series
Thursday, June 6, 6:30 – 8 p.m. All ages, $5/person, $15/family.
See confiscated wildlife items and enjoy roasting marshmallows.

Garden Insects –
The Good, the Bad & the Ugly
Saturday, July 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Adults & teens, $5.
Instructor: CSU Master Gardener

Tennis and Nature – Tennis and Nature Camp
June 26 – 30 and July 17 – 21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Ages 6-13, $130/$145.
Enjoy learning tennis skills and then time connecting with nature through fun and educational activities.

Attention Summer Campers
Horses and Naay-ture at The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center
June 12 – 16 and July 24 – 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Ages 5-8, $435 per session.
Enjoy some time with the horses, then an hour connecting with nature through fun and educational activities. Call 720-394-0191 to register.

Mad Science Camp: Space and Flight Academy
June 19 – 23, 9 a.m. – noon or 4 p.m. Ages 6 – 11, $199 half/$289 full day.
This hands-on program sends budding Mad Scientists on a quest for exploration.

Mad Science Camp: Super Sleuth Academy
July 24 – 28, 9 a.m. – noon or 4 p.m. Ages K-6th Grade, $199 half/$289 full day.
Secret communications, detective crime science, and mysteries to solve.
Arvada Company Profile

The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) is profiling primary employers that are conducting business in Arvada. A primary employer is defined as a company that sells the majority of its product or service outside the community, thereby bringing in new dollars to Arvada. In this issue, AEDA is showcasing Mark VII Equipment located at 5981 Tennyson Street.

Mark VII Equipment was founded in 1966 by Harry Matthews. Mark VII pioneered touch-free car washing and is now an industry leader in soft-touch, touch-free, and hybrid car wash systems. In 2006, WashTec AG, the world market leader in car wash technology and innovation, acquired Mark VII. Working as a subsidiary of WashTec AG, Mark VII is proudly part of a network that employs over 1,700 individuals, operates in more than 70 countries across the globe, and has sold thousands of car wash systems worldwide. Mark VII associates work together to focus on one goal: deliver maximum customer benefit. To accomplish this, company leadership has developed four pillars that make Mark VII unique in the market.

- **Specialization**—Mark VII focuses talent and experience on just one area—the carwash segment. As a result, the company understands both the challenges and opportunities in this market.

- **Innovation**—Mark VII strives to maintain a curious mindset. Accepting the status quo is not an option. Innovation is about figuring out where the industry is going, and then helping customers capture opportunities through product innovation.

- **Leadership**—Mark VII practices responsive leadership. Every member of the organization is a potential leader and customers share the same potential.

- **Entrepreneurial Spirit**—The carwash market is dominated by entrepreneurs, not giant corporations. As entrepreneurs, Mark VII remains nimble and understands what contributes to the bigger picture. Being accountable, taking responsibility for decisions, and quickly adjusting course creates a successful entrepreneurial spirit.

All of this means that, ultimately, customers drive actions. Like any for-profit organization, Mark VII strives to succeed financially and grow business. Company associates believe that will occur naturally by focusing on customers first. When they enjoy success, Mark VII prospers as well. In 2016 Mark VII celebrated 50 years of operation in Arvada. “We’re proud of our history as an innovator in the car wash business,” said Chris Andersen, CEO of Mark VII. “It’s a testimony to our people and products that we’ve reached this milestone and are continuing to be an industry leader.” To watch a video about Mark VII, visit [www.YouTube.com/investinarvada](http://www.YouTube.com/investinarvada) or [www.markvii.net](http://www.markvii.net).

King Soopers Marketplace Plans to Open a Location in Northwest Arvada

Residents of northwest Arvada will be pleased to learn that a brand new King Soopers Marketplace will be opening at the northwest corner of Candelas Parkway and Indiana Street. The 123,000 square foot grocery store, slated to open in March of 2018, will also house a nine-unit multiple product dispenser (MPD) fuel center. In addition to the King Soopers store and fuel center, the 22-acre development site will also provide 7,100 square feet of attached inline retail as well as four out lot pad site opportunities for ground lease or purchase. The development is viewed as a much-needed asset to the
community as the area is currently significantly underserved by retail, grocery, fuel, and restaurant amenities. Retail lease opportunities at the site are being marketed by Crosbie Real Estate Group. Contact Rhonda Coy or Scott Steputis with Crosbie Real Estate Group for more information at rcoy@creginc.com or step@creginc.com.

**Harkins Theatres to Open Reimagined Arvada 14**

Harkins Theatres announced the acquisition of the Olde Town 14 movie theatre located W. 55th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth Boulevard. Harkins will move swiftly to dramatically upgrade and remodel the theatre, with plans to reopen Fall 2017.

“The Arvada theatre will be completely remodeled and upgraded to include our latest and greatest amenities and programs,” says Dan Harkins, Owner and CEO of Harkins Theatres. “Being a family-owned, American company based in the west, we are thrilled to be able to entertain our new friends in Arvada.”

Theatre highlights will include: Harkins Ultimate Lounger™ seats (plush, leather reclining seats) in all auditoriums; reserved seating in all auditoriums; in-lobby bar featuring cocktails, wine and beer, including local craft favorites; state-of-the-art Laser Projection and digital sound; new luxury finishes throughout the theatre; and wall-to-wall and curved screens. The theatre will also have a gourmet concession stand with an enormous menu including hot food selections such as Nathan’s Famous mini corn dogs, White Castle cheeseburgers, and much more. For more information about Harkins, visit Harkins.com

**New Arvada Businesses**

The following new businesses have either opened or plan to open soon in Arvada. For a complete listing of Arvada businesses, go to arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org/Business Directory.

**Ackerman Engineering Inc.**
16205 W. 64th Ave.

**Allen Industries**
5627 Kendall Court

**Bengston Wealth Management**
16255 W. 64th Ave.

**Bentley’s Pet Stuff**
7705 Wadsworth Blvd.

**Colorado Cancer Counseling**
5460 Ward Road

**Impact Sports Medicine PC**
6390 Gardenia St.

**Knock One Back Liquor Store**
7370 W. 52nd Ave.

**Liberty Tax Services**
7521 W. 80th Ave.

**Modest Nails LLC (nail salon)**
8031 Wadsworth Blvd.

**Orangetheory Fitness**
8031 Wadsworth Blvd.

**Pet Supplies Plus**
8175 Sheridan Blvd.

**Scott Brenner Tax Service**
8100 Ralston Road

**Stella PR + Marketing**
7878 W. 80th Place

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# Recycling Guide

The below list is not comprehensive, but provides many opportunities for recycling. Some items are free; others will have a per pound charge. Call or visit websites for detailed information and pricing. A more comprehensive list may be found on the City’s website at [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org).

*Locations in Arvada unless otherwise noted.*

| **All Recycling** | **SustainAbility**  
6240 W. 54th Ave.  
303-425-9226  
sustainability-recycling.com | **Single Stream:** Traditional materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass & metals.  
**Hard to Recycle:** Batteries, bikes, vegetable oil, ink and toner, CD's & DVDs, fire extinguishers, paint, plastic grocery bags, styrofoam, mixed metals, books, propane tanks, grills, washers/dryers, etc.  
**Electronics:** Cameras, computers/monitors and accessories, electronics, fax machines, game systems, loose cables, some appliances, printers, televisions, etc. |
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| **Appliance and Scrap Metal Removal** | **Front Range Recycling Services**  
720-588-0268 | Will pick up appliances and scrap metals from the home. |
| **Auto Parts** | **O’Reilly Auto Parts**  
6464 Wadsworth Blvd.  
11702 W. 64th Ave.  
303-456-7646  
Advance Auto Parts  
5465 Wadsworth Bypass  
10159 Ralston Road | Automotive batteries, used automotive oil, etc. |
| **Batteries** | **Interstate All Battery Center**  
12650 W. 64th Ave.  
303-463-6300  
[www.interstatebatteries.com](http://www.interstatebatteries.com) | button cell batteries, household batteries, lead-acid batteries (auto & sealed), industrial batteries, rechargeable batteries |
| **Box Springs and Mattresses** | **Springback Mattress Recycling**  
3875 Steele St. #B, Denver  
720-515-1328  
[www.springbackco.org](http://www.springbackco.org) | Pick ups and drop offs  
End-of-life mattresses and box springs at a disposal rate of $20 per piece |
| **Electronics and Hazardous Materials** | **Rooney Road Recycling**  
151 S. Rooney Rd., Golden  
303-316-6262  
[www.rooneyroadrecycling.org](http://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org) | Electronics including computers, monitors, televisions, fax machines, etc.  
Hazardous household chemicals including aerosols, antifreeze, automotive batteries, batteries, cleaners, electronics, fertilizers, florescent bulbs, gasoline, latex and oil paints, motor oil, pesticides |
| **General** | **Arvada Recycling**  
9630 Ralston Rd.  
303-423-4189  
[www.arvadarecycling.com](http://www.arvadarecycling.com) | Purchase all grades of non-ferrous metals, including alloys, aluminum, brass, copper, lead. Accepts: Appliances, ferrous metals, magazines and newspaper |
| **Light Bulbs** | **Most Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and Lowe's Home Improvement Stores accept light bulbs.**  
**Call for more information.** | |
| **Paint** | **Paint Care**  
[www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org)  
855-724-6809 | Visit website or call phone number for a comprehensive list of retail stores in Colorado that accept paint, free of charge. |
| **Tires** | **Discount Tire**  
5330 Wadsworth Bypass  
303-423-1883  
11707 Ralston Road  
303-425-9574  
Big O Tires  
6510 Indiana St.  
303-996-0001 | Car Tires |

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June

2  First Fridays Artwalk
   6 – 8 p.m.
   Variety of Olde Town businesses participating
   visitarvada.org

3  Arvada Trails Day
   10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
   Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge
   9210 W. 80th Ave.
   720-289-0867

10 17th Annual Kids Fishing Contest
    6 a.m.
    Arvada Blunn Reservoir
    18915 West 64th Pkwy.
    720-898-7400

18  Father’s Day Car Show
    9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
    Apex Center
    13150 W. 72nd Ave.
    303-424-2739

24 Garden Tour
    Arvada Historical Society
    8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
    $15/person
    Starts at Arvada Center Amphitheater Plaza
    6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
    303-421-2032

24-25 5th Annual Sand In The City
       Ralston Park, W. 64th Ave.
       and Simms St.
       Sat: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
       Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
       720-898-3380
       See page 5

July

4  Independence Day Celebration
   4 p.m.
   Stenger Sports Fields
   W. 58th Ave and Oak St.
   720-898-7000
   See page 4

7  First Fridays Artwalk
   6 – 8 p.m.
   Variety of Olde Town businesses participating
   visitarvada.org

18 Arvada on Tap: A Craft Beer and BBQ Festival
    12 – 7 p.m.
    Ralston Park, W. 64th Ave.
    and Simms St.
    720-898-7403
    See page 5

Second Saturdays in Olde Town

June 10: A Night with “The Beatles” and ’60s Ear Fun
July 8: A Night of Big Band and Legends of American Jazz
August 12: A Night of Elvis Classics and ’50s Era Fun
3 - 9 p.m. each evening in Olde Town Arvada
303-420-6100 • oldetownarvada.org

The Arvada Visitors Center is a one-stop-shop resource for the residents of Arvada and guests visiting the area. The Visitors Center is located in Historic Olde Town Arvada at 7305 Grandview Ave. Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the weekends. For more information, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org. Online at visitarvada.org.
3RD LAW DANCE/ THEATER
JUNE 3

BRIAN SETZER’S ROCKABILLY RIOT!
JUNE 12

WONDERBOUND
DIVIDING WITH FLOLIVOTS
JUNE 17 & 18

MARC COHN
with Glen Phillips
JUNE 25

COLORADO SYMPHONY
Mozart under Moonlight
JULY 8
A Night of Pops: Tribute to Leroy Anderson
JULY 20

THREE DOG NIGHT
with Strange Americans
JULY 14

THE DENVER BRASS
Good Vibrations
JULY 16

THE ROBERT CRAY BAND
JULY 18

BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY
JULY 22

BOZ SCAGGS
JULY 26

STEPHEN STILLS & JUDY COLLINS
with Numa Edema
AUGUST 5

CLINT BLACK
AUGUST 19

COLORADO BALLET
AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS
AUGUST 26

JONNY LANG
SEPT 10

SUMMER STAGE CONCERT SERIES

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