CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!
CLASS of 2020
WWW.ARVADA.ORG/2020-HS-GRADS
History has shown us that communities with strong social connections are more resilient neighborhoods, because they are better equipped to recover from a major shock or crisis. Now, more than ever, it’s important to focus on strengthening social ties and a united sense of community, while remaining physically distant to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. Together, #WeCanDoThisArvada.

Our challenge to you: How will you stay connected to your neighbors and nurture relationships between neighbors while remaining physically distant? Get creative! Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Collect your neighbors’ contact information using our Talent Bank tool to start a phone tree or group text chain (arvada.org/resilient-neighborhoods)
- Front yard zumba classes
- Window art scavenger hunts
- Virtual neighborhood game nights
- Neighborhood porch or driveway happy hour

Arvada is a city of great neighbors. We want to celebrate your creativity and dedication to continuing these strong social ties and coming together as a community. Enjoy a compilation of photos showing that #WeCanDoThisArvada.

Want to show how you and your neighbors are staying connected? Tag @CityofArvadaGovernment on Facebook, @CityofArvada on Instagram and Twitter and use #WeCanDoThisArvada. You can also share your ideas and photos at Speak Up Arvada. We will post photos in our Photo Gallery at www.arvada.org/neighboring-during-covid-19, so everyone can get ideas on how to continue neighboring during this public health crisis.
The 2019 Community Survey Report

After some delay due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the City of Arvada is pleased to release the 2019 Community Survey Report. The survey is an opportunity for you to rate your satisfaction with your quality of life, community amenities and local government, and to provide feedback about how the City uses tax dollars, how safe the community feels in the City and its neighborhoods, and how you perceive Arvada as a place to live.

The information we collect is critical to our understanding of the current and future needs of Arvada residents. The City team is committed to delivering the highest quality services to the community, and without feedback, it is difficult to know where we need to improve.

A key aspect of the report is the 5-star rating system, which is based on the following: Overall Quality of Life, Overall Quality of City Services, Comparability to Other Cities, Direction City is Headed and Value of Services for Tax Dollars Paid. You will see that the City maintained a rating of 3.5 out of 5 stars.

Visit www.arvada.org/Community-Survey to learn more about what this rating means, in which areas the City rated well and which indicated a need for improvement. And look for more information about the survey results to be shared throughout the next year, as we work to incorporate what we’ve learned into City’s services and find areas where we want to learn more from you.

In response to chalk drawings created early in the COVID crisis proclaiming “We Can Do This,” the City’s engagement team launched the #WeCanDoThisArvada project on Speak Up Arvada inviting you to share your tips and inspirations for helping each other get through it all. And you did great! Now we are inviting you to join us on Speak Up Arvada to share your reflections and your recovery plans to inspire your friends, neighbors and community to stay strong! Join the conversation at www.speakup.arvada.org/we-can-do-this.
2020 Water Quality Report

Your annual Water Quality Report has been posted! Each year we present a report using last year’s data (or the most recent monitoring), explaining what we have tested for and what we have found. We want to make sure that our customers are informed about their drinking water and feel confident that it is meeting or exceeding quality standards to drink. The report also includes important information about general water quality, our source water and other valuable information. Visit www.arvada.org/water-report to view. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please call Water Quality at 720-898-7802.

For general information about your water quality, or to view past water quality reports, visit www.arvada.org/water-quality.

Did you know? Arvada Utilities department has more than 100 employees, many working around the clock to serve our residents, travelers and workers 24/7, 365 days a year! Utilities employees operate two water treatment plants, repair and upgrade water lines and other infrastructure, sample and analyze water from source to tap and respond to customer calls, among many other things.

Arvada water by the numbers:
• Arvada delivers about 6 billion gallons of clean water to our users every year.
• There are almost 6,000 fire hydrants in the city.
• We have 10 water storage tanks and 7 pump stations.
• The City maintains 632 miles of drinking water distribution pipes.
• We provide service to over 38,000 water meters.
• We monitor our water quality 24/7/365 to make sure it is fresh and safe for you!

Be water wise!
Consider the following tips to conserve water everyday at your home:
• Run your dishwasher only when you have a full load.
• Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
• Fix leaking faucets and toilets.
• Use a broom to clean your patio or driveway, rather than the hose.
• Use a timer when manually watering the lawn.
• Don’t water your lawn during the heat of the day, when it is more likely to evaporate.
• Consider xeriscaping your lawn or planting low-water varieties of flowers and shrubs.

To see how the City conserves water, and learn more ways you can too, visit www.arvada.org/city-water-conservation.
Help stop the spread of harmful algae

Blue-green algae is common in Colorado. Hot weather and shallow or slow-moving water, such as in lakes and ponds, can create perfect conditions for algae to grow quickly and form a bloom. Certain types of blue-green algae can produce toxins that can be harmful to humans and other animals that come into contact with the water. These types of toxic algae are called cyanobacteria or harmful algae.

If you see signs posted at your neighborhood lake or pond advising of the presence of harmful algae, please stay out of the water and keep your pets out of the water too. Also be sure to clean any fishing gear or recreational equipment that has come into contact with the water, especially if you will be going to another water body.

For more information, go to www.arvada.org/harmful-algae or www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/harmful-algae-blooms.
Arvada Emergency Business Recovery Initiative - supported 256 businesses

In April, the City of Arvada announced next steps in its proactive approach to helping the local business community during the COVID-19 public health crisis. The City launched the Arvada Emergency Business Recovery Initiative, which included financing support and partnership resources to help keep businesses afloat during the economic impacts of the virus.

The initiative included the creation of a $2.5 million Emergency Small Business Loan Fund available for interest-free “bridge loans” of up to $10,000 for local, for-profit businesses with fewer than 50 employees. These loans were intended to help small businesses stay afloat until Federal funding would begin flowing into the community. The Emergency Small Business Loan Fund was developed in partnership with the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA), the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority and other partners.

Within a week of announcing the Emergency Small Business Loan Fund, the City had distributed available funding to qualifying small businesses. At the time the Arvada Report went to print, the City was able to support 256 small for-profit businesses.

“I am extremely proud of the speed at which the City responded to this need,” said Arvada Mayor Marc Williams. “Arvada’s local businesses are vital to our community, and we will continue to share resources to support this important partnership during a challenging time.”

In addition to the loan fund, the Arvada Emergency Business Recovery Initiative offers other components, including sales tax and utility payment plans, streamlined regulatory processes and additional commercial lending options. The initiative is also supported by strategic partnerships, including with the Arvada Resiliency Taskforce, a collaborative group including the City, AEDA, the Arvada Chamber of Commerce and numerous other partners focused on business recovery.

If you are interested in learning more about the Arvada Emergency Business Recovery Initiative, visit www.arvada.org/BusinessRecovery or contact a member of the AEDA staff at 720-898-7010 or bizinfo@arvada.org.

Hometown Heroes showcases businesses helping out in the community

The Hometown Heroes series is a small way the City is able to showcase Arvada businesses that go above and beyond in supporting the local community. Visit www.ArvadaEconomicDevelopment.org to view a list of heroes, and you will also see businesses highlighted on Channel 8. If you would like to nominate a business for this series, contact Allison Trembly at bizinfo@arvada.org.
The Arvada Resiliency Taskforce supports business amidst COVID-19

As the COVID-19 health crisis began to affect Arvada, organizations across the community united to create the Arvada Resiliency Taskforce. The Taskforce includes the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, the Arvada Economic Development Association, Arvada Visitors Center, City of Arvada, Olde Town Arvada Business Improvement District, Apex Parks and Recreation District, the Community First Foundation, the Arvada Center and many others. This cross section of local partners supports efforts to understand the economic effects of COVID-19 closures and respond quickly by creating a business toolkit that curates local, county, state and federal funding, resources and information for businesses. The Taskforce also created the Takeout Takeover directory supporting restaurants by promoting a directory to help expedite people wondering which establishments are open.

City Hall was closed; services continued

As with most City teams, the Community and Economic Development team, including the Building and Planning divisions, continued to serve customers while City facilities were closed.

Following health and safety guidelines, the Building Inspection team continued to offer their services. All new single family home inspections, new commercial construction, commercial tenant spaces, as well as inspections that take place on the exterior of a building continued during the closure. Plans Examiners worked remotely, accessing the permitting system and plan review software to continue performing plan reviews. They were available to customers by phone and email. The team stayed in touch with regular video staff meetings and phone calls.

The Planning team continued to complete pre-application meetings through video-conferencing and offered permitting services electronically. Planners completed reviews and offered “Planner of the Day” services to assist customers.

The Community and Economic Development team continued to provide exceptional services to our customers and residents.

Land Development Code adoption and next steps

Although the COVID-19 situation caused a delay in the adoption of the City’s updated Land Development Code (LDC), the Planning Division staff continues to move forward with specific area planning efforts related to the locations within the community that will be zoned for mixed-use development.

Following the adoption of the LDC, the Planning Division will be starting on a number of specific area plans to provide some additional guidelines for redevelopment that will occur within the mixed-use zone areas, such as suggested architectural styles, landscape treatments, transportation considerations and spaces for public gathering. The public will be invited to provide input as the plans are being created.

Some of the areas where plans will be developed include the Indiana Street corridor between 86th Parkway and 96th Avenue, the area surrounding 80th Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard, and Wadsworth Bypass between Interstate 70 and Grandview Avenue.

For more information regarding the updated LDC and the remapping effort, please go to www.advancearvada.org. Information regarding the specific area planning efforts will be added to the web page over the next few months.
Thank You!

to our residents and
the entire business community
Summer is a fun and busy time for humans. And it should be a safe and comfortable one for our animal companions to enjoy with us. Here are some common concerns and tips from the Animal Management team.

Weather
Animal Management responds to numerous calls for pets left in hot cars. A car with cracked windows can reach 100 degrees in 10 minutes on an 85-degree day. Dogs cool down by panting to circulate their hotter air for incoming cooler air. Their skin doesn’t sweat like humans—so even a warm breeze to us may feel good due to the moisture evaporating on our skin, but dogs won’t feel that. Cats cool down similarly. Arvada law states pets must be provided water and adequate shelter to prevent suffering. Leaving your pet in a hot car may result in them being impounded (or worse, getting sick or dying) and owners can be ticketed for animal cruelty. Also consider thunderstorms and extreme heat for pets outdoors, and ensure they have shelter or are kept inside if weather extremes are likely.

Parasites/disease vectors
Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can transmit Lyme disease, plague, heartworm, and other afflictions to pets (which can then be transmitted to humans!). Your vet can recommend safe, effective prevention for these pests. A rabies vaccine is also required even for indoor pets.

Travel safety
If your pet stays home while you travel, ensure they are properly identified with a tag or microchip. Pets react differently when their family is gone (such as with sitters), so they may try to escape out of stress, fear or boredom. Ensure fencing and yards are secure before you leave. Consider including an email address or adding the sitter’s info to tags temporarily. If tags often fall off, get a microchip or write your info directly onto a collar with a marker. Make sure your voicemail is set up in case a pet goes missing and someone is trying to call you to reunite. If your pet travels with you, make sure leashes, collars/harnesses and crates are adequate and that ID and vaccines are current.

Fireworks
Keeping pets inside for Independence Day celebrations is safest. Aside from the noise from fireworks, the vibrations, traffic and crowds can be stressful or exciting. Some pets benefit from having a TV/radio left on, natural calming supplements or vet-prescribed medications, or tools such as a ThunderShirt. Nothing ruins a fun holiday celebration like a missing or injured pet.

Toxins
Insecticides, weed killers and sunscreens are common in the summer. Prevent accidental poisoning by reading warning labels and storing chemicals out of pets’ reach. Aside from directly ingesting toxins by eating them, pets can be poisoned by licking their feet/fur after walking through treated areas (including indoor insecticides for things like bedbugs).

Follow these few tips to help make sure it is a happy summer for everyone.

Avoid these scams

Online Sales: Too good to be true? Many criminals are claiming to have in-demand products, like cleaning supplies, health and medical supplies. They do not have them, and you should not order. Stick with known companies you have used before.

COVID-19 Tests or Vaccines: DO NOT BUY! Tests online are not proven or correct tests. Many people are also claiming to have vaccines or medications. Consult a physician and get a prescription or get tested through a doctor’s office.

Seniors shopping scams: Criminals are calling and asking to deliver shopping items for payment upfront. Stick to stores you know or have used before. Most stores have their own delivery services. When in doubt, check it out. Call a friend or family member and have a conversation about what you need and a safe way to get it to you.

Investing in research and development for COVID-19: Criminals are calling and asking people for money that will be used to find a cure for COVID-19. Hang up, or if online, don’t respond.

Government stimulus money: Criminals are calling claiming to be sending you your “stimulus check” from the government. Hang up! The government is sending these payments to direct deposit or in the form of a check to your home.

Home sanitation: Seniors are receiving calls or online offers of home sanitization for COVID-19. The scammers are asking for money upfront. Hang up, or don’t respond! Also, criminals are still calling claiming to be the IRS, Microsoft, Apple, and many more. HANG UP! They are going to ask for banking information, access to your computer, for you to get them gift cards or, in some cases, cash. DO NOT GIVE YOUR MONEY AWAY! When in doubt, check it out. Call a family member, friend, or even local law enforcement before you give out any information or money.
June is bike month in Colorado

New Bike Lanes This Summer

The City is hard at work repaving several streets throughout Arvada. The repaving process gives the City the opportunity to look at ways to improve safety for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians with upgrades to the roadway striping.

For 2020, the City is making changes to the striping plans on six streets:

- W. 82nd Avenue: Simms Street to Tabor Street
- Garrison Street: W. 86th Way to Hoyt Way
- Hoyt Way: Garrison Street to W. 80th Avenue
- Carr Street: W. 64th Avenue to Ralston Road
- Lamar Street: Ralston Road to W. 56th Avenue
- Quaker Street: W. 72nd Avenue to W. 64th Avenue

You can expect to see new street striping with wider and safer bike lanes, or new bike lanes where they didn’t previously exist. The 2017 Bicycle Master Plan guides the City’s decisions related to where and what type of bicycle facilities to install on each street. Read the master plan at www.arvada.org/bike-master-plan.

Bike Friendly Arvada Rides

www.bikefriendlyarvada.org

Bike Friendly Arvada has many fun recreation and family rides planned this summer. Due to COVID-19, rides may be canceled. Be sure to check the website the day before the ride to get the most up-to-date information. Ride maps will be posted for riders who want to take a solo or family ride in the event of cancellations.

### Bike to Work Day 2020 rescheduled

Due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, Bike to Work Day 2020 has been rescheduled to Sept. 22, 2020. Please visit www.arvada.org/arvadas-annual-bike-to-work-day to find out how Arvada will celebrate in September. You can still celebrate Colorado Bike Month throughout June by taking a solo or family ride to explore Arvada’s extensive bike lane and trail system in your neighborhood.
Trail Improvements: Ralston Creek Trail and Ward Road

The Public Works and Parks Departments worked together to address an issue that has been vexing residents and trail users: crossing Ward Road on the Ralston Creek Trail. The existing trail meets a narrow sidewalk and curb ramp that is difficult for bicyclists to navigate. This project repurposed the existing parking lane on the east side of the street to create a new two-way bike lane that bicyclists can use to access the crosswalk and cross Ward Road when the pedestrian walk signal is activated.

The improvements represent several “firsts,” two of which are: the first two-way separated bike lane and the first green bike crossing markings. The wide bike lane is separated from vehicle traffic by flex-posts and is marked for two way bike traffic. This allows for pedestrians to use the existing sidewalk to cross the street and bicyclists to have their own dedicated space on the street to access the crosswalk and crossing. Bicyclists will still be required to wait for the pedestrian crossing signal before proceeding across Ward Road.

Additionally, the City will be installing green bike crossing markings for people bicycling from south to north to access the Ralston Creek Trail. The green pavement markings bring attention to the bike lane and make bicyclists and drivers aware that this is an area where their paths cross. Drivers making left or right turns should yield to a bicyclist going northbound on Ward Road.

This project represents the City’s commitment to flexible design and testing new treatments to be more responsive to our residents. Learn more about the City’s bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects at www.arvada.org/bike-ped-improvements.

Also coming this summer Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to make crossing the street safer.

How to use an RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon)

1. Pedestrians:
   - Push the button to activate the flashing lights.
   - The flashing lights help bring attention to you, but do not require a driver to stop.
   - Once you have safely entered the crosswalk, drivers are required by law to yield to you.

2. Drivers:
   - When the lights are flashing, a person is preparing to enter the crosswalk.
   - You are required by law to yield to a person in the crosswalk.
   - Remain behind the triangular yield marks until there are no people in the crosswalk.

3. Bicyclists:
   - You have the same rights and responsibilities on the road as drivers.
   - When people are in the crosswalk, remain behind the triangular yield marks.

www.arvada.org/bike-ped-improvements
If you have driven on Ralston Road in the past few months, you have probably noticed construction work at Olde Wadsworth Boulevard. Hidden under our streets are vital infrastructure such as water, wastewater, gas, telecommunications and electrical utilities. Road widening projects often require the relocation of underground utility lines. In April, Xcel Energy worked to relocate a gas line that went under the intersection of Ralston Road and Olde Wadsworth Boulevard. At Ralston Road and Yukon Street, Xcel Energy has been working to move overhead power lines underground. For Ralston Road Phase Two, one of the first signs of construction residents will see at the end of 2020 will be contractors relocating overhead power lines underground. Construction crews are working diligently to ensure that our underground infrastructure is in great shape before they construct a new road surface.

For updates on current and upcoming infrastructure projects, visit www.arvada.org/public-improvement-projects.

Innovation in the 2020 Asphalt Program

The City’s Streets Division is using an innovative approach to the 2020 Asphalt Program. For streets that are designated for complete reconstruction, the most time consuming, expensive and invasive way to maintain a road, the City’s contractor is first milling off three inches of pavement. The underlying pavement is evaluated for structural integrity. If the road surface and subgrade is found to be structurally sound, corrective action is taken only in those areas where necessary. Once the corrective action is taken, a final pavement lift is put into place.

The Streets Team piloted this technique in the Candlelight subdivision. The roads were designated as a complete reconstruction area based on the seriousness of the cracks, indicators in the Pavement Condition Index and other criteria. After milling off the top three inches, workers inspected the surface and found that while repair and patching was necessary in some spots, overall, the surface and subgrade were structurally sound. The result is a high-quality pavement project that costs significantly less than a complete reconstruction. The project took less time and caused less interference with residents, and the City team will use the time and cost savings to complete other projects. With this proof of concept, the Public Works team and our pavement contractor will be using this process at other locations included in the 2020 Asphalt Program. To learn more about the neighborhoods included in this year’s program, visit www.arvada.org/2020-asphalt-program.

Call before you dig! Practicing safe digging and excavation starts with contacting Colorado 811. Whether you’re a homeowner wanting to refresh your yard or a professional excavator, you need to know what’s below! Colorado 811 makes it easy for homeowners and professionals who are going to excavate to do so safely by submitting a utility locating ticket request online, or calling 811 before you dig.

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Community Supported Agriculture:

The City of Arvada is committed to providing healthy, local food to all of its Arvada residents. Through the goals established in the Agricultural Master Plan, several city-owned parcels were identified for community agricultural production through partnerships with local farmers. As part of our partnership, the City requires that 50 percent of the food produced at the farm stays within Arvada. Food is sold at farm stands on site, the Arvada Farmers Market, the Veggie Van and through the purchase of CSA shares.

After the departure of Star Acre Farms from the Hills at Standley Lake site, the City solicited proposals for a new farmer to bring local food and educational opportunities to Arvada residents. Forever West Farms, the new farmer for the site, aims to grow and distribute healthy food to the local Arvada community and focus heavily on providing volunteering and educational opportunities that promote health and wellness. Forever West Farms is a farming group that currently operates out of Bromley Local Foods Campus in Brighton and focuses on “Seed to Plate” experiences. They primarily partner with the Veterans to Farmers program and work through their mission to provide sustainable and nutrient dense food to local communities. They offer a 20-week CSA beginning in June.

For more information, visit their website at www.foreverwestfarms.com.

The City of Arvada has an existing partnership with Frontline Farms at the Majestic View Nature Center. Frontline Farms offers a 16-week CSA running June 16 - Oct. 1.

For more information, visit their website at www.frontlinefarming.org/majesticviewfarm.

Both community farms supply produce and food products to the Veggie Van, a program that brings high quality, local produce to select areas of the city - mainly, those identified as “food deserts.” These are neighborhoods where no fresh food retailer exists within 1/2 mile. We are proud to support local food initiatives to increase access to fresh, healthy foods and educational opportunities to all members of our community.

Resident Rebate Program

You may be eligible for a Resident Rebate! The City of Arvada offers rebates to low-income residents who lived in Arvada in 2019: $85 for the first person in a household and $50 for each additional person. In order to qualify, you must be ONE of the following:

- Age 65 by Dec. 31, 2019;
- Single and between the age of 55 and 65 by Dec. 31, 2019;
- Disabled;
- Single and head of household with dependent children

AND The gross income for your entire household from all sources must be equal to or less than:

- One Person - $32,500
- Two Persons - $37,150
- Three Persons - $41,800
- Four Persons - $46,400

If you meet these eligibility requirements and wish to apply for the rebate, you will need to fill out an application and provide supporting documents. To do so, please visit www.arvada.org/taxrebate or call the Resident Rebate hotline at 720-898-7114.

The Organized Waste Hauling Project continues to move forward. For a look at community FAQs and other information regarding waste hauling, visit www.arvada.org/waste-hauling. To provide a comment or ask a question, email wastehauling@arvada.org.
Paint Dad a Masterpiece
Saturday, June 13, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 6+ yrs., $15(all supplies included)

Mad Science Camps
Register at www.colorado.madscience.org
Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10, July 20 - 24

Meet Jemaine the Traveling Goat Story Time at Majestic View
Saturday, July 25, 10 to 11 a.m.
Ages 4 - 8 yrs., $5/family

Coding With Kids: Half Day Camps register at www.codingwithkids.com
Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31

Planning and Creating a Forest Garden
Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to noon. Adults, $25

The Grass is Greener on My Side of the Fence
Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. to noon. Adults, $5
This class covers aeration, watering schedules, fertilizer times, proper mowing, weed control and more.

Skate Boards, Barn Dances and a lazy little park: Nature Walks with Dean
Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Adults, free
Meet at Apex Skate Board Park Parking Lot.

Bring Your Backyard To Life
Thursday, July 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Adults, $5
Splash into this presentation as you learn and see citizen science working in action.

Underwater Wildlife at Yankee Doodle Park
Friday, July 10, 4 to 5:30 p.m. All ages, free
Look Below the surface to see what critters live in the lakes and streams of Colorado.

Some classes may be canceled due to COVID-19. Visit www.arvada.org/nature for updates. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Call or visit www.arvada.org/nature for school programs.

New Season, New way of Learning
Majestic View Nature Center has shared some of their favorite field trip programs and virtual learning resources to stay digitally connected with families and classrooms. Discover your Five Senses, Investigate Insects and see Who Polluted the Water? Even with spring closures, environmental education can continue with games, videos, off-line activities and more learning opportunities available at www.arvada.org/virtual-learning-resources.
When our activities pollute waterways, we affect the quality of water for all the communities and habitats downstream that need it for drinking water, shelter, irrigation, or recreation.

All storm drains flow into our watershed.

Here are some ways to help keep it clean:

• Pick up after your pet and place in a trash can.
• Never let anything but precipitation flow into stormdrains, especially fertilizers, grass clippings, trash or oil.
• Properly dispose of trash and cover trash cans.
• Recycle or reuse materials and buy recycled goods.

Be good to our planet, especially our waterways!!

We are all connected

Water conservation is a big topic in Colorado, but water quality should be, too! You can help keep our water clean from pollution through small everyday activities such as picking up after your pet, properly disposing of chemicals, or even just washing your car on the lawn instead of the driveway!

Learn about watersheds and how we are all connected through new interpretive signs coming soon to designat-ed Arvada parks. And when the Nature Center re-opens, shape a watershed with your hands in the new augmented reality sandbox exhibit and interact with the new water pollution display.

Visit www.arvada.org/nature for more updates.

Arvada Box Art Project

The Arvada Arts and Culture Commission is partnering with the Olde Town BID on the first phase of the Arvada Box Art Project to paint utility boxes in Olde Town. The selection committee reviewed 37 artist proposals and selected four designs. For more information on the selected artists and updates on the scheduled date the boxes will be painted, visit www.arvada.org/arvada-box-art-project.
The outbreak of COVID-19 led to us changing the way that we were able to safely engage with the community. We love being able to attend community events, provide station tours and visit classrooms. For the safety of our community and ourselves COVID-19 led us to having to stop these efforts. This just meant that we had to find a new way to engage! If you follow us on social media you may have seen our virtual station tours and Storytime with a Firefighter series. In case you missed it, you can find the videos posted on the education page on our website. Included on that page is also a list of great resources to talk about fire safety with your kids. We have all been spending a lot more time at home lately and it is a great time to make sure that your home is safe and everyone is prepared in case there is an emergency.

www.arvadafire.com!
Arvada Fire Protection District Welcomes New Fire Chief

The Arvada Fire Protection District is pleased to announce the selection of Mike Piper, a 28-year member of the District, as the next Fire Chief. The announcement follows an extensive national search to fill the position, previously held by retired Chief Jon Greer. The interview and selection process involved several members of the district, Arvada Firefighters Local 4056, and outside public safety evaluators.

“We attracted top candidates on a regional and national level. This is a testament to the great organization we have created here in Arvada. We are very excited to promote Mike Piper as the Chief of the department as it was essential for us to select a candidate who was prepared to lead the department as the emergency response profession evolves and changes,” stated Bob Loveridge, District Board President.

Chief Piper brings tremendous experience with the Arvada Fire Protection District and is widely recognized as a talented leader in the fire service with broad expertise in fire operations, organizational planning, and human resources. “His team building, and strong people skills will help us maintain and grow our great reputation.”

Mike Piper has been the Deputy Chief of Operations for the past 12 years and is currently serving as Acting Fire Chief. Chief Piper has also been a Fire Inspector and Firefighter EMT-B for the Fairmount Fire Protection District and a Fire Inspector and Plans Examiner for South Metro Fire Rescue. He has a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from the University of Colorado, an associate degree in Fire Science Technology from Red Rocks Community College, and he expects to complete a master’s degree in Public Administration this year. He is also a graduate of the National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer Program.

“It is an honor to be selected as the Fire Chief for the Arvada Fire Protection District. We are a progressive organization with a long history of community involvement and excellence. I am extremely humbled and proud to have been involved up to this point and am excited to lead us into the future. The District has top notch firefighters and a staff who serve the community at a high level of service and I am excited to be part of the continued success.”
Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals

Chemicals you use in your home can be dangerous to your health and the environment. To keep your family safe, follow these safety tips when you use, store or throw them out.

Use and storage tips:
1. Follow the instructions on the label when you use and store household chemicals.
2. Don’t mix products. This can cause deadly gases or cause a fire.
3. Store products in their original containers.
4. Store anything that can catch on fire away from your home.
5. Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors in an airy area. Make sure to place the container on the ground when you fill it.
6. Never store materials that can cause a fire in the sun or near an open flame or heat source.
7. Store these materials out of the reach of children and pets.
8. Use safety locks and guardrails on shelves and cabinets when you store materials. This will prevent them from falling or tipping.
9. Wear gloves or goggles when you use these materials.

When you need to throw them out:
1. Follow the instructions on the label.
2. Aerosol cans might contain chemicals that can burn. If you put them in the trash, they can explode or start a fire.
3. If you have a spill, clean the area and put the containers in an airy place. If you cannot control the spill, or are unsure about cleanup and disposal, call your local fire department.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.
Hundreds of firefighters across the country have COVID-19 and the numbers will have increased by the time you read this. The reality is harsh. Even with personal protective equipment and strong infection control procedures, hundreds of firefighters are sick. Some have died.

They’re not looking for sympathy.
They’re not looking for glory.
The nation’s fire service is turning to you for help.

There’s a lot you can do to make it safer for firefighters. And many of these same actions will help prevent harm to others on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle, like police officers, nurses and doctors.

• Stay home and practice social distancing. We know it’s getting tired and old. We know staying home is stressful and frustrating. But it’s an essential action that keeps us all safe.

• Call 911 for emergencies only. If you need assistance, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs will be there. If it isn’t an emergency, many communities have stepped up their non-emergency lines to offer guidance during the crisis.

• Call 911 for emergencies only. That’s not a typo – it’s a reminder. If you think you have an emergency, call 911. We don’t want you to hesitate to call for real emergencies like heart attacks, household accidents, and small fires. These are emergencies and firefighters are here to take care of you.

• If you do need to call 911, alert the call-taker to anyone in your household that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has experienced any symptoms such as cough or fever. Firefighters will be there to help but will take the precautions needed to ensure they can keep doing their job throughout this pandemic. The 911 call-taker will likely ask additional questions. Please be patient and answer these questions.

• Make a list of all medications being taken by each member of your household, along with a medical history. Do it now, just in case. New rules in many communities will prevent relatives and friends from riding in the ambulance or even entering the hospital. We understand how scary this thought is but being prepared can help ensure your loved one is getting the most appropriate care. Make sure those lists are handy.

• Collect a few things a loved one might need if they must go to the hospital. A phone charger, eyeglasses, wallet, ID and insurance card(s) are great things to include.

• Follow your local fire department and emergency management agency on social media. They’ll have additional COVID-19 safety tips and keep you updated on changing procedures and policies.

And since you’re at home, there’s no time like the present to prepare for and practice for other types of emergencies:

• Every household needs to have a home escape plan in the event of fire. There are great tools available on the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s Be A Hero, Save Hero app and at the National Fire Protection Association’s Sparky website. If you have children at home, make them an active participant in putting the plan together. It’s an activity with immediate and long-term benefits – and let’s face it, who doesn’t want to escape their house right now?!

• Think like a firefighter: firefighters work hard each day to be prepared for anything and everything that comes along. Being prepared will help you tackle problems effectively. It also minimizes stress. If you feel prepared, you’ll feel more in control.

There are no stay home orders for your local fire department. Your firefighters always respond when called. Please do your part to help them return safely to their families.
Our Child Advocacy Center

Ralston House is the child advocacy center in your community that serves child victims—children who have been physically or sexually abused or who have witnessed a violent crime. Ralston House works with law enforcement and human services investigators to stop child abuse.

Providing an essential service, Ralston House remained open during the state-wide shutdown amid the COVID-19 outbreak to give child victims a voice and to assist police with their investigations by providing unbiased and neutral forensic interviews.

The state ordered shelter-in-home mandates were essential to keeping our community safe from further spreading the coronavirus, but the mandates were devastating to so many children in our community who were isolated with their perpetrator. We anticipate that as our self-quarantine restrictions continue to lessen and we continue to emerge from isolation, Ralston House will see an increase in cases as children begin to outcry.

And because of our supportive community, we’ll be here with a safe and comfortable place for them to share their story. Please consider joining our team by making a financial contribution to Ralston House. Your contribution will signify a commitment to stopping child abuse and starting the healing process for children and youth in our communities. Thank you for being a part of our team of men and women in law enforcement, the Ralston House forensic interviewers, victim advocates and the compassionate social workers who work tirelessly to keep children safe each day.

Thank you for being a part of our mission. Thank you for being a part of our team.

Charity Golf Classic

Please join us for the ACFB Foundation's Sixth Annual Charity Golf Classic benefiting Community Table. This year's tournament will be held on Monday, Aug. 17, at Hyland Hills. The 18-hole scramble kicks off with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. and includes breakfast, lunch, prizes, gift bags and more.

Act fast. The Charity Golf Classic sells out. To ensure your spot, purchase a sponsorship or foursome today at cotable.org/event/charitygolfclassic.

With your support, we can provide programs and services to feed the hungry and help put struggling families on the path to self-sufficiency.

For additional information, contact Jamie Wilkins at jamie@industrialchemcorp.com or 303-487-3559.
First Fridays Artwalk
5 to 8 p.m.
Variety of Olde Town Arvada businesses participating.
www.visitarvada.org

Please keep an eye on the following websites to find out the most up-to-date information on the event scene in Arvada this summer. As always, check out visitarvada.org or email jean@visitarvada.org with event related questions.

JUNE

21 Father's Day Classic 10 Miler and 5k/10k
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
$5 off
Use code ARVREPORT20
Check the website closer to the event to find out if the run will be in person or virtual.
www.Dads5k.com

Art at Home
Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities
www.arvadacenter.org/home/art-at-home
We believe art has the ability to keep us connected and spread joy, even in the midst of uncertainty. So we’ve gathered a list of suggestions for how you can continue experiencing art, from home. We’ll continue to update over the next few weeks with fun and inspiring ways to keep the arts in your life!

Arvada’s “e-Chamber” of Commerce
Arvada Chamber of Commerce
www.facebook.com/ArvadaChamberCommerce
Arvada Chamber of Commerce is working to develop strategies to support all businesses through this difficult time. We are committed to being nimble and creative in developing resources, programs and policy changes to offer relief to your business.

Apex Park and Recreation District
www.facebook.com/apexprd
#ApexAtHome
Check out our Facebook page for fun and engaging activities, workouts and healthy eating tips!

Virtual Learning Resources
Majestic View Nature Center
www.arvada.org/explore/open-space-nature/virtual-learning-resources
As many of our programs have been canceled or rescheduled, we still want to provide virtual learning resources, tools, and information that promotes environmental education and interpretive sciences for our community.

Virtual events, happy hours, First Friday art walks and more!
Olde Town Arvada
www.facebook.com/OldeTownArvadaCO
Support the dozens of shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants, breweries and a winery in a new way - virtually! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for restaur-ants offering pick-up, curbside and delivery.

Golf
Lake Arbor
www.lakearborgolf.com
Indian Tree
www.indiantree.apexprd.org
West Woods
www.westwoodsgolf.com

Library
Jefferson County Public Library
www.jeffcolibrary.org

Arvada Farmers Market
(Look for information on the virtual markets this summer!) www.arvadafarmersmarket.com

Arvada Festivals Commission
www.arvadafestivals.com

City of Arvada Events
At the time of printing, summer events hosted by the City of Arvada were still in question. For updated information, follow the City on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, visit the City’s website at www.Arvada.org or subscribe to the ArvadaNews (our bi-weekly e-newsletter) at www.arvada.org/ArvadaNews.

Check visitarvada.org for a comprehensive calendar of events throughout Arvada.

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The Arvada Center sends our heartfelt thanks to the Arvada community for the support during these wild and unprecedented times. We look forward to reopening our doors so we can once again gather and appreciate everything the arts and humanities have to offer.

See you soon, #StayStrongArvada

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