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Event/program information may change due to COVID-19. Please visit websites for updates.
City update: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The City of Arvada team recognizes that diversity, equity and inclusion are inextricably linked to our ability to achieve our organizational goals, to be an employer of choice and to achieve our mission of “delivering superior services to enhance the lives of everyone in our community.” We know our local actions can and will make an impact at the national level and stand behind actions that support equity and inclusion for all. In order to achieve these goals, we commit to the following actions:

Our commitment

• Perform a detailed assessment of our organization and develop a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training program.
• Create and evaluate policies and key performance measures to support DEI initiatives and achieve greater inclusivity on our platforms.
• Invite the community to participate in a dialogue about racial justice solutions for Arvada to include engagement around current events and the City’s history master plan, focusing on diverse historical perspectives and elevating the parts of Arvada’s history that represent the values and principles we revere most.

Follow our progress and learn about public involvement opportunities as they become available at www.arvada.org/diversity-equity-and-inclusion.

Be counted in the 2020 Census
Ser contado en el censo de 2020
быть учтены в переписи 2020 года

Your response matters: Every 10 years, the census counts everyone living in the United States. It is important to count every person living in your home to make sure your community and others across the nation are accurately funded and represented for the next decade. No matter who lives in your home, be sure to count them all in the 2020 Census. This includes grandparents, young children, foster children, and non-relatives who are living with you. Information collected in the census will inform the allocation of more than $675 billion in federal funding each year.

Tu ayuda es importante: Cada 10 años, el censo cuenta a todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos. Es importante contar a todas las personas que viven en tu hogar para asegurarnos de que tu comunidad y las comunidades de todo el país reciban fondos y estén representadas de manera precisa durante la próxima década. Sin importar quién viva en tu hogar, asegúrate de contar a todos en el Censo del 2020. Esto incluye a los abuelos, niños pequeños, niños adoptivos y los que no son tus parientes pero que viven o se están quedando contigo.

La información recopilada en el censo ayudará a informar cómo distribuir más de $675 mil millones en fondos federales cada año.

Почему это важно: Раз в 10 лет в рамках переписи населения мы подсчитываем всех, кто проживает в Соединенных Штатах. Важно подсчитать каждого, кто проживает в вашем доме, чтобы обеспечить необходимое финансирование вашего местного сообщества и других сообществ по всей стране, а также определить требуемое число представителей этих сообществ в органах власти на следующее десятилетие. Кто бы ни проживал в вашем доме, подсчитайте их всех в рамках Переписи населения 2020 года. Сюда относятся дедушки и бабушки, маленькие дети, приемные дети и лица, которые проживают вместе с вами, но не являются вашими родственниками. Полученная в рамках переписи населения информация повлияет на то, как будут ежегодно распределяться более 675 миллиардов долларов США из федерального бюджета.
City continues addressing COVID-19

As the City of Arvada’s response to COVID-19 continues, the City teams continue to provide most services remotely, and residents are encouraged to access online or remote services as the safest, most convenient options available. In-person services may be available. Please visit www.arvada.org/services-update or call the City of Arvada at 720-898-7000 during business hours to confirm that a service is open and available.

Organized Waste Hauling System approved

On June 15, the Arvada City Council held a public hearing and approved an organized waste hauling system in Arvada by a vote of 4 to 3. As part of next steps in the project, the City and the selected trash hauler, Republic Services, will finalize an implementation plan. Within the next six to 12 months, the City is expected to select a cart provider, and residents will be invited to choose cart sizes. The program is slated to begin July 2021. More details about the project and the implementation will be posted at www.arvada.org/waste-hauling as they become available.

New Chief Information Officer joins City team

In the spring of 2020, the City of Arvada selected Craig Poley as the City’s new Chief Information Officer. Poley was selected from a pool of nearly 140 qualified candidates in a nationwide search. His 20-plus years experience leading teams and initiatives and expertise in application development, data governance, IT governance, disaster recovery, network administration and enterprise security made him the standout choice for Arvada. Prior to joining the Arvada team, Poley served as the Information Technology Director, Application Management for the City and County of Denver. Learn more about Poley by visiting www.arvada.org/new-CIO-joins-team.

Driving toward a digital future

by Chief Information Officer Craig Poley

Spring proved to be a challenging time for everyone. In hindsight, I think everyone did a remarkable job, but I’m sure we would all agree it was tough sledding. For those of us in Information Technology (IT) here at the City of Arvada, we needed to suddenly shift to a remote work model. For many users, this meant adapting and utilizing technology in new ways. I’m proud to say that IT was able to deliver for Arvada in a big way. We helped our customers digitize their workflows to minimize disruptions to citizens and businesses. The team was crucial in moving nearly all City office functions to remote locations and enabling the City to continue to offer critical services to our residents, demonstrating remarkable resilience.

The work continues - our plate is definitely full! We have numerous efforts underway, including several initiatives that replace in-person or manual tasks with systems that can connect and relay information and readouts directly to a centralized location. I’ve asked the IT team to prioritize work that replaces human tasks with automation whenever possible. The goal is that we can continue to make the City more resilient to interruptions like COVID-19 in the future, while still adding exciting new capabilities in the Smart City realm (stay tuned for more in this area in the future).

I’ve challenged the team to be thought leaders for the City to continue to push the digital limits. We are looking for every opportunity to automate and continue to bring services online, while focusing our efforts to make sure the digital experience for residents is easy and secure.
Parking permits now issued online

Some areas of Arvada require residential parking permits, and the City has recently transitioned to issuing parking permits online through the Arvada Permit website. To register your vehicle(s), please have your vehicle(s) information on hand, go to www.arvadapermits.rmcpay.com and follow the steps as prompted. If you have any questions about parking in Arvada, please visit www.arvada.org/parking to learn more about permits, parking violations and more.

Schoolpool helps families improve the back-to-school commute

As school starts this fall, families may be looking for ways to improve their back-to-school commute. Way to Go’s Schoolpool program is a secure online portal that connects neighborhood families and facilitates their efforts of getting their children to and from school through carpooling, walking, biking, transit or even by school bus.

Benefits of the Schoolpool program include:

- Reduced traffic congestion
- Save time
- Save money
- Flexibility
- Increased safety
- Community building
- Cleaner air around schools
- Improved health

Once a school signs up for the program through Way to Go, the school is given a specific link for parents to access and signup online. The parents can then choose the preferred method of travel and begin coordinating with neighbors. Parents can encourage their schools to join the Schoolpool program. Contact Derek Fern at dffern@arvada.org or visit the Way to Go Schoolpool website at www.waytogo.org/getting-around/schoolpool to get started.
City achieves prestigious public works accreditation for the second time

The City of Arvada Departments of Public Works and Utilities recently received full accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the second time. This accreditation formally verifies and recognizes that the City is in full compliance with the recommended management practices set forth in APWA’s Public Works Management Practices Manual.

The purpose of accreditation is to promote excellence in the operation and management of a public works agency, its programs and employees. Accreditation is designed to assist the City in continuous improvement of its public works operations and management, and provide a valid and objective evaluation of City programs as a service to the public and the profession.

Open to all governmental agencies with responsibilities for public works functions, initial accreditation from APWA is for a four-year period, during which time semi-annual updates are required to demonstrate continuing compliance. After that time, there is a re-accreditation process, which builds on the original accreditation, encouraging continuous improvement and compliance with newly identified practices.

“The Public Works and Utilities Departments are dedicated to continuous improvement and high levels of professionalism. Accreditation is a significant tribute to the City team members who strive everyday to provide services and programs on which our community depends,” said Public Works Director Don Wick. Utilities Director Sharon Israel agreed, “The City of Arvada’s Infrastructure team is passionate about the work they do and their service to the community. APWA recognition demonstrates that commitment to excellence. I’m a resident of Arvada myself, and I am incredibly proud of the work our team does to serve the community.”

About Infrastructure Work System
Together the Public Works and Utilities departments make up the Infrastructure work system. The community depends on a well-maintained foundation of streets, sidewalks, and water, wastewater and stormwater facilities. Planned and steady population growth requires proper maintenance of existing infrastructure and additional capacity to support a thriving community. The Public Works and Utilities departments work collaboratively to ensure the City’s infrastructure system allows Arvada residents to experience a safe, vibrant and prosperous community.

Traffic signals
The City’s Traffic Engineering Division is tasked with helping traffic move efficiently through the city, keeping motorists and pedestrians safe, and maintaining the many traffic signs and signals around Arvada. To do this, the engineers rely on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways or the MUTCD for short. Published by the Federal Highway Administration, the MUTCD defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, highways, bikeways and private roads open to public travel. Applying consistent traffic standards helps provide a safe driving experience for motorists across the country.

Traffic Engineers use the MUTCD and local traffic conditions to determine if certain intersections warrant specific treatments. These standards have been developed and improved over the 85 years the MUTCD has been in use. The City’s Traffic Engineering team is always working to improve and innovate traffic signal operation. You can learn more about traffic signals at www.arvada.org/signs-and-signals.
Bike Friendly designation

The League of American Bicyclists honored the efforts of the City of Arvada to build better places for people to bike with a silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community award. Arvada joins 482 communities across the country in the movement for safer streets and better bicycling for everyone. The award recognizes Arvada for its commitment to creating transportation and recreational resources that benefit its residents of all ages and abilities while encouraging healthier and more sustainable transportation choices.

The City has several bike and pedestrian safety projects in different phases of design and development. View projects and learn how you can share your feedback at www.arvada.org/bike-ped-improvements.

Arvada Bike Loop

Get out and enjoy the new Arvada Bike Loop! You can download this map at www.arvada.org/arvada-bike-loop.
Ralston House open

Ralston House opened to all cases in June and the calendar has been booked out on a weekly basis all summer. During the State mandated stay-at-home and safer-at-home orders, most of us were truly safer at home with our families. But for child victims whose family members were their perpetrator, they were far from safe. In fact, being at home and in quarantine was the most dangerous place for these children to be. With entire communities sheltering in place, and schools, camps and sporting groups closed, no one was witness to many of the child victim’s pain. No one was there to report the abuse.

Now that restrictions for staying home have begun to ease, it is more important than ever to keep a watchful eye out for the safety and well-being of the children in our community. Ralston House offers the following tips as signs of possible child abuse.

A child who:

• Acts differently or has a different personality than in the past – abused children may seem depressed, nervous, hyper, quiet, withdrawn, sad, angry, scared or aggressive.

• Can’t do things that she used to do – for example, a child who was potty-trained but is now having accidents.

• Has unusual marks, burns or bruises – bruises that look like an object or appear on the cheeks, ears or neck are especially worrisome.

• Is treated differently (much worse or much better) than other children in the family.

• Runs away or goes missing.

Please note: These symptoms or signs may not indicate abuse, but may simply reflect the vast changes in children’s lives due to coronavirus.

If you suspect a child is being abused, call 1-844-CO-KIDS or call your local police department. For more information on how you can be a part of our team and help child victims, visit our website at www.RalstonHouse.org.
September is National Preparedness Month

Each September, National Preparedness Month encourages and reminds Americans to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. While we are all still adjusting to the stresses brought into our lives and communities by the coronavirus pandemic, it is important to be prepared for other potential stresses, such as flooding, blizzards and even tornadoes, especially as the weather starts to change here in Colorado. There are some simple steps you can take to keep yourself, your family and even your neighbors safer in an emergency:

Make a plan - Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you’ll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that’s familiar and easy to find. Find valuable guidance for developing an emergency plan at www.ready.gov/plan.

Build a home emergency kit - Most of the items you should include in your emergency kit are inexpensive and any one of them could save your life. For a list of items to include, visit www.ready.gov/kit.

Be informed - CodeRED is the system used by emergency services agencies to notify residents of critical incidents. Landlines are automatically included in notifications, but cell phones are not. To add cell phone numbers, SMS (text) and email address preferences, visit www.arvada.org/codered for access to the CodeRED registration website.

Fall is coming

Five easy steps you can take to help prepare your home for the change in weather

While it’s hard to imagine during the heat of August that fall is just around the corner, it’s important to remember that September has produced some major notable snowstorms in our area in the not-too-distant past. The City of Arvada Building Division has five simple steps you can take now to prepare your home for the change in weather, changes that could help save you money and time. The simple things you can do around your house to prepare for fall include:

- Clean out your gutters. When leaves and debris build up, it can prevent the gutters from draining water/snow away from your house, which can cause expensive damage.
- Check that your windows are properly sealed along the window frames on the exterior and interior of your home and seal gaps. A good way to check for drafty windows is to hold a candle close to the window on a windy day. Adding an insulating film over your window can also help keep drafty windows from leaking as much air during the winter.
- Replace your furnace filters. A dirty filter can obstruct airflow, which in turn causes your furnace to work harder and run longer to heat your home. Depending on filter size, it should be replaced at least once a year.
- Switch to a programmable thermostat, which can help save you money on your energy bill—as much as one percent for every degree you lower your thermostat.
- Check your fireplace for obstructions. Animals, nests and soot can build up in your chimney and cause a fire hazard to your home.

Finally, make sure to insulate the hose bibs on the outside of your house to avoid freezing water which can cause costly damage. Make sure that you detached your hose from your hose bib before the cold weather arrives. The first fall freeze usually happens around mid-September so be prepared.
Public Hearing signs and development “story map”

The Community and Economic Development team is continuing to innovate by creating a more streamlined and transparent process to update the public about upcoming public hearings and all development projects going on in the city. The City currently uses, and will continue to use, a static map of all of the approved development projects. This new approach was developed mainly for two reasons. First, each public hearing is required to provide several forms of notice to the public including the posting of physical signs on the property. Such signage provides details about the upcoming public hearing; however, it is difficult to read from the street, provides limited information and is not sturdy enough to withstand inclement weather or strong winds. The new signage will include the branded website.

Second, as a provision of the newly adopted Land Development Code, the team is recommending that all neighbors within 500 feet of a development project receive notice. As the new code may allow additional administrative approvals, the City Team wanted to make sure that community members could stay informed of projects being proposed in their area.

An additional benefit will be to promote this service to the broader community to help ensure greater transparency in the development process, easier access to development plans and a clearer picture of the overall development patterns within the community.

New Land Development Code adopted

The Arvada City Council unanimously approved the new Land Development Code (LDC) on May 18. Mayor Marc Williams commended staff efforts made to engage community involvement with the LDC process. The new code implements the Comprehensive Plan, as well as other City plans that contain development-related regulations including zoning requirements, subdivision regulations, design and development standards, and review procedures for the City. The key elements of the LDC include the following:

- Creation of the Residential Neighborhood (RN) zoning district to reflect the characteristics of existing neighborhoods, including lowered building heights.
- Development of Mixed-Use (MX) zoning districts to allow for development flexibility in response to market changes and redevelopment opportunities, including districts to address different land use characteristics throughout the City - Neighborhood, Suburban, Urban, and Transit.
- Creation of the Commercial, General (CG) zoning district to accommodate retail, commercial and office uses.
- Simplification of the Height Transition Zone adjacent to properties in the RN and RA (Residential/Agriculture) zoning districts.
- Revisions to parking standards for commercial and residential development.

The LDC and the Zoning Map are available at www.AdvanceArvada.org.
Arvada businesses are Safe and Open

More than 200 Arvada businesses have taken the pledge to be Safe and Open. The campaign was developed to help businesses communicate widely to the community a return to economic activity in accordance with public health and safety best-practices. The goal of this campaign is to offer an innovative marketing opportunity and is not regulatory or punitive in nature. In support of the State of Colorado’s Safer at Home plan, the business community of Arvada stands ready to move towards a thriving economic environment once again, while protecting against the renewed spread of coronavirus. To learn more, visit www.arvadachamber.org/safeandopen.

Our COVID-19 Response

The Chamber is proud to lead these tactics with our fellow Arvada Resiliency Taskforce members:
Arvada Economic Development Association, Arvada Visitors Center, The City of Arvada, Olde Town Business Improvement District, APEX Park and Recreation District, Community First Foundation, Thrive Workplace, The Arvada Center, Red Rocks Community College, and Danielle Dascalos PR.

- 2,500+ Arvada Chamber staff hours dedicated to COVID-19 response
- 3,400+ Arvada businesses contacted to determine how we can best assist
- 200 Arvada businesses have taken the Safe and Open Pledge
- 800 Frontline workers that benefited from Chow for Champions
- 15+ Digital toolkits, resources and support programs developed
- 18 Virtual events, including town halls, education and puzzle nights
- 120 Arvada restaurants featured on the Takeout Takeover
- 100+ Resources posted on the COVID-19 Business Toolkit
- 30 Critical COVID-19 email updates
- 29,150 website visitors, accessing key COVID-19 resources (a 150% increase YTD)
Arvada’s beloved Olde Town Water Tower

The Olde Town Water Tower originally served the utilitarian purpose of storing water and later became a navigational tool guiding people to the heart of our historic district. Today, the tower stands as Arvada’s most recognizable and photographed landmark, and during the pandemic, has become a beacon to honor, to commemorate and encourage resilience.

Distant past

The Water Tower was constructed in 1910 as a solution to the town’s water shortage. Standing 150 feet above ground and supported by six columns of steel trestles, it held 150,000 gallons of water pumped from wells south of Grandview Avenue. The tower was decommissioned in 1977. In 1998, Arvada Urban Renewal took temporary ownership of it, restoring and adding a pocket park and plaza, which, along with great views of the mountains, has made it a popular gathering place for weddings, picnics and photo opportunities. In 2006, ownership of the tower and parcel was returned to the City of Arvada to ensure its preservation.

Recent history

In 2015, at 106 years of age, the tower got a facelift, which included cleaning, painting and staining the tank, and polishing the center platform. Then, in the fall of 2018, the lights on the water tower again shone brightly with an added feature: the new system allowed for the timing of themed lighting. A schedule was created to light up the tower for specific holidays and special events. But no one knew how significant the lighting of the tower would become until COVID-19.

Here and now

Throughout the months of April and May, the tower was lit every Friday night in red and white to honor healthcare professionals, first responders and supply chain workers for their crucial contributions to the emerging health crisis. When it became apparent that the pandemic was going to impact high school graduation celebrations, it was decided to light the tower in school colors on a designated night for each of the high schools. Scores of students, parents, teachers and administrators celebrated their designated tower lighting, congratulating their graduating seniors and sharing photos across all social media platforms.

Arvada Olde Town Water Tower is indeed, iconic of our community, appearing on postcards, t-shirts, beer mugs and nearly every asset ever designed to market or signify Arvada. Residents and visitors alike have commemorated many significant events (engagement photo pictured above) with the water tower as a backdrop. Throughout the years, in every season, the water tower stands as Arvada’s identifying landmark. It represents our community’s past, present and future, and serves as a welcoming beacon to all who live, work and play in Arvada. To learn more about the water tower, visit www.arvada.org/water-tower.
Dear citizens of the Arvada Fire Protection District,

I am proud to present our 2019 Annual Performance Report, which highlights the exceptional services provided by the dedicated men and women supporting the City of Arvada, portions of the City of Wheat Ridge and unincorporated Jefferson County.

In our report, you will see examples of our commitment to deliver quality services, while at the same time being good stewards of your tax dollars. Here are a few highlights.

In 2019, our first responders responded to 15,631 911 calls, while our ambulances transported more than 8,500 patients to local hospitals. Based on your feedback, our paramedics and emergency medical technicians received exceptional reviews on the quality of care and services they provided during those emergency incidents.

To reduce emergency response times and improve service quality, we opened a temporary fire station in the Candelas development. Planning for future needs, we deployed a data-driven approach to identify locations for our next fire stations, which will begin construction in 2020.

While responding to emergencies is crucial to our mission, prevention plays an equally important role in protecting the community. Every year, we conduct hundreds of fire code inspections, smoke alarm tests, car seat and safety inspections, as well as hundreds of school tours and education outreach visits – all aimed to prevent injuries, protect property and save lives. Last year, the District revised our 5-year Strategic Plan, updated our Standards of Cover, and completed our Fire and Emergency Services Self-Assessment Manual. These documents guide our course and reaffirm our commitment to continuous improvement.

We take pride in being innovative, transparent and fiscally responsible. In 2019, we accomplished our goals while maintaining a balanced budget. The District also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association. It is the seventh consecutive year we have received this honor.

Day in, day out, we never waver from our commitment to you: to preserve life, property and the environment.

You can view our annual report through our website at www.arvadafire.com.

I hope you will enjoy it. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or questions you may have regarding the services we are so privileged and proud to provide.

Mike Piper, Fire Chief
Meet the Deputy Chief

In June, Arvada Fire welcomed a new member to our department. Kirk Lock joined the Arvada Fire family as the new Deputy Fire Chief.

Chief Lock filled the vacancy of Deputy Fire Chief when Mike Piper was promoted to Fire Chief last April. Lock brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Arvada Fire Protection District.

He served 30 years with the Memphis Fire Department where he held a variety of ranks throughout his career, including Private, Tillerman, Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, Division Chief and Deputy Chief. In Memphis, he oversaw the Special Operations Bureau, the Training Division and Operations, which included fire suppression, special operations, fire training and air rescue firefighting.

Chief Lock holds a Master of Business Administration from Bethel College, a bachelor’s degree in Fire Services Administration from the University of Memphis and an associate degree in Computer Engineering at the State Technical Institute in Tennessee.

In addition to his education, Chief Lock achieved the designation of Chief Fire Officer from the Center of Public Excellence and Executive Fire Officer at the National Fire Academy.

Chief Lock is no stranger to Colorado. He has visited the state to ski, white water rafting, hike and simply enjoy the great outdoors. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, biking and water skiing. He is married to Pam, his high school sweetheart of 37 years. Chief Lock has two grown sons and two grandchildren.

Please welcome Chief Kirk Lock to the community!
Meet Your Fire Protection District Board Members

The Arvada Fire Protection District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected by voters to oversee the budget and set policy for the district. Directors Ted Terranova and Mark McGoff are the newly elected members of the Board. They join Directors Jim Whitfield, Bob Loveridge and Andrea Romero. We thought you would like to get to know them.

**Jim Whitfield**

Jim is serving his first term elected to the Board in 2018. He currently serves as President. Jim brings a wealth of knowledge to the Arvada Fire Board through his experience with the Colorado Special Districts Association, Apex Park and Recreation District, Red Rocks College Foundation and the Arvada Economic Development Association. He is Managing Director and Vice President of Business Marketing, Infrastructure, Networking, Development and Strategy for the Arvada-based High Country Workplace Technologies. Jim is married and has two grown sons.

**Bob Loveridge**

An Arvada native, Bob has served on the Arvada Fire Protection District Board since 2014. He is the past Board President and currently serves as Vice President. Bob brings a wealth of knowledge to the Arvada Fire Protection District Board having previously served on the Apex Parks and Recreation District and Jefferson County Building Code boards. He is the manager and owner of Loveridge Builders and Roofing and has been a building contractor for 35 years. Bob is married and has two grown sons.

**Ted Terranova**

Ted was elected to the Board in May 2020 but is no stranger to the Fire Protection District. He was first elected to the Board in 2008 and served two four-year terms before he left in 2016 due to term limits. He served as President in 2016 and is the current Secretary. Ted brings a wealth of knowledge to the Arvada Fire Protection District. As a former member of the Arvada City Council, Ted also served on the Arvada Planning Commission, Urban Renewal Board and Variance Board. Ted is the former owner of Aaark Total Home Services where he retired after 35 years.

**Andrea Romero**

Andrea was elected to her first term in May. She is the Board Treasurer and served in the same role when she was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2019. Andrea is a long-time member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce and is a self-employed owner and financial representative for Country Financial, located near Olde Town Arvada. Andrea is married, has two daughters and enjoys calling Arvada home.

**Mark McGoff**

Mark is serving his first term on the Arvada Fire Board, but he is no stranger to the community. An Arvada resident since 1994, Mark served on the Arvada City Council from 2007 to 2019 and served on numerous city, county and state offices, as well as serving in leadership positions with several service and volunteer organizations. In 2005, he was named Arvada’s Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Mark retired in 1998 as prison warden and administrator for the Colorado Department of Corrections where he served 25 years. Mark is serving as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for the Board. He is married and has one son.
CALLING ALL KIDS K-12!

Art Contest

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ART CONTEST!

THEME: Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

DEADLINE: Saturday, September 19

Requirements:

>>Art can represent the following mediums: drawing and painting (i.e. pencil, crayon, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, oil paints, acrylics, water color, mixed media) and photography

>>Maximum size of non-digital artwork is 11"x17"

>>Entry: Send to pio@arvadafire.com or 7903 Allison Way Arvada, CO 80005. Please include a cover letter with your name, age, contact info & brief description of your piece.

>>Winner gets free pizza delivery to their home from a fire truck!

>>Students can submit up to 2 pieces.

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Arvada Gardeners plant an orchard

What does Arvada have in common with the Hopi and Havasupai tribes in Arizona and the Ugandan federal government? All have been recipients of orchard grants from the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF), whose goal is to help plant 18 billion fruit trees across the world!

Last spring, the Arvada Community Garden (9195 West 57th Ave.) was awarded an orchard grant from the FTPF, one of only four grants to be awarded in the Denver area. In June, the Arvada Gardeners who maintain the community garden welcomed more than 20 volunteers and FTPF professionals, who planted two dozen high-quality fruit trees, including apple, cherry, nectarine and plum, along with goji berry and currant fruit-bearing shrubs.

Arvada Gardener President (aptly named Bill Orchard) credited the garden’s unique qualities for the grant award: “At 52 years old, the Arvada Community Garden is the oldest and best community garden in Arvada. It is well-maintained, well-organized, well-attended, and we offer gardening classes and events to the public.” Additionally, community garden participants donate generously to the Community Table and the Arvada Veggie Van making fresh produce available to all.

If you are interested in learning more about the Arvada Community Garden, including information about classes and events open to the public, visit www.arvadagardeners.org.

In June, state officials confirmed the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Arvada. EAB is a non-native, wood-boring beetle that is responsible for the death or decline of tens of millions of ash trees in the United States and Canada. While the City has been preparing for EAB and cautioning residents that it was just a matter of time before the pest reached Arvada, its official detection confirms the need for proactive measures to be taken to protect ash trees from the bug. Approximately 97,000 ash trees on both private and public land in Arvada could eventually be affected by the EAB. For information on how to identify ash trees, the symptoms of EAB, treatment options and wood utilization workshops, visit www.cdfs.colostate.edu/eab. For information on the City’s EAB management plan, visit www.arvada.org/emerald-ash-borer.

City of Arvada Forester retires

Craig Hillegass, the City’s forester, has retired after serving the community for 42 years. In addition to being highly visible in the community tending to the City’s trees and open spaces, Hillegass visited hundreds, if not thousands, of residents’ properties over the decades offering advice on the health of their trees. “People love their trees,” said Hillegass. “Making house calls was a service I felt our residents deserved.” In addition to his duties tending trees and open space, Craig oversaw the City’s Memorial Tree program, the Adopt-a-Trail program, and three decades of annual tree-planting ceremonies with Peck Elementary students. He, along with his crew, also supported the annual Trees Across Arvada program. “It’s amazing to see trees we planted as saplings 40 years ago having grown to be 50 feet tall,” said Hillegass. “I was blessed to be here in Arvada, to do work that I loved in a community filled with fantastic people.”

While we are certain the 42-year City veteran will be missed, Hillegass assures us, “The City has a great crew of well-trained, well-educated professionals leading forestry and open space. Arvada’s trees are in good hands.”

Emerald Ash Borer confirmed in Arvada

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Arvada. EAB is a non-native, wood-boring beetle that is responsible for the death or decline of tens of millions of ash trees in the United States and Canada. While the City has been preparing for EAB and cautioning residents that it was just a matter of time before the pest reached Arvada, its official detection confirms the need for proactive measures to be taken to protect ash trees from the bug. Approximately 97,000 ash trees on both private and public land in Arvada could eventually be affected by the EAB. For information on how to identify ash trees, the symptoms of EAB, treatment options and wood utilization workshops, visit www.cdfs.colostate.edu/eab. For information on the City’s EAB management plan, visit www.arvada.org/emerald-ash-borer.
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Kids Classes

**Trees Are Green, And Many Other Things - V**  
Tuesday, Aug. 4, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Ages 4-7 yrs, free.  
Time to talk shapes, colors and counting through nature’s lens. Trees are as diverse and amazing as your kiddo.  
Virtual program.

**Are You A Turtle?**  
Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 to 11 a.m. Ages 8-12, $5  
Discover what makes turtles so unique and see a real turtle in action. Limited to 10 kids and canceled if inclement weather, mask required.

**Expedition Naturalist - V**  
Wednesday, Aug. 26, 4 to 5 p.m. Ages 8-16 yrs. $5.  
Mud mucking, trail hiking, bird watching . . . being a naturalist provides a lot of fun experiences! Discover different environmental careers in virtual challenges and activities.  
Virtual Program.

**Adventure to Habitat**  
Friday, September 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 6-10 yrs $5  
Go on challenges in the park to search for clues, create a habitat at home, and connect with habitats all around us.  
Limited to 10 kids, outdoor only, masks required.

Children’s Classes

**Outdoor Nature Tai Chi**  
Mondays, August 3-September 14 (No class September 7)  
Beginners, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adults, $60 for 6 weeks  
Limited to 5 adults, outdoor only; masks and physical distancing required.

**Olde Town Arvada Drop In Telescope Night**  
Friday, Aug. 7 & Sept. 4, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. All ages, free.  
Meet in Olde Town Square. Cancelled if inclement weather, may cancel due to covid. Physical distancing and masks required to look through scope.

**Insect Investigation - Outdoor Bug Crawl**  
Saturday, Sept. 12, 5 to 6 p.m. All ages, free.  
Discover what makes an insect an insect, then try to catch some yourself! Limited class size, outdoor only, masks required.

**Fur, Family, and Fun - V**  
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, free.  
Gather the family for this virtual event all about mammals and the fascinating things they can do. Virtual Program.

Family Classes

**New Season, New Kind of Field Trip!**  
Majestic View Nature Center has some of their favorite field trip programs now available live, on zoom! To request a virtual program, with virtual challenges and interactive activities for kids, visit www.arvada.org/school-programs.  
(“Discounted prices for Fall 2020)

Don’t have time to schedule a virtual program? Check out our free virtual learning activities, programs and more at www.arvada.org/virtual-learning-resources.

Adult Classes

**Conversation Corner**

**Outdoor Nature Tai Chi**  
Mondays, August 3-September 14 (No class September 7)  
Beginners, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adults, $60 for 6 weeks  
Limited to 5 adults, outdoor only; masks and physical distancing required.

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New Public Art in Arvada

Olde Town Arvada Box Art project

During the first two weeks of June, four artists from the Front Range were commissioned to paint utility boxes in Olde Town with colorful designs meant to add vibrant art to our community. If you’re stopping by Olde Town, be sure to check out their designs! You can find the painted boxes at the following locations:

- Julian Howard (Fuzzy’s Taco Shop) - 5760 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
- Noelle Miller (Olde Town Square) - 5726 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
- Patrick Maxcy (Between Little by Little and Ramah) - 5626 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
- Tony Zella ha (Community Bank on the Olde Wadsworth Blvd. side) - 7530 Grandview Ave.

Sponsored by the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission and Olde Town Business Improvement District, the Olde Town Box Art Project is the pilot in a series to bring more box art to Arvada. For more information, visit www.arvada.org/boxartproject.

Point Gate sculpture in Hoskinson Park

Point Gate, by Jodie Roth Cooper, was installed into Hoskinson Park (8700 Brooks Drive) last May. Located along one of Arvada’s busiest trails, this iconic piece invites viewers to engage with it and provides another attraction to visit in Arvada’s great expanse of parks and trails. During the Point Gate installation, neighborhood residents and trail users stopped to meet the artist and the Parks team inquiring about the piece and sharing their excitement for adding it to the park. Visit the sculpture on your next walk along the Ralston Creek Trail and celebrate your love for arts outdoors. For more information, visit www.arvada.org/public-art.
West Woods and Lake Arbor bars and grills are open

After being closed since March due to COVID-19, the West Woods and Lake Arbor golf clubs’ bars and grills are open and offering food and beverage services to the public.

In accordance with state and local guidelines, signage is in place for outlining social distancing and other safety requirements, so while things may look a little different, guests will receive the same great service they have in the past.

Beverage cart service on the course and at the clubhouses is available for a quick grab-and-go beverage or snack. Be sure to follow posted signage while at the clubhouses for current safety guidelines.

Lake Arbor is providing additional menu items for counter pick-up service and convenience seating inside and on the patio.

West Woods is providing full dine-in service. Enjoy the incredible mountain view on the patio, covered porch or inside the restaurant. Curbside pick-up is also available for family meal options and menu items to go. Visit www.westwoodsgolf.com or call 720-898-7350 to make your reservation or place a curbside pick-up order.

Visit www.westwoodsgolf.com and www.lakearborgolf.com websites for the most current information about offerings, hours, safety guidelines and what to expect when you arrive.

For private events at the Arvada Center, West Woods and Lake Arbor Golf Courses, Arvada Events is following all state and local guidelines as they arise. Visit www.arvadaevents.com or call 720-898-7330 for more information on how to get your next event booked.

Arvada pavilions available online

Since the beginning of COVID-19, the Arvada Festivals Commission has been brainstorming ways to bring safe and fun events to Arvadans. With so much uncertainty around large gatherings, it has been a challenge to find innovative ways to do this. How will large events look different for the remainder of 2020? Keeping the health and safety of our residents in mind, the Festivals Commission is dedicated to bringing you some socially distant events!

Originally thinking of going virtual for the rest of 2020, the Festivals Commission has expressed interest in exploring other ways to celebrate as restrictions ease. The first hope is to pivot from drive-in movies to socially distant movies in the park. Enjoy a movie while sitting in socially distant circles! There are also talks of taking events to the streets with traveling bands visiting various Arvada neighborhoods and possibly a craft fair! All in all, the Festivals Commission is always committed to bringing you safe events and will continue to follow Local and State health guidelines.

Please check www.arvadafestivals.com for updates.

Looking to celebrate outside this summer or fall? Arvada Park Pavilions are now available to reserve online with secure payment through the City’s website.

Reservations must be made at least a week in advance. Pavilions may include picnic tables, benches and charcoal grills. Restrooms are not provided in any Arvada parks or pavilions. Bring your own disinfectant wipes to sanitize surfaces and follow social distancing guidelines and mask recommendations.

Beer permits are available for eligible pavilions (Allen House, McIlvoy and Memorial) and must be submitted 10 days prior to your pavilion reservation date. See website for details.

For more information and to reserve your pavilion online, visit www.arvada.org/pavilion-rentals-in-arvada.
The 2020 Arvada Report Survey

The Arvada Report is one of the most important ways we can connect with you. For example, in the bi-annual community survey, respondents consistently say the Arvada Report is a preferred way to receive information about the City. We are committed to continually improving the Arvada Report to make it the best resource possible, but we need your help. Please answer the following questions about your level of satisfaction with the Arvada Report. Your feedback will help us update future editions to help keep this popular publication fresh and useful for the entire community.

You can provide your feedback in 3 ways:

1. Complete the survey online at Speakup.arvada.org. Look for “Improving Communications and Engagement.”

2. Tear out, complete and mail this page to Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd., Arvada, CO 80002), att: Ben Irwin.

3. Email your answers or a scan of this page to Cindy Javelet (cjavelet@arvada.org).

1. How would you rate the content of the Arvada Report?
   - Excellent
   - Satisfactory
   - Poor

2. How appealing do you find the overall “look” of the Arvada Report?
   - Excellent
   - Satisfactory
   - Poor

3. What would make the Arvada Report better?
   - More articles shorter in length
   - More images/photos
   - Fewer articles longer in length
   - Larger font size

4. What types of information do you most want to read about? Pick your top 4.
   - City projects
   - Public Safety
   - Construction impacts
   - Neighborhood activities
   - Calendar of events
   - City Council actions
   - Community/Economic Development news
   - Other: ______________________________________

5. What can we do to improve the Arvada Report?
   ___________________________________________________
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It’s back-to-school time. Help ensure that all kids are well-nourished and ready to learn by donating today!

One in eight kids don’t know when they will have their next meal. According to studies, the effects of chronic hunger may last a lifetime. Hungry kids often fail to reach their academic, physical and social potential due to poor health and not knowing when they may have another meal can cause kids to have anxiety and depression.

School nutrition programs are there for kids during the week, but weekends can be tough when there is not enough food in the house. You can change that.

By supporting Feeding the Future you can help make certain all children in Northern Jefferson County have enough to eat. Since 2006, Community Table has distributed hundreds of thousands of weekend meals to schoolchildren, stocked emergency food pantries at schools and provided snacks and ready-to-eat meals to homeless teens. Feed the future at www.cotable.org/donate.
We have compiled a list of Arvada organizations that are offering in person and virtual experiences this summer. Please check their websites for the most up to date information! As always, check out visitarvada.org or email jean@visitarvada.org with event related questions.

Check visitarvada.org for a comprehensive calendar of events throughout Arvada.
ARVADA CENTER GALLERIES
PINK PROGRESSION | Jul 2 - Nov 8
Celebrating 100 years of progress since the passage of the 19th Amendment.

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ARVADA CENTER THEATRE
THEATRE SEASON RELAUNCH
Exciting new titles, restagings, and much more from the Main Stage and Black Box.

TRAV'LIN’ - THE 1930s JAZZ MUSICAL (2019)

SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS (2020)