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Introducing the 2020 - 2025 City Council Strategic Plan

The Arvada City Council has approved a new strategic plan for the period of 2020 - 2025. Developed with community input and in-depth discussion, the plan describes Council’s strategic priorities for the City:

**Safe Community**
Community-based policing, connected neighbors, engaged local businesses, supportive community institutions and a fair and impartial justice system, all working together, ensures that Arvada is a safe place to live, work, play and stay.

**Infrastructure**
The community depends on a well-maintained foundation of streets, sidewalks, water, wastewater and stormwater facilities. Planned and steady population growth requires proper maintenance of existing infrastructure and additional capacity to support a thriving community.

**Community and Economic Development**
Arvada’s future prosperity and quality of life will be significantly influenced by the City’s ability to ensure that development meets design values and standards, safety requirements, infrastructure needs and supports the local economy to implement the community’s vision.

**Vibrant Community and Neighborhoods**
A vibrant community is engaged in civic life, the arts and the outdoors. It comprises individuals and groups who are dedicated to their community, get involved with neighborhood associations and participate with local government to ensure responsiveness to changing needs resulting in Arvada being the preferred place to live, work, play and stay.

**Organizational and Service Effectiveness**
The community depends on a well-managed, fiscally-responsible City government to guide the organization in a manner that enhances quality of life. Performance-based management practices, sustainable levels of resource use, efficient application of technology, a high-performing workforce and legal and ethical compliance will ensure the long-term credibility and effectiveness of the City government.

The City monitors progress using an integrated performance management system called FOCUS, which provides data for decision making and helps drive funding for the many programs Arvada residents want and need. Learn more about the City Council’s strategic plan by visiting [www.arvada.org/strategic-plan](http://www.arvada.org/strategic-plan).

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**Unofficial Election Results**

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As of 11-8-19
Give back to our community: Serve on a City board or commission

Looking for a great way to support our community? The Arvada City Council is currently seeking applicants to fill vacancies for boards and commissions in 2020. Boards and commissions study issues facing our community to make recommendations to the City Council on issues within the board’s area of expertise. These groups are part of the community’s voice that influences public policy and decisions impacting Arvada. Please note that for the majority of these boards, you need to be a resident of the City of Arvada. Background checks are also required to serve on certain boards and committees.

To apply for consideration for any of the boards or commissions with vacancies, you will need to complete the application form and supplementary questions. You may request consideration for up to three boards or commissions; however, you may only serve on one at a time.

Your application materials can be submitted as follows:

- Complete the application form and supplemental questions online at www.arvada.org/2020boards.
  OR
- Print the application form available at www.arvada.org/2020boards, or have them mailed or emailed to you by calling 720-898-7550.
- Return the completed forms via email: arvadaboards@arvada.org; fax: 720-898-7515; or mail/deliver in person to the City Clerk’s Office at 8101 Ralston Rd. Arvada, CO 80002.

Learn more about boards and commissions at www.arvada.org/boards-and-commissions.

**Boards and commissions application timeline:**
Applications are due in the City Clerk’s Office by noon on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020.

Interviews with City Council will take place in late February 2020.

Selections will be made in early March.

Appointments will be made in April.

**The following boards and commissions have vacancies available for 2020:**
- Arvada Arts and Culture Commission
- Arvada Festivals Commission
- Arvada Golf Advisory Committee
- Arvada Park Advisory Committee
- Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Arvada Urban Renewal Authority
- Design Review Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Human Services Advisory Committee

Members of the Arts and Culture Commission hosted a public engagement event in Olde Town to help inform the Arts and Culture Master Plan.
City finances

The 2020 Budget update approved

On Oct. 21, the Arvada City Council adopted the City’s revised budget for fiscal year 2020, completing the second year of a two-year budget approval cycle. In addition to the budget, the City has a ten-year financial plan that is used to determine if future impacts of the current proposed budget are fiscally sound. City Council’s adopted budget and fiscal policies require minimum fund balances in each of the major operating funds be maintained. Using the ten-year models, the City is able to test the effects of current financial decisions on future years’ financial conditions when approving funding requests throughout the organization. You can learn more about the budget by visiting www.arvada.org/city-budget.

City recognized for excellence in governmental budgeting

For the 28th straight year, the City of Arvada has received the Government Finance Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award reflects the City’s strong commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City’s Finance team met nationally-recognized guidelines for an effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

Fluoride update

City of Arvada voters approved a community fluoride program in 1967. The City’s Ralston Water Treatment Plant was designed to use a liquid form of fluoride to supplement the water. Over time, the tank storing the liquid fluoride began leaking. The City attempted to fix the leak but was unsuccessful. While fluoride is an additive that does not affect the safety of drinking water, the City is committed to investing in our infrastructure, and the plant is in the process of converting from a liquid fluoride system to a powder feed system similar to the system in use at the Arvada Water Treatment Plant. The conversion will take several months. During that time period, the City will be unable to provide supplemental fluoridation in City drinking water. The City has notified dentists in Arvada and encourages residents to consult their dental health provider about ways to maintain dental health. Be sure to stay updated on the project by visiting www.arvada.org/fluoride.

Understanding a change in stormwater rates

The Stormwater Utility Fee supports flood control activities and capital improvement projects to address flooding issues in neighborhoods across Arvada. The City is required to perform an assessment of impervious surfaces (parking surfaces, structures and walkways) at least every 10 years. We recently performed a detailed assessment of every property in the city to determine 2020 stormwater fees. While the fee per square foot has not changed, some property owners may see changes in their bill. To learn more about the stormwater fee, visit www.arvada.org/calculating-the-stormwater-utility-fee. If you have questions and would like to speak with a City representative, call 720-898-7070.
Cone Zone

**W. 72nd Avenue Project (Kipling to Simms streets)**

**Description:** This project will fully reconstruct W. 72nd Avenue between Kipling and Simms streets to a four-lane arterial parkway and create an underpass at the railroad crossing near Oak Street, among other improvements. This project is funded by the 3F Bond Authorization that voters approved in November 2018.

**Status:** The City will be using an alternate contracting method, called Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), to deliver this project. It is anticipated that project construction will likely be phased and could begin as early as spring or summer 2020. To learn more about the benefits of using a CM/GC and for periodic updates, visit [www.arvada.org/w-72nd-avenue-project](http://www.arvada.org/w-72nd-avenue-project).

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**Wadsworth Blvd. Right Turn Lanes Project (W. 68th to W. 74th avenues)**

**Description:** This project involves widening Wadsworth Boulevard (SH 121) north and south of W. 72nd Avenue to provide a safer transition onto Wadsworth Boulevard from W. 72nd Avenue and right turn lanes to W. 74th Avenue, W. 70th Drive, Arvada Center and W. 68th Avenue.

**Status:** Construction is anticipated to begin no later than Jan. 27, 2020 and will last for approximately 180 calendar days.

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**Ralston Road Improvement Project (Upham to Yukon streets)**

**Description:** The Ralston Road Improvement Project will reconstruct pavement and widen traffic lanes and sidewalks to improve traffic flow and safety. This portion of the Ralston Road Improvement Project is funded by the 3F Bond Authorization that voters approved in November 2018. It will reconstruct roadway pavement, widen traffic lanes and provide wider sidewalks to improve traffic flow and safety for drivers and pedestrians.

**Status:** The City’s consultant will complete the final design of the project during the first quarter of 2020. For periodic updates, visit [www.arvada.org/ralston-road-project](http://www.arvada.org/ralston-road-project).

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**Complex Project Process**

Construction is only one part of a complex project. There is a lot of work that happens before a shovel goes in the ground.

**STEP 1 Define Problem**

What are we trying to accomplish? What have residents told us they need?

**STEP 2 Conceptual Design**

Create the broad outlines of a solution to the problem.

**STEP 3 Preliminary Design**

The preliminary design is developed from the conceptual plans to 30% of the completed design.

**STEP 4 Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition**

In some situations, the project cannot be built within the City’s existing ROW. Property rights will need to be acquired from property owners in accordance with applicable laws.

**STEP 5 Final Design**

The design is finalized. Construction documents are produced and bids are accepted for construction.

**STEP 6 Utility Work**

When required, private utility companies begin the process of relocating their facilities.

**STEP 7 Construction Begins**

Construction workers are active in the work zone.

**STEP 8 Construction Ends**

Construction work is complete.
An opportunity for homebuyers in Ralston Creek

The Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) continues to bring a range of housing to Arvada, from apartments and condos to townhomes, especially near Olde Town and our G Line stations. For example, in mid-October, the Arvada City Council approved the Preliminary Development Plan for Berkeley Homes’ 44-unit townhome development. Berkeley Homes, a Colorado-based company, expects to have the first townhomes available for buyers by the end of 2020 or early 2021. The townhomes will be priced from $350,000 to about $400,000, providing market-based homes for first- and second-time homebuyers and empty nesters.

The Berkeley Homes project is located in the authority’s Ralston Creek Urban Renewal Area along Ralston Road west of Olde Town. The townhomes will be designed and built to embrace the surrounding community by using front porches, landscaped front lawns and alley-loaded garages, providing a neighborhood and community atmosphere. Each townhome will be two stories, with 2- and 3-bedroom versions available to buyers. Groundbreaking is expected in the spring of 2020.

Olde Town Arvada named a “Great Place in Colorado”

The City of Arvada has been recognized for excellence in planning by the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Colorado), who recently announced Olde Town Arvada as its first “Great Places in Colorado” designee. The award and program builds off of the American Planning Association’s national flagship program “Great Places in America.” The program draws attention to exemplary communities and neighborhoods, whose planning efforts demonstrate exceptional character, quality and attributes that enrich communities, facilitate economic growth and inspire others.

Michelle Stephens, AICP, Chapter President of APA Colorado, stated that APA Colorado “introduced this program to highlight places that represent the gold standard in terms of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow.”

Olde Town Arvada was selected for the inaugural “Great Places in Colorado - Great Neighborhood” award due to its thoughtful development, smooth transition to the surrounding area, and preservation and re-use of historic buildings. Learn more about the award and view the video at www.arvada.org/olde-town-arvada-named-a-great-place-in-colorado.
Shop Small in Arvada this holiday season

Shopping Small in Arvada supports local businesses that boost our local economy, create jobs for our neighbors and preserve our great community. More than three percent of Arvada’s sales tax goes to maintaining our streets, parks and public safety efforts. Arvada City Council proclaimed Nov. 30, 2019, as Small Business Saturday. This season: #shopsmall, #shopArvada.

Arvada Chamber’s inaugural business summit offers valuable connections

From management inspiration to young professional development, there was something for everyone at the Arvada Chamber of Commerce’s inaugural Business Summit. The one-day conference was held on Oct. 30 at the Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities. The 2019 Business Summit offered a variety of educational sessions to help attendees grow personally and professionally, along with two keynote speakers and a networking happy hour.

The keynote presenters were Tricia Downing and Patty Silverstein. A self-proclaimed “roll” model, Downing combines her skills as a disability advocate and Team USA Paralympic Athlete, helping individuals and businesses transform in critical moments and solve problems by thinking differently. In her keynote, Downing shared how she learned to discover her inner champion when facing adversity, both in the workplace or her personal life. Silverstein is the president of Development Research Partners, a Jefferson County-based company specializing in economic research, and she provided economic update for metro Denver at the Business Summit.

Breakout session topics at the Business Summit included pathways for executives, small businesses, human resources, marketing and young professionals. Speakers included business leaders from various industries in Arvada, including the City of Arvada, Red Rocks Community College, Sooper Credit Union, Delta Restoration, Sonsio, Colchin Automotive, Odyssey Beerwerks and more.

The 2019 Business Summit was born out of feedback from the business community that they need innovative ways to grow and connect with other key local leaders to improve the quality of business and opportunity in Arvada. Photos, speaker information and session materials from the summit are available at arvadachamber.org/bizsummit. To recommend topics or speakers—or to stay informed for next year’s summit, contact samantha@arvadachamber.org.

New Arvada businesses

The following are new businesses that have opened, are under new ownership or plan to open soon in Arvada.

For a directory of Arvada businesses, go to arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org – Business Directory.

Fantastic Sams - 7735 Wadsworth Blvd.
Gigantic Cleaners - 9601 W. 57th Pl.
Lloyds Tasty Sandwiches - 7512 Grandview Ave.
Surge Kickboxing Fitness - 6414 Ward Rd.
Tacos Los Viejones - 5495 Marshall St.
The Rocky Mountain Law Firm - 5400 Ward Rd.
West Arvada Orthodontics - 18148 W. 92nd Ln.
The New Land Development Code connection to the Arvada Comprehensive Plan

The City of Arvada is updating the Land Development Code (LDC), which are the regulations that govern development in the city. The LDC affects all development and helps shape where you live, where you work and where you play. One of the key reasons the City is updating the 2008 LDC is to better align the regulations with the community’s vision for the City, as articulated in the 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan established numerous goals and policies related to growth and economic development, multi-modal transportation and vibrant community and neighborhoods. A number of the goals and policies described in the plan will be formalized through the enactment of the new LDC.

To better align with the Comprehensive Plan, some of the recommended updates to the LDC include: the creation of three mixed-use zone districts that will allow for the integration of commercial, office and residential on a single property. The creation of a new residential zone district that will overlay most residential areas in the City to help preserve the existing character of neighborhoods. It will also allow new residential developments to include a variety of residential types in a single neighborhood, such as townhomes, paired homes and single family homes.

An open house will be held on Dec. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd.) to allow the public to review the first draft of the new zoning map that will be associated with the updated LDC. Visit www.AdvanceArvada.org for up to date information regarding this project.

Support Arvada non-profits on Colorado Gives Day

The annual Colorado Gives Day will be Dec. 10, and it’s your opportunity to support local non-profits through online giving. It’s easy. Just visit www.coloradogives.org and type “Arvada” in the search by location window. Arvada non-profits included in the Colorado Gives campaign include the Ralston House, Community Table, The Arvada Center, the Arvada Chorale, The Sunrise Rotary Club, the Horse Protection League and others.

The campaign partners, Community First Foundation and FirstBank, are each contributing $500,000 to create a $1 million incentive fund that will allow non-profits who receive support through the campaign to receive an additional contribution from the fund. To support your favorite Arvada nonprofit(s) on Colorado Gives Day, visit www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday.

Building tips - When hiring a contractor

Thinking about hiring a contractor to do work on your house? The City of Arvada Building Services Division offers the following tips to keep in mind when hiring a contractor for a job, big or small:

- Obtain a minimum of three bids.
- Ask friends, family and/or neighbors for referrals. Utilize resources such as a Nextdoor.com.
- Ask contractor for references.
- Try to use a local contractor. Maintaining a good reputation in the community is key to the success of their business.
- Use a contractor who has been in business for more than a few years.
- Do not pay invoice in full until all work has been completed and has passed all final inspections (withholding 20 percent is standard).
- If the project needs a permit, ask for a copy of the permit for your records.

To learn more about the Building Services Division, as well as how to apply for a permit, visit www.arvada.org/building-inspection-division.
Don’t want to see your car on the evening news? Don’t leave it running!

It’s that time of year again. You’re cold, your windows are frosted over, and you don’t want to scrape the frost off your windows. What’s the harm in letting your car run while you’re inside getting ready for work? Puffing, as it is called, is a ticketable offense in Arvada, punishable with average fines of $360 and a mandatory court appearance. And, you could potentially be the victim of a car theft.

Thieves actively look for unattended cars in the winter months and try to steal personal effects from them or steal the car itself. Cars are not stolen anymore to be “parted out” or taken to a “Chop Shop.” Vehicles are stolen to commit other crimes like burglary, theft, armed robbery and others.

Arvada PD actively patrols for puffers during the winter months, so don’t receive an unnecessary ticket or fall victim to theft. For more information, visit www.arvada.org/puffer-crimes.

Remote start cars are the one exception to the law: remote start cars are allowed to be running unattended, as long as the keys are not in the vehicle.

Porch Pirates

The holidays are here, and with them come deliveries from all that online shopping. Thieves are ready and waiting to intercept these unattended packages from your porch, so don’t fall victim to this preventable crime. Arvada PD has a few tips and tricks to help prevent porch pirates:

- Have your items delivered to your workplace or a family member’s house
- Ask a neighbor to take the package inside once it’s delivered
- Sign up for text alerts from the carrier
- Consider paying a little extra for the package insurance

Doorbell cameras and other security system footage are useful evidence for the police to review, but license plates and quality images of the suspects are key for potentially catching the thief.
Board Members needed

The W. Michael Northey Foundation is looking for citizens interested in supporting the Arvada community by participating on the Board of Directors.

The mission of the foundation is to honor and preserve the memory of Officer Michael Northey by providing financial assistance to officers and their families in times of need and awarding scholarships to graduating seniors in Arvada to further their education. Officer Northey was killed in the line of duty 40 years ago protecting and serving our community.

Citizen appointments are for a two-year term and require active participation in quarterly board meetings and various community fundraising events including the Northey Drug-Take-Back and Shred-A-Thon. Those interested in applying should contact Scott Breitlow at scott@northeyfoundation.org and visit www.northeyfoundation.org.

Tips from Animal Management:
Keep our furry friends safe this winter!

Winter can be a tough time for animals who depend on the care of humans for their well-being. Help keep our furry friends safe this winter! Remember:

- Provide proper shelter: All animals kept outdoors should have access to shelter from the elements and temperature extremes. If dog houses are not heated, they should be raised off the ground (on a pallet for example) and contain non-absorbent bedding like straw (blankets get wet and freeze).
- Provide clean water (not frozen) and food.
- Provide paw protection when walking your dog, and winter-wear for dogs with short hair.
- Be cautious using antifreeze. Clean up any spills. Animals like the taste of it, and it is lethal if ingested, even in a small amount.
- If using ice melt, find a pet-safe product. Ice melt can irritate pets’ skin and mouth.
- Do not leave rat/mice poison where your pets or other animals have access to it.

Find additional pet safety information at www.foothillsanimalshelter.org/pet-tips.

Marbles reflect a kaleidoscopic of comfort for children

One marble at a time helps Ralston House to stop the abuse and start the healing.

Ralston House child advocacy center, which started right here in Arvada, is an alternative place to a police station for children who have experienced physical or sexual abuse or those who have witnessed a violent crime to be interviewed.

One of the first things a child sees when they walk in the front door at Ralston House is a large jar of colorful marbles. They often try to guess how many marbles are in the jar. A victim advocate explains that each child who is interviewed may choose a colorful marble to place in the jar before they leave. It is a way of showing that many brave children have come to Ralston House and speak up each day about abuse to make the community a safer place, reassuring children and their families that they are not alone. The diversity in size and color of marbles is a symbol of healing and community. Learn more about Ralston house at www.RalstonHouse.org.

Make a difference in your community this holiday season
Support the important services that Ralston House provides. Make an online donation at www.RalstonHouse.org, or send donations to Ralston House:
10795 W. 58th Ave., Arvada, CO 80002.
Preparing for snow in Arvada!

The City of Arvada snow and ice control plan is designed to ensure streets and open thoroughfares are safe using the most efficient means possible. With 1,540 lane miles of streets, the plan emphasizes arterials, major collectors and school routes, which total 480 lane miles for snow and ice control operations. Fifty-four trained staff members operate 15 tandem axle trucks for plowing. During snow events, staff are scheduled across three shifts to ensure snow and ice control operations are addressed around the clock.

In addition to plowing snow from Arvada streets when the snow falls, staff applies snow and ice control materials to them. Over the years, various materials have been used for ice and snow control on the roads.

SAND: The City of Arvada does not apply sand to the roads. While sand was helpful for traction on icy roads, it also contributes to the air pollution phenomenon known as “the Brown Cloud.” A regional commitment requires sand to be swept up within 24 hours of the end of the storm. This makes it a resource-intensive product. Sand also contributes to silt in the stormwater system.

DEICER: Deicing liquid is a useful tool in the right storm conditions. It is an effective tool for storm events that do not include rain turning to snow (the rain washes the deicer away) or are very cold (under 15 degrees).

SALT: Within this category, a variety of salt products are available. The City of Arvada is working toward a sustainable salt approach that takes care of the environment, our infrastructure and our budget. This means using the right amount of salt in appropriate conditions. This 2019-2020 snow season, six Colorado School of Mines students are working with the City to help develop a tool that will support this sustainable salt approach to snow and ice control. Learn more about the study at www.arvada.org/road-salt-field-study.

Cool (Cold) Facts

- Largest number of snowfall in Arvada on record: The Christmas blizzard of 1982 dropped 34” of snow in 24 hours.

- Most number of snowstorms in one season: 2006 – 2007 blizzards brought us 10 storms during a 7-week period.

- In 2018, there were 15 snow and ice control storms reported

- Snow and ice control materials used in the 2018 snow season:
  - Rock Salt = 4,220.70 Tons
  - Liquid Deicer = 40,488 gallons

Worried about your salt intake? Steer clear of the Street Maintenance shops! Photo shows **Two Thousand Tons** of salt used for snow and ice control operations. A conveyor allows crews to “stack” the salt higher, allowing for additional storage.
In response to questions asked by Arvada residents through the Ask Arvada online customer service portal, Arvada answers! We selected these questions relevant to the winter season.

**How does the City choose which streets to plow?**

Arvada's snow and ice control plan is designed to provide Arvada residents with safe streets and open thoroughfares by the most efficient means possible. Arterial roads and school routes (priority one) are plowed and treated first. Major collector roads (priority two) are plowed and treated second. Depending on storm conditions, priority one routes may require repeated passes before plows can move on to priority two streets. Once these routes have been completed, crews move onto special attention areas and designated residential streets with steep hills. Keep in mind, crews aim to create passable streets with adequate traction for travel. It is not always possible to remove snow down to the street surface.

**Why do the snowplows sometimes push snow across newly shoveled driveways?**

Every effort is made to avoid plowing snow onto sidewalks or driveways, but sometimes it is unavoidable. It is generally best to shovel your driveways and sidewalks after the snowplows have completed their operations. Clearing sidewalks to ensure safe passage for pedestrians is the responsibility of the property owner.

Quickly find answers to questions or submit a service request by accessing Ask Arvada at [www.arvada.org/browse-ask-arvada](http://www.arvada.org/browse-ask-arvada) or use the GORequest mobile app. Your request will receive a response during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

**Snow removal techniques/tips:**

- Do a few warm up exercises before you get started.
- Push the snow with the shovel rather than lifting it. A full shovel of snow can weigh up to 25 pounds!
- To avoid lifting too much weight, shovel the snow as it falls (every few inches). If you wait for the snow to stop, then shovel in layers.
- Stay off of the snow before you shovel. Packed snow is harder to remove.
- If you need help, ask for it. Most neighbors are willing to help a neighbor in need.
- If you notice a neighbor's walk isn't shoveled, before calling to report it as a violation to code enforcement, check to make sure they are ok. They may need some assistance.

For more information on the City's snow and ice control operations, including maps for snow routes on roads and parks/trails, visit [www.arvada.org/shoveling-walkways](http://www.arvada.org/shoveling-walkways).
New board member

The Arvada Fire Protection District Board recently appointed a new board member to fill the vacancy of former board member Jeff Van Es who relocated out of the district and stepped down in September.

We are excited to announce that Andrea Romero was appointed to the board in October. She will serve in this position until the next regular election and if elected will serve for the remainder of the term.

Andrea has been married for 17 years and has two daughters, one at Lincoln Academy and one at Arvada West High School. She graduated from Western Colorado University in 2002 with a degree in kinesiology and is now a self-employed owner and financial rep with COUNTRY Financial, with an office near Olde Town. She has been a long-time member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. Andrea lives, works and plays in Arvada and loves our community. We are excited to have her in this new role!

Volunteers needed

Arvada Fire Protection District is seeking volunteers for Dave’s Locker – A Medical Loan Closet. Dave’s Locker – A Medical Loan Closet, was started in 2017 by Arvada Fire Lieutenant Dave Matus, who intends to retire in 2020.

The concept originated when Dave received a hip replacement that required him to buy various medical equipment and mobility devices he needed during recovery. Many people usually sell or dispose of their medical equipment once it is no longer needed, but Dave saw an opportunity to donate used medical equipment to those who can’t afford these items or simply have a short-term need.

Dave’s Locker has already served hundreds of people by loaning canes, walkers, wheelchairs and other medical equipment at no cost to the borrower.

Volunteers are needed to sustain the program following Dave’s retirement. Ideal volunteers are people who could be available for a few hours each week during normal business hours to process requests for equipment and receive incoming equipment at Dave’s Locker, which is located at 7903 Allison Way in Arvada.

If you are interested in applying to become a volunteer for Dave’s Locker, please contact AFPD Human Resources at 303-424-3012.
New year, new membership

It’s almost January, which means it’s time to consider joining the Ambulance Membership Program. The Ambulance Membership Program is an annual membership that will help you cover the cost of emergency transport services for the year. An annual membership is $50 and $25 for each additional family member in the same household.

While some insurance policies include full coverage of emergency transport, most policies do not cover this service fully. For example, Medicare will cover about 80 percent of the transport bill. With the Ambulance Membership Program, if you require AFPD transport, we will bill your insurance company and accept that as payment in full. Any portion that is not paid by the insurance provided will be waived.

Arvada Fire’s Ambulance Membership Program is intended to help you pay for the unexpected expense of a transport. The program can save you and your family hundreds of dollars each year. To find out if this program is right for you, contact your insurance provider to see if the program fits your needs. For application information, please call 303-424-3012.

Holiday fire prevention tips

The top three days of the year for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

- Only use decorations that are flame-retardant or not flammable.
- Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires or excessive wear.
- Don’t link more than three strands of holiday lights.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.
- Keep your live Christmas tree away from heat sources and room exits.
- Water your live Christmas tree daily to keep it from becoming dry.
Residential fire sprinkler systems
by Steven Parker, Fire Marshal

Most, if not all, of the commercial community in Arvada has experienced the fire prevention efforts of the Arvada Fire Protection District (AFPD). This often comes in the form of a plan review for conformance with the adopted fire code or a compliance inspection to determine if there are any potential fire hazards present within a given occupancy. This is an effort to be proactive and prevent fires from occurring or limit the damage caused by a fire. The philosophy of community risk reduction (CRR) revolves around five E’s: engineering, enforcement, economic incentives, education and emergency response. Again, the commercial community has seen firsthand most, if not all, aspects of CRR. Often, the broader community that resides within the city does not have the same type of experience with the fire department. They are typically only seeing the emergency response function of a fire department. In order to have a fire safe community, all aspects of the five E’s are essential to ensure the well-being of the entire community.

The following information is intended to inform our community about the other, less visible E’s that the fire department provides: engineering, enforcement, education and economic incentives. As an example, I’ll focus on residential fire sprinkler systems. You may wonder why this is important, and the answer is that 79 percent of fires and 97 percent of fire-related fatalities nationally occur in residential structures. Using this information, we can apply the five E’s of CRR to reduce the extent of damage caused by a residential fire.

Engineering: Residential fire sprinkler systems were first introduced in the 1930s, a design and installation standard introduced in 1975, and international fire, building and residential codes have required them as a prescriptive feature of all single-family dwellings beginning in 2009. Since the first introduction of this type of system 89 years ago, extensive design, construction and the rigid testing and approval processes have taken place to ensure the reliability of this life safety system. Statistics show that these systems are over 97 percent effective and can reduce the losses from fire more than 68 percent.

Enforcement: The fire department does not typically enforce the fire code on single-family dwellings, thus this potential requirement being foreign to many. The extent of the fire department enforcement on residential fire sprinkler systems would only extend to the plan review to ensure it was designed properly, and inspection of that system to ensure that it was installed per the approved design. These systems do not require an annual fire inspection from the fire department, nor do they require a third-party company to do inspections either. Homeowners can do simple inspection and maintenance on their own to make certain that this system is in an operational condition.

Economic Incentives: These are numerous and sometimes not seen by the resident population. The installation of residential fire sprinkler systems can allow residential developments to space fire hydrants farther apart, require fewer fire department access points, and allow for narrower roads. But, what you probably can see is a reduction in insurance costs, and if a fire does occur, significantly less damage to your home and personal belongings.

Education: This is something that cannot completely be accomplished in this article and takes time to fully understand the far-reaching benefits. But here are a couple myths debunked:

1. Not all the sprinklers will go off if there is a fire, 99 percent of fires are controlled with two or fewer sprinklers activating.

2. The water damage will not be more extensive than fire damage. In fact, sprinklers use 90 percent less water than the fire department would when extinguishing a fire. Your property can dry out, but it cannot un-burn.

3. These systems do not activate accidentally. This system is no more likely to have a leak than your existing home plumbing. Sprinklers will only active when they are exposed to significantly high heat (and not the heat produced when cooking).

Emergency Response: Residential sprinkler systems would reduce the number of personnel needed to respond and operate on a fire incident. A fire without residential sprinklers would summons more than 9 pieces of apparatus and 20 personnel. Alternatively, in a home with residential fire sprinklers, the same amount of apparatus and personnel would not be needed to simply make sure that the fire is out, turn off the system and help mitigate some of the water used to control the fire.

Although this information may not provide all the answers to the questions that you may have regarding CRR and residential fire sprinkler systems, the AFPD is always available to answer any questions that you may have. Providing the necessary education on all aspects of CRR is our goal so that we can collaboratively work towards a fire safe community. For more information on residential sprinkler systems visit: www.homefiresprinkler.org.
Arvada Fire’s 10th Annual FIREHOUSE CHILI COOK-OFF

A suggested Donation of $5.00

December 9th
6:00 - 8:00pm
@ Kline’s Beer Hall

During the Lagniappe Festival
New City Attorney named

Following a national search, the Arvada City Council has appointed Rachel Morris as City Attorney. Morris, who previously served as the City’s Deputy City Attorney, replaces recently retired Christopher Daly, who had served in the position for nearly 25 years.

Arvada Mayor Marc Williams welcomed Morris to her new position, stating, “After a detailed process, Rachel was the unanimous choice to become the next City Attorney, and we look forward to working with her and the entire legal department as we move forward.”

In 2017, Morris joined the Arvada staff as the City’s litigation and employment law attorney and transitioned into the position of Deputy City Attorney shortly thereafter, where she managed the City Attorney’s Office Civil Division, including the oversight of all legal services in the areas of land use, litigation, employment law, open records and open meetings law and contracts.

“It is an honor to serve this community and the Arvada City Council in this capacity,” said Morris. “I am grateful for the opportunity to work with a talented team within the City Attorney’s office and across the City.” The City Attorney serves as the chief legal counsel for the Arvada City Council and oversees the legal aspects of all City projects and operations.

Employees of the quarter

Service to the Organization:
Officer Kreg Jones
Arvada Police Department

Officer Kreg Jones was nominated as an outstanding officer “who exemplifies what it means to be part of a high performing, inclusive team in the Police Department.” In one two-week span, Animal Management faced two challenging situations that required officer assistance. Officer Kreg Jones responded promptly in both situations. In one case, a dog had bitten someone, and the dog’s owner was uncooperative to the point that the Animal Management Officer (AMO) was unable to complete a bite investigation, and the subject left the scene. Officer Jones contacted the bite victim, traveled to the hospital to take pictures of the injuries, completed a report and provided the AMO with all the information she needed for the case. Although the dog owner was extremely confrontational, Kreg maintained a calm, professional demeanor and handled the situation in an exemplary fashion. One of Kreg’s colleagues stated, “I am honored to work with officers like Kreg. He treats each member of the department and all citizens with integrity and respect.”

Service to the Community:
Sr. Transportation Planning Engineer
John Firouzi

John was nominated by his colleagues for his “willingness to go the extra mile to serve our customers.” Recently, the Regional Transportation District’s (RTD) changes to the bus routes serving Arvada residents near 68th Avenue and Highway 93 and Jefferson County’s road work in the same vicinity caused concerns to some Arvada residents, who contacted the City. Although the City is not responsible for those locations, John contacted RTD and Jefferson County to obtain additional information and to search for a solution. Dialogue with the City’s transportation partners continues in an effort to serve citizens better. John is always eager to help Arvada residents understand the complexity of traffic-related issues and sometimes calls residents directly to better understand their concerns and thoroughly respond to them. One of John’s colleagues stated: “I field inquiries from residents through every communication platform, and I can always count on John to respond quickly, respectfully, thoroughly and accurately.”
Pre-registration required for all classes
More class descriptions and program registration available at www.arvada.org/nature

**Nature Ornaments**
Friday, Dec. 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Ages 2 - 12 yrs. $3 for 3 ornaments.
Bring some pieces of nature or pick out of our collection of pebbles, leaves or pinecones to press into your own ornament or window catcher!

**Around the World Art Club**
Wednesdays, Jan. 15 - March 18, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Ages 6 - 12 yrs. $90 for 10-week session.
Discover art techniques and materials used by other cultures to make unique and interesting creations.

**Drop in Discovery**
First Thursday and third Tuesday, 10 - 11 am.
All ages. Free. No registration required.

**Raptor ID**
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - noon.
All ages. $25.
Join Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance for an in-depth, interactive seminar on how to identify CO's native raptors. Then, go out for a nature walk in Majestic View Park and test your newfound skills. Register at www.rmwalliance.org

**Cosmic Campfire at Majestic View**
Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 - 9:30 p.m. All ages. Free. Cancelled if inclement weather.

**Hands Dirty, Feet Wet: Nature Play Dates**
Friday, Dec. 20 & Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. - noon.
All ages. Free.

**School Field Trips: Elementary Exploration**
Topics are science standards based, specific to grade level. Call for information.

**Trackin’ in a Winter Wonderland**
Did you know that winter can be the best time to find wildlife tracks? Next time there's fresh snow, see if you can find some of these common winter critters. You never know what you might find in Nature’s wonderland . . .

Coyote
Raccoon
Fox
Squirrel
Cottontail
Rabbit
Preserving Arvada history

The Arvada Historical Society (AHS) was founded in 1972 by Lois Lindstrom Kennedy, a true pioneer for preserving and celebrating Arvada’s history and culture. In addition to her many contributions, Lois’s tireless efforts helped secure History Colorado’s (formerly the Colorado Historical Society) designation of Arvada as the site of Colorado’s first gold discovery. In October, Lois passed away at the age of 97.

As we remember Lois’s contributions to preserving Arvada’s history and culture, we also recognize the other volunteers at the AHS who are devoted to passing along the facts, stories, work and passion of Avada’s rich history to younger generations.

With that goal in mind, AHS volunteers contacted the City to request clarifications to an article in the August/September 2019 issue of the Arvada Report about the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority’s (AURA) contributions to preserving Arvada’s history. The article stated that the Arvada Flour Mill “was purchased and donated to the City by AURA.” AURA purchased and donated the land to the City in 1999. The Flour Mill building was gifted to the AHS in the 1970s. The article also misstated that the McIlvoy House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We apologize for any inaccurate information in the article. The City appreciates AHS’s corrections and dedicated service to our community. For more information about the Arvada Historical Society visit arvadahistory.org.

Neighborhoods of the Year

2019 Neighborhood of the Year award recipients were announced in November. The winning neighborhoods were given mini-grants and neighborhood identity signs to continue their neighborhood-building activities.

2019 Neighborhoods of the Year

1st Place: Forest Springs Comforteers
2nd Place: Club Crest South Neighbors Connected
3rd Place: Lake Arbor Homeowners Association
Neighborhood on the Rise: 86th Place

For photos and descriptions of the winning neighborhoods, be sure to visit www.arvada.org/NOTYA.

Thank you to City of Arvada volunteers, whose valuable contributions were acknowledged at a banquet held in their honor at the Arvada Center. For information on volunteering with the City, visit www.arvada.org/city-volunteer-opportunities.

Building strong communities with birthday bags!

The Neighbors Connected group in the Forest Spring neighborhood in Arvada, known as the Forest Springs Comforteers, recently issued a challenge to all of the Neighbors Connected groups to participate in a project creating “birthday bags” for the Community Table. The project was designed to help families in need commemorate children’s birthdays in a celebratory fashion. Each group collected cake mixes, frosting and fabric. They sewed decorative, reusable tote bags for children ages 4 - 10 years, filled the bags with supplies for party fun and donated them to Community Table. Three communities rose to the challenge: Schooley’s Farm, Indian Tree Homeowners Association and Club Crest South Neighbors Connected. So far, more than 170 birthday bags have been compiled and donated, ensuring many families in need are able to celebrate their children’s birthdays! For more information on building strong bonds in your neighborhood, visit www.arvada.org/neighborhoods.
West Arvada Dog Park, a hub for volunteerism and so much more

Dog parks have grown in popularity in the U.S. with a 40 percent increase in such parks since 2009. These special-use parks have become hubs for socialization for dog owners and their dogs. Friendships are formed between dog owners; and dogs, who otherwise might never have canine companionship, are able to run freely together.

A shining example is the West Arvada Dog Park (17975 W. 64th Pkwy.), which hosts up to 60,000 visits annually.

The 15-acre property is City-owned and maintained, but the vision and passion for the dog park is driven by volunteers, and enhancements are 100 percent funded through donations. Friends of the Dog Park President Bill Doran and Vice President Ellen Blair (pictured), along with other active volunteers, encourage community engagement by collaborating with City staff, inviting vibrant volunteerism, conducting regular cleanup days, seeking more funding opportunities, holding fundraising events and partnering with community businesses for sponsorship.

“Our hope is that the West Arvada Dog Park fosters a sense of community in Arvada, bringing people together,” said Blair. “The love people share for their dogs is a deep connection, reaching beyond economic and social barriers. In these tumultuous times, it’s wonderful to have a Happy Place in our community for humans and their fur babies to share.”

Recent park enhancements include a pavilion to provide shade, a picnic table and benches, and a shade tree overlooking a newer portion of the park. These features are considered big wins by dog park volunteers. Next on their agenda? Getting water to the park. No small task considering the cost and labor involved in adding a water tap. In the last six months, volunteers have raised more than $20,000 toward the $40,000 goal. In 2020, a big 15-year anniversary celebration is in the works! Their dream? Celebrating with water on tap!

Learn about the West Arvada Dog Park, cleanup days and other events at www.arvada.org/west-arvada-dog-park. If you’d like to help the Friends of the Dog Park continue to bring enhancements to the park, email WestArvadaDogPark@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WestArvadaDogPark.

Give the gift of history this holiday season

Lovers of all things Arvada will be delighted to receive the gift of the Arvada Historical Society’s latest history book Arvada: New Frontiers, A History of Arvada 1976 to 2006 this holiday season! Books may be purchased in person (cash, check or charge) at the Arvada Historical Society (7307 Grandview Ave.), the Arvada Center (6901 Wadsworth Blvd.) and at Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd.). You may also purchase the book and have it delivered through Amazon.com. Learn more about Arvada’s rich history at www.arvadahistory.org.

Check out new topics on Speak Up Arvada!

Your local government works better when you are involved, and Speak Up Arvada, the City’s online engagement platform, is designed to involve you! Go there to share your perspectives, ideas and questions on topics that make a difference in the places you live, work and play in Arvada! New topics are launched monthly. Visit www.speakup.arvada.org.
Recycle your Christmas tree!

The City of Arvada is offering two convenient drop-sites for residents to recycle Christmas trees free of charge. Trees will be turned into valuable mulch and soil builder to nourish future trees. Please note that the Parks Maintenance shop on W. 62nd Avenue will NOT be available this year, as the site is under construction. However, the sites at Lake Arbor Lake Park (6400 Pomona Dr.) and the Stenger Soccer Complex (W. 58th Avenue and Oak Street) will accept trees from Dec. 26 through Jan. 19, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

PLEASE make sure the tree is free of nails, wire and all decorations to ensure safety of the City staff handling the trees. Remember, only Christmas trees are accepted (no garlands, wreaths or yard waste) and no business or commercial use. Mulch will be available free-of-charge at the drop-site locations. Residents will be responsible for loading and hauling. For more information, visit www.arvada.org/recycle-those-christmas-trees.

2020 Apex PRD AAA Challenge

The Apex PRD is offering an eight-week fitness and weight loss program for developing healthy lifestyle habits. Work in groups with a personal trainer and have access to a registered dietitian. Training is available at facilities across the District, and training times are flexible around your schedule. Sign up as a team, or as a free agent, and leave the rest to the Apex team!

Package Includes:

- Pre/Post Fitness Testing
- Group Personal Training 2x a week (flexible scheduling)
- Nutrition sessions with a Registered Dietician (flexible scheduling)
- Weekly Boot Camp class on Saturdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Fitzmorris Recreation Center
- 10-visit punch card to any District facility

Assessments and information sessions will be held the week of Jan. 6. A kick off meeting will be held Jan. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Apex Field House (5724 Oak St). And the challenge begins Jan. 13. For more information, email Michelle at MichelleS@ApexPRD.org or Jaclynn at JaclynnA@ApexRD.org or visit www.apexprd.org.
The Arvada Visitors Center is a one-stop-shop resource for the residents of Arvada and guests visiting the area. For more information, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org. Online at www.visitarvada.org.

**DECEMBER 2019**

5-22 Arvada Center Holiday Art Sales
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
720-898-7200
www.arvadacenter.org

6 First Fridays Artwalk
5 to 8 p.m.
Variety of Olde Town businesses participating.
www.visitarvada.org

7 Santa Breakfast at the Community Recreation Center
9 to 11 a.m.
6842 Wadsworth Blvd.
$5 per child, age two or under are free.
Registration required.
www.apexprd.org

9 Lagniappe + Cider/Eggnog Competition in Olde Town Arvada
5 to 8 p.m.
Enjoy a special gift of appreciation with purchase.
Variety of Olde Town businesses participating.
www.oldetownarvada.org/lagniappe

10 Colorado Gives Day Initiative to increase philanthropy by online giving.
Check www.coloradogives.org to support local non-profits.

14 Historical Society Open House
11 to 3 p.m.
McIlvoy House
7307 Grandview Ave.
303-431-1261
www.arvadahistory.org

7, 14, 21 Saturdays with Santa and Holiday Market
Noon to 3 p.m.
Olde Town Square
Your FREE chance to visit with the main man in red!
Bring your cameras!
And, enjoy dozens of artisan vendors at the Holiday Market.
www.visitarvada.org

**JANUARY 2020**

1 The Resolute Runner 5K
Memorial Park
8001 W. 59th Ave.
www.ResolutionRunner.com
$5 off code ARVREPORT20

24 Arvada Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner
6 p.m.
Arvada Center
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
303-424-0313
www.arvadachamber.org

**Holiday fun in Olde Town!**
Check visitarvada.org for details on holiday happenings throughout the month of December.
528.0 Regional Juried Printmaking Exhibition + Imprint: Print Educators of Colorado

Opening January 16, 2020
Showcasing the Diversity of contemporary printmaking

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