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COVID-19 vaccine information and resources

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) expects that the initial supply of COVID-19 vaccines will be limited for several months and has developed a phased approach to vaccine distribution. To learn about the phases of vaccine distribution, what to expect at a vaccine appointment and to access a robust list of vaccine FAQs, visit www.covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/vaccine-for-coloradans.

If you do not have internet access or you wish to access the information by telephone, you may call 303-389-1687 or 877-462-2911 (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday - Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Answers are available in multiple languages.

Resources for vaccine information specific to your county:
- Jefferson County Public Health: www.jeffco.us/4210/COVID-19-Vaccine

Remember that your best source for learning more about when and how YOU can access a COVID-13 vaccine is your healthcare provider.

Public health agencies have indicated that it will take some time for everyone to be vaccinated, and the City urges residents to continue to wear masks, wash your hands and watch your distance, and to follow other health guidelines throughout the process. If you have questions about the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.arvada.org/COVID-19.

Recommitting to better customer service

As part of our commitment to improving your level of satisfaction when seeking information or assistance from the City, we developed a Customer Experience Philosophy to help us more consistently provide a respectful, responsive, reliable, relevant and convenient experience to you. Improving your experience helps us achieve our mission to deliver superior services to enhance the lives of everyone in our community.

We’ve recently completed a draft of the philosophy, which is available for your review on our website at www.arvada.org/customer-experience-philosophy. A printed copy is available to those without internet access by calling 720-898-7500. If you have comments or suggestions for the document, visit www.speakup.arvada.org/quality-customer-service or call 720-898-7500.
Employees of the 3rd and 4th Quarters 2020

Kyle Osborn
(IT Security Specialist)
Service to the Organization
Kyle joined the City team in 2019. He was nominated for his innovation during the pandemic utilizing technology to enable City employees to safely and securely use remote functions on all devices across the organization without any disruption to employees’ job duties or City services and for his work in digital forensics training public safety professionals to utilize sophisticated tools and techniques. Kyle’s colleagues laud him as a “team player.”

Stephanie Hunn
(Arvada Police Department Training Coordinator)
Service to the Organization
Stephanie joined the City team in 2015. When the pandemic hit, Stephanie quickly recognized that communication and training would be more critical than ever. She immediately helped implement video conferencing solutions and virtual learning platforms, ensuring that PD members continued adherence to strict training standards set forth by APD Policy and Colorado Peace Officer Standards in Training placing APD far ahead of the standards set at the National and local levels. “In a profession that relies on continual training and evolving standards,” said Stephanie’s colleagues, “Stephanie’s dedication and innovation ensures that PD employees receive the highest quality training—training that goes above and beyond recommended standards.”

Heidi Van Gieson
(Business Development Coordinator)
Service to the Community
Heidi joined the City team in 2011 and immediately began delivering superior services to clients in her role with Arvada Events, acting as the liaison between the client and venue staff in order to, in Heidi’s words, “ensure that each group’s vision came to life.” It was this dedication and passion that led Heidi to facilitate the event-planning/fundraising for the local non-profit Robbie’s Hope, which was established to raise awareness and provide resources for the prevention of teen suicide—a cause which inspired Heidi to go above and beyond in support of the foundation.

Jim McLaughlin
(Central Stores Manager)
Service to the Organization and the Community
Jim joined the City team in 2015. When the pandemic hit last spring, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was an in-demand commodity worldwide. Committed to the well-being of his teammates, Jim immediately began increasing PPE orders and finding new contract vendors. Anticipating price increases, Jim ordered frequently-purchased items in large amounts—items that now sell for as much as three times the previous price. Additionally, he leveraged his skills and relationships with vendors to assist with PPE for local partners and businesses, buying in bulk to save money for all. Jim was nominated by his colleagues for his “easy going, friendly service to the employees and for his superior work as a Buyer.”

City Council appoints new Presiding Municipal Judge

On Jan. 4, 2021, the Arvada City Council appointed Kathryn Kurtz as Arvada’s Presiding Municipal Judge, the first woman to serve in this position in Arvada. Judge Kurtz has worked as a Relief Judge in Municipal Courts in Lakewood, Northglenn, Federal Heights and Golden presiding over cases including traffic, zoning and criminal offenses. She has also served as the First Judicial District Attorney’s Office and in the Special Victims’ Unit prosecuting Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking cases. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1999 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Denver, College of Law in 2002. Judge Kurtz lives in Arvada with her husband, and two children, is active in her community, and serves on the board of directors for Robbie’s Hope. To read more about Judge Kurtz, visit www.arvada.org/new-municipal-judge.
2020 Team of the Year and Employees of the Year

At year's end, a Team of the Year is selected and employees who received awards during the year are considered for further recognition as Employees of the Year.

2020 Team of the Year: City of Arvada Facilities

The Facilities team, which consists of 21 professionals, was selected as Team of the Year for their tireless work and commitment to keeping the City of Arvada employees and visiting members of the community safe in City facilities during the pandemic. They are proud to announce that at the time of the printing of this edition no COVID-19 outbreaks occurred in City facilities. From the custodial crew’s diligence sanitizing and cleaning facilities to the construction crew’s installation of Plexiglas and other safety measures, the Facilities team worked collaboratively and cooperatively. They were nominated by colleagues for their “dedication and hard work” and for “being on the front lines every day, ensuring the safety of fellow employees and the community.” A big thank you to our awesome Facilities team!

Steve Milke and Detective Nate Neidig, honored as Employees of the Year, were also recognized as Employees of the 2nd Quarter in 2020 and were featured in the Oct./Nov. 2020 issue of the Arvada Report. Visit www.arvada.org/the-arvada-report to read their stories.

Service to the Organization:
Steve Milke
City Manager’s Office:
Steve was nominated for his dedication, focus, creativity, passion, flexibility and his commitment to the City team creating COVID-19 signage for City facilities and other citywide amenities and for his support of the 2020 Census.

Service to the Community:
Nate Neidig
Police Department:
Nate was nominated for his relentless pursuit in helping bring charges against a child abuse perpetrator and for his passionate commitment to the safety of the community.

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For more than two decades, the Arvada Police Department (APD) has placed police officers in City of Arvada schools. As violent crimes related to schools have increased, the Arvada Police Department implemented the School Resource Officer program.

In starting the program, the students’ safety was the priority, providing the young students in the community a safe place to learn. The department started with placing a School Resource Officer (SRO) in every public high school. As a police department, we quickly realized there were many benefits of having officers in the schools. The SROs also quickly became an integral part of the school community in which they worked.

When we respond to emergency calls for service, such as traffic accidents, assaults, child abuse or domestic violence, a police officer in uniform can be intimidating. Introducing police officers into our school system to work side by side with school staff allows our youngest community members to see a police officer as an essential resource and not be frightened. The department now invests over one million dollars in the SRO program. It has ten officers assigned to the following schools: Arvada High School, Arvada West High School, Pomona High School, Ralston Valley High School, Arvada K8, Foster K8, North Arvada Middle School, Oberon Middle School, Three Creeks K8 and a rotating elementary SRO. Each of these schools is unique to its community. The SROs work with each school’s administration and community in providing the best resources and services to the students and communities.

All City of Arvada SROs have been through the National Association of School Resource Officers introductory SRO course. This course is currently the national standard in SROs and their training. This course teaches that there are three primary purposes for a school resource officer. Those three purposes are school safety, informal counselor/mentor and education. Discipline is not one of the three primary objectives of an SRO. All school discipline is and should be handled by the school administration.

The SROs are not inside of the schools with the goal of strict enforcement in mind. Through the unified support of the SRO and school administration, several situations can be handled without criminal charges. Our SROs prefer to resolve problems within the school without writing a ticket or making an arrest. The start of restorative practices in schools has helped with these goals and priorities.

Our SROs build relationships with their students, allowing them to gauge what resources might be best to help support them. The SROs work closely with the City attorney and the juvenile district attorneys. This partnership is essential.
As we prepare for National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, we reflect on the past twelve months.

Ralston House remained open during the State ordered shelter-in-place mandates to provide essential services—forensic interviews, victim advocacy and pediatric sex assault medical examinations when needed to child victims and their families. We responded to a surge of child abuse cases brought on by child victims sheltering in place with their perpetrators.

Ralston House established enhanced cleaning protocols and new health screening processes to mitigate exposure to COVID-19 for child victims and their families and the professionals that we work with. And despite not being able to hold fundraising events last year, Ralston House adjusted and created virtual events that allowed community members and supporters to continue to support our mission to stop child abuse and start the healing for children and youth in our community.

Among our staff, and those we know, we suffered great loss—illness, death, financial and employment challenges. And yet, with your help and your support we weathered the storm; we persevered and continued our work to keep children safe by providing a welcoming space for children and youth who have experienced physical or sexual abuse or who have witnessed violent crime to tell their stories.

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Ralston House plants pinwheel gardens throughout our communities to show child victims and their families that they are not alone, that their community supports them, and stands with them against child abuse.

It is important now more than ever before for our community to band together to show child victims that we are against child abuse; that if they are being hurt, we are safe people to tell. Let the pinwheel gardens serve as a beacon of hope for all who struggle. To see a sea of blue pinwheels spinning throughout our communities, we’ll know that our community is strong, and we’ll support each other and keep one another safe.

Pinwheel gardens can be planted in your garden, in a planter, placed in a vase or on display in your home or business. Each pinwheel planted helps a child victim. Pinwheel Gardens can be delivered or picked up in March and displayed throughout the month of April.

To be a part of this year’s Pinwheel Garden campaign, please contact Jennifer at jkemps@ralstonhouse.org or learn more at www.ralstonhouse.org/pinwheels. YOU can make a difference this April by sponsoring a pinwheel garden.

If you suspect child abuse, please call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS or call 911.
Business Owner?
New tax filing system launching March 1

The City’s Revenue Division has been working on upgrading its online commercial tax filing software. The new system, called MuniRevs, will offer commercial taxpayers benefits like the ability to manage multiple businesses, easily file and pay all related tax returns at one time, and self-print business licenses.

“We listened to our customers’ feedback and are excited to be able to introduce them to a new system that will make filing taxes at the City quick and painless,” said Bryan Archer, Director of Finance.

MuniRevs is the same system that is used by the State of Colorado, so the support and overall feel of the software is effortless and concise for taxpayers. System integration will be a huge improvement for taxpayers and will make reporting and paying taxes immediate.

The City of Arvada will launch the MuniRevs tax system on March 1, 2021. Taxpayers will receive onboarding and login information about this new system in February. City of Arvada Revenue staff and MuniRevs customer support will be available to help taxpayers prepare for this important transition. There will be lots of resources available including frequently asked questions and videos. Stay tuned for your personalized information, and if you have questions, contact the Revenue staff at 720-898-7100 or learn more at www.arvada.org/salestax.

Arvada Economic Development Association Announces 2021 Board Appointments

The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) would like to introduce its 2021 Board Officers: Alicia Svaldi with Faustson Tool, President; Paul Duncan with Pie Consulting & Engineering, Vice President; and Julie Witecki with Swinerton Builders, Secretary/Treasurer. Additionally, AEDA welcomes the newly elected Board Members: Michael Frie with PBS Wealth Management Consultants, Jeremy Gregory with Olde Town Flower Shoppe and Kate Hixson with Black Hound Design Company. Paul Bunyard with Impact Development Fund will be representing the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority, and Larry Barker with Sonsio will be representing the Arvada Chamber.

AEDA also welcomes new Retention Committee members: Chris Owen with Madre Coffee, Namiko Eshima with Namiko’s, Sara Schaeffner with The Digital Frontier and Masaru Torito with Kokoro.

AEDA would like to thank outgoing AEDA Board Members: Ken Olsen, Paul Heller, Dave Doherty and Alan Parker for their years of service, along with outgoing Retention Committee members: Tom Huseas and Vince Geva. The organization appreciates the time they invested and dedication to AEDAs success.

New Arvada businesses

The following are a sample of new businesses that have either opened, are under new ownership, or plan to open soon in Arvada. For a directory of Arvada businesses, go to www.arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org (Business Directory).

CupBop (restaurant) 7450 W. 52nd Ave.
Jersey Mike’s Subs 5324 Wadsworth Blvd.
La Tavola Five Parks (restaurant) 8560 Five Parks Drive
Midas 5325 Wadsworth Blvd.
Personal Pilates Plus 5716 Ammons St.
Stay up-to-date with the latest COVID resources from the Arvada Resiliency Taskforce at www.arvadachamber.org/COVID-19.

The Taskforce accomplished the following outcomes in 2020:

- Business surveying and comprehensive needs assessments: We initially contacted over 3,400 businesses, hosted industry support calls, and implemented a regular Business Pulse for check-ins on their most urgent needs.

- Curation of local, state and federal resources and information: We created more than 20 digital toolkits, directories, and resources, including the Coronavirus Business Toolkit and the Arvada Chamber's free Arvada Strong membership.

- Responsive programming that maintains economic vitality: We helped design, communicate, and distribute over $5.2 million in business support through grants, loans, and PPE. Sales tax in Arvada was up 4.6% by Q3 YTD vs 2019, and unemployment remains lower than the state's average.

- Communication platforms to connect and inform businesses: We created the Invest In Arvada microsite, which has garnered over 100,000 visits, along with a fakeout takeover directory, featuring over 120 restaurants, and a Safe and Open directory with over 200 businesses. We produced the Invest In Arvada magazine that was mailed to every household and introduced an Arvada Holiday Gift Guide, which saw over 40,000 visits.

- Opportunities for the community to come together: We hosted over 20 free virtual events, including town halls and educational programming; designed the Chow For Champions program, feeding over 800 front line workers through community support. The All In Arvada holiday campaign activated the support local message and awarded $5,000 in gift cards to local businesses to campaign participants.

City kicks off sub-area planning effort

The City of Arvada is continuing its planning efforts by creating a series of "Sub-Area Plans" that focus on how the future character of specific areas around the City will develop over the next 20 years. It's an important opportunity to help shape the look and feel of Arvada as part of the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and the updated Land Development Code. The sub-areas that were initiated in 2020 include New Town Arvada Plan, Northwest Arvada Plan, and Square Lake Plan in collaboration with Adams County. Additional area plans are anticipated to be completed over the next few years.

The first round of public meetings that introduced the New Town and Northwest Arvada Plans were held last year. The next round of virtual public meetings are scheduled for February 2021. Additional public participation opportunities will occur throughout the year and will be updated on the Advance Arvada website at www.AdvanceArvada.org.

The City of Arvada Planning team looks forward to hearing your input on what you like to see the future of your area look and feel like. Participation is welcome and an important element of the process to develop these plans. To learn about the boundaries of the plans along with informational videos, updates, sign up for specific area emails and provide comments, please visit www.AdvanceArvada.org.
Garden In A Box AND Water-Wise Seminars for a greener future

Resource Central’s Garden In A Box and Water-Wise Seminar programs are coming:
  • Garden In A Box: www.resourcecentral.org/gardens
  • Water-Wise Seminars: www.resourcecentral.org/water-wise-seminars

Be the first to know when these great water-saving programs become available! Learn more about the programs and sign up for Resource Central’s wait lists today!

Colorado’s indoor wood burning restrictions: what you need to know

Although spring is just around the corner, it’s important to remember that indoor wood burning is restricted on Action Days (high pollution days) through March 31. To find out if it is an Action Day, call the State Air Quality Hotlines at 303-758-4848 (after 4 p.m., call 303-782-0211) or visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/indoor-burning-restrictions. For more information about wood burning in Arvada, visit www.arvada.org/wood-burning.

During Action Days, only residents with an EPA certified wood burning stove can burn. New wood stoves and inserts sold today in Colorado are EPA certified units. If you have an older unit, you can verify it is EPA certified at www.epa.gov/compliance/list-epa-certified-wood-stoves.

SustainAbility Recycling Center offers composting program

You can now compost (VERY affordably) with SustainAbility (6240 W. 54th Ave.) either through their pick-up program or by dropping off at the site. Just $5/week for weekly pickup of 5 gallons (they provide the container) or $2 per 5-gallon container at the drop-off site. For more information, visit www.sustainability-recycling.com/compost or call 303-443-1310.
“Two Big Projects” moving toward construction

In 2018, the residents of Arvada approved Ballot Issue 3F for a bond issue to fund two major transportation projects:

- Ralston Road between Yukon and Garrison streets at $15.3 million
- W. 72nd Avenue between Kipling and Simms streets at $64.5 million

The bond was issued in February 2019 and design and engineering work moved into high gear.

Ralston Road and W. 72nd Avenue are important arterial east-west routes through the city. Traffic studies that informed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan found that W. 72nd Avenue and Ralston Road are congested and require capacity and operational enhancements to support the City’s mobility needs. The study results show that increasing the number of roadway lanes, adding turn lanes at intersections, updating traffic signals, and creating safe roadside environments for pedestrians and cyclists will improve the operation of the roadways and decrease traffic congestion. Additionally, improvements to W. 72nd Avenue and Ralston Road will help keep regional traffic on the regional roads and reduce cut-through traffic on neighborhood collector roadways and local residential streets.

**Ralston Road Phase Two (Yukon to Garrison streets)**

This project will reconstruct roadway pavement, widen traffic lanes and provide wider sidewalks to improve traffic flow and safety for drivers and pedestrians. It also includes streetlights and streetscape features to enhance the visual character of the historic roadway. These improvements will create a safer and improved transportation corridor and a pedestrian/cyclist-friendly environment to access the destinations on the north and south sides of the roadway.

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

This project will widen W. 72nd Avenue between Kipling and Simms streets to match the road east of Kipling. It will create an underpass at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing near Oak Street to eliminate traffic backups and support emergency response. It will also add bike lanes and sidewalks, upgrade signalized intersections with the latest traffic signal equipment and technology and resolve significant drainage issues along W. 72nd Avenue.

The traveling public can expect to see early utility work begin for both projects in the first quarter of 2021. Construction activities will increase throughout the year. Residents who wish to receive updates are invited to sign up for the project email lists. As construction progresses, you will receive periodic updates with traffic pattern changes and other updates.

**Sign up for updates:**

W. 72nd Avenue Updates: [www.arvada.org/w-72nd-avenue-project](http://www.arvada.org/w-72nd-avenue-project)

Ralston Road Phase Two Updates: [www.arvada.org/ralston-road-project](http://www.arvada.org/ralston-road-project)
COMING IN JULY 2021 - A new option for waste collection

Starting July 2021, the City of Arvada’s new waste and recycling program will begin. Arvada residents care about efficient services and good value. The organized waste hauling program will provide trash and recycling collection services at a competitive price for most residents.

Benefits of the program include:

- Fewer trucks on our roads, reducing air and noise pollution and decreasing wear and tear on our streets.
- Better customer service for residents. The City’s contract requires a dedicated customer service center and a 99.9% accuracy rate. The City will hold the hauler accountable for its service level to customers.
- Lower costs for most residents.
- Recycling included so more residents have access to affordable recycling.

Service Levels

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Choose your own hauler
Leaf recycling events
Bulk drop off events

35 gallon trash cart
95 gallon recycling cart
Weekly trash pick up
B1 weekly recycling pick up
On demand bulk pick up ($15 per item)
Leaf recycling events
Bulk drop off events
Add additional recycling carts (additional fee)

65 gallon trash cart
95 gallon recycling cart
Weekly trash pick up
B1 weekly recycling pick up
On demand bulk pick up ($15 per item)
Leaf recycling events
Bulk drop off events
Add additional recycling carts (additional fee)

95 gallon trash cart
95 gallon recycling cart
Weekly trash pick up
B1 weekly recycling pick up
On demand bulk pick up ($15 per item)
Leaf recycling events
Bulk drop off events
Add additional trash or recycling carts (additional fee)

All prices listed are monthly charges. Waste hauling fees will be charged on utility bills which are on bimonthly cycles.
Who is eligible to participate?

Single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes (including housing with fewer than eight multi-family units) in neighborhoods that DO NOT have organized waste collection.

Apartment and condominium complexes with eight or more units and commercial properties are exempt. Homeowners associations (HOAs) that already contract with a waste hauler are not required to participate in the program; however, they may opt in. All HOA residents will pay an 88 cent fee and be included in the bulk item and yard debris services.

What’s next?

Residents who are eligible to participate in the program are encouraged to review the available service levels to determine which one is right for them. Service level selection communications from Republic Services and the City will start to arrive in mailboxes soon.

The City team also encourages residents to understand their current waste hauling contract. The terms and conditions of your current contract may include a cancellation fee.

You can determine your own timing to enter the City’s program if that works best for you. If you want to wait until the end of your current contract to receive service through the City’s program, choose “Minimum Service” now and then contact us when you are ready to request a higher service level that includes a cart. It’s important that you make a selection in March when you receive the City’s selection post card. If you do not make a selection, you will automatically receive Level 3 service in July.

Do you have questions?

The new waste and recycling collection program is a significant change. It is normal to have questions about what it means for you. Please call or email the City team to get the facts.

Phone: 720-898-7575
Email: wastehauling@arvada.org
Web: www.arvada.org/waste-hauling

Key 2021 Milestones

- March: Choose cart size or do not participate (pay minimum service)
- June: Receive your cart if you choose to participate
- July: Service Begins
- September: Waste hauling charges appear on utility bill
Chief’s Report- 2021 Budget

The Arvada Fire Protection District is pleased to publish our 2021 budget, which was approved by our Board of Directors in December. In accordance with our commitment to transparency, the District’s budget is available for review at www.arvadafire.com.

The District is not planning to collect more revenue in 2021 than was collected in 2020. Fortunately, the District has been fiscally responsible and can continue providing exceptional service despite anticipating flat revenue collection. Just as citizens and businesses need to “live within their means,” so too does the Arvada Fire Protection District.

The District’s primary source of revenue in 2021 ($30 million) will be from property taxes. Other major sources of revenue are received from ambulance transports ($5.2 million) and vehicle ownership taxes ($2 million). About $7.5 million will be transferred from savings to help pay for the construction of two fire stations in 2021.

The largest line items in the District’s budget pays for our most important asset: Our employees. Arvada’s firefighters and staff members receive wages commensurate with that of other suburban fire departments in the region, such as Westminster Fire, Thornton Fire, North Metro Fire Rescue and West Metro Fire Rescue. Employee benefits, such as the 8.5 percent increase in health insurance premiums applicable in 2021, also make up a significant expense in the District’s budget. In 2021 the District will also contribute to the pension fund for our retired volunteer firefighters in the amount of $175,000.
In addition to wages, benefits, and the two new fire stations that will be paid for in 2021, the District has budgeted for the following other major expenditures:

- The addition of six full-time firefighters necessary to augment staffing at the new fire station in Candelas;
- The purchase of a new fire engine to replace Engine 51 housed at our Olde Town fire station;
- The addition of a full-time Digital Communication & Marketing Specialist;
- Funds to implement a mental health emergency response program;
- A $680,000 contribution to fund our emergency 911 dispatch center (Jeffercom).

- $100,000 in funding to provide personal protective equipment for COVID emergency responses;
- A $1,100,000 loan payment toward construction projects previously completed at stations 2, 7, 8 and our maintenance shop, as well as remodeling projects previously completed at our training center and stations 4, 5, and 6. This loan will be paid off in 2023.

Should you have questions or suggestions regarding the District’s use of your tax dollars, I welcome and encourage you to contact me directly at mike.piper@arvadafire.com or 303-228-3602. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to preserve life, property, and the environment.

Source: World Health Organization

Physical Distancing 101

Physical distancing slows down the spread of the coronavirus, which keeps our resources available to those in need.

Keep a distance of 6 feet (or about one body length) away from other people

Avoid touching other people, and that includes handshakes
In a medical emergency, every minute matters. Getting care quickly can make a big difference in your treatment and help you have an easier recovery. Medical situations that should be addressed immediately include:

- Heart attack warning signs
- Stroke warning signs
- Severe stomach or abdominal pain, which could be appendicitis, a gallbladder infection or something else

If you or a family member are experiencing these or other emergency symptoms, call 911 or visit your nearest hospital’s emergency room. Emergency rooms are following strict safety measures to keep you safe from COVID-19.

**Don’t delay medical care!**

**STROKE SYMPTOMS: WOMEN VS. MEN**

*By American Heart Association News*

Men and women share a common set of stroke symptoms, but women also can experience more subtle warning signs.

**WOMEN**
- Face drooping
- Arm weakness
- Speech difficulty
- Vision problems
- Trouble walking or loss of coordination
- Severe headache without a known cause
- General weakness
- Elaboration & embellishment
- Memory problems
- Fatigue

**MEN**
- Face drooping
- Arm weakness
- Speech difficulty
- Vision problems
- Trouble walking or loss of coordination
- Severe headache without a known cause

**HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS: MEN VS. WOMEN**

*By American Heart Association News*

The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain. But women may experience less obvious warning signs.

**WOMEN**
- Nausea or vomiting
- Jaw, neck or shoulder pain
- Shortness of breath

**MEN**
- Nausea or vomiting
- Jaw, neck or shoulder pain
- Shortness of breath

**Chief Mitchell elected President of IAEMSC**

Congratulations to Chief Mitchell for his recently elected position of President of the International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs (IAEMSC)! IAEMSC is a nonprofit professional association established to support, promote and advance the leadership of response entities and to advocate for the EMS profession. The IAEMSC membership consists of leaders from both career and volunteer EMS organizations, representing a diverse group of public and private EMS agencies that respond to over 6.2 million emergencies and transport nearly 3.3 million patients each year. We know that Chief Mitchell will prove to be a huge asset to this organization as he has been to ours.
Congratulations to Battalion Chief Osier for his recent selection as the new Colorado Task Force 1 (CO-TF1) Search Team Lead. The task force is a Colorado-based team under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

CO-TF1 is made up of 70 positions with over 200 trained members from 28 public and private agencies in Colorado. It includes firefighters, paramedics, engineers and canine handlers. The Task Force responds to disasters around the country to find and rescue people who are trapped in urban settings; like building collapses. Task force members have responded to the collapse of the World Trade Center during 9/11, hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.

As the Search Team Manager, BC Osier will develop and implement the search component of the task force tactical action plan and will coordinate, manage and supervise all search and reconnaissance activities among other duties. We are proud to have Chief Osier in this new role!

Congratulations to Vic Stehle for his recent promotion to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Captain! The EMS Captain’s primary duty is to supervise and assist in the management of the District’s EMS Program, including the coordination of day to day EMS activities. Stehle performed exceptionally well in his capacity as EMS Lieutenant and has made our organization better, and we are excited to see him in this new role. It is a well-deserved promotion!
WinterFest is now WinterSesh!
Feb. 20, McIlvoy Park

The Arvada Festivals Commission is excited to bring a miniature version of WinterFest to McIlvoy Park in Olde Town on Feb. 20. It probably comes as no surprise that things will look a bit different this time around, including the 2021 name. WinterSesh will be divided into two 90-minute, ticketed sessions with limited capacity. Guests can expect culturally diverse craft and artisan vendors, food trucks, a beer garden and live entertainment. For updates and ticket information, please visit www.arvadafestivals.com or follow them on Facebook @arvadafestivals.

High Tea for Seniors 2021 Update

Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, the Arvada Festivals Commission has made the decision to postpone the High Tea for Seniors event until Fall 2021 in hopes that they can celebrate with Arvada’s long-time residents in-person. For updates, visit www.arvadafestivals.com/high-tea-for-seniors.

The Arvada Festivals Commission is committed to providing safe events to the community and will continue to follow all local and state public health guidelines and orders.

Neighborhood of the Year Award - winners announced!

To recognize and celebrate those neighbors who are building strong communities that make Arvada a great place to call home, the City created a Neighborhood of the Year Award. This year, more than ever, it was critical 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.

Nine neighborhood groups submitted a nomination for the Neighborhood of the Year Award. The top four neighborhoods were awarded a neighborhood mini-grant in the amounts of $1000, $500, $250 and $150, a community tree planting, and a glass award to showcase at future neighborhood events. Here are your 2020 winners!

1st Place: Club Crest South Neighbors Connected
2nd Place: 86th Place (Leyden Rock)
3rd Place: Forest Springs Comforteers
4th Place: Lake Arbor Homeowners Association

To all of our neighborhoods who submitted a nomination for the award, thank you! We look forward to more neighborhoods working towards creating vibrant, connected communities. For more information on the award winners, visit www.arvada.org/neighborhood-of-the-year-award.

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Recently, the City’s Arvada Reservoir was featured in the Colorado Municipal League’s publication Colorado Municipalities. The article featured discussions about the importance of boat inspections in maintaining healthy ecosystems, how invasive species can negatively impact water systems, and how Arvada Reservoir staff are helping ensure the health of the Reservoir through boat inspections. The State of Colorado regulations require a state standard for all boat inspections called a single system - single message. Since 2016, the City of Arvada’s boat inspection protocol at the Arvada/Blunn Reservoir has conformed to those regulations, and thanks to the support of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Arvada is proud to be one of the 73 state inspection sites located throughout Colorado. You can read the full article on page 43 in the October 2020 edition of Colorado Municipalities at www.cml.org/home/publications-news.

"The most important rule for managing invasive species is that all boats entering the reservoir must be clean, drained and dry. Invasive species can live for several days in wet conditions."

**Pre-season boat inspections for Arvada Reservoir**
Pre-season boat inspections for anglers wishing to use their boats on Arvada Reservoir are anticipated to be held at the start of the spring season with a location to be determined. For up-to-date information, please visit www.arvada.org/arvada-blunn-reservoir or call 720-898-7415.

**Arvada Reservoir volunteer recruitment**
The Arvada Reservoir is anticipated to open for the 2021 fishing season on April 1, and we are now recruiting for volunteers to help out at the reservoir. Duties may include collecting entry fees at the ranger station, conducting boat inspections and monitoring reservoir activity for compliance with rules and guidelines. Reservoir hours are yet to be determined, but include early morning, daytime and evening hours on weekdays and weekends. Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, visit www.arvada.org/arvada-blunn-reservoir or contact Emily Alba at 720-990-1954 or ealba@arvada.org.
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<td>Ages 6-12 yrs., $15 (All materials included)</td>
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<td><strong>Nature’s Music Mashup</strong></td>
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<td>Friday, Feb. 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m.</td>
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<td>ages 3-7 yrs., free.</td>
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<td>Listen, play, and discover nature’s melody.</td>
<td>Outside for 60 minutes with one very large telescope . . . the night sky search is on!</td>
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<td><strong>The Plastic Problem</strong></td>
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<td>Saturday, March 6, 6 to 7 p.m. Adults, free.</td>
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Pre-registration required for all classes. Some of these programs may be canceled or changed due to COVID-19. “V” indicates virtual program. All in-person programs require masks, temperature screening, small class sizes and physical distancing.

More class descriptions and program registration available at www.arvada.org/nature

Online Pre-Registration Required For All Classes

All in-person programs require masks, temperature screening, small class sizes and physical distancing.

See latest updates at majesticviewnc.org.

The Nature Center is currently closed for public hours; however, outdoor, limited-size in-person and virtual programs are offered.

Majestic View Nature Center

The Nature Center is currently closed for public hours; however, outdoor, limited-size in-person and virtual programs are offered.

See latest updates at majesticviewnc.org.

720-898-7405
majesticviewnc.org
@MajesticViewNC
7030 Garrison Street
Arvada, CO 80004

Open Year Round: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Located in 80-acre Majestic View Park, offering public, school, scout, home school and community group programs, and rentals.
The Nature Center is currently closed for public hours; however, outdoor, limited-size in-person and virtual programs are offered.
See latest updates at majesticviewnc.org.
Visit Majestic View Nature Center’s updated website!

Majestic View now has a new website for virtual learning programs, online scheduling, upcoming program calendar and more! Check out the new content at majesticviewnc.org and get inspired to learn more about nature and make connections.

Here are some things to know about the new website:

• Quickly find upcoming programs and full descriptions on the new calendar.
• Easily request a private program for your learning pod, neighborhood or school online.
• Subscribe to the Nature Center’s bi-monthly newsletter to get notified first when new program registrations open.
• Family friendly on and offline environmental activities can be found under the learning tab, in virtual learning or in the conversation corner.
• No need to update your bookmark right away; the old URL (www.arvada.org/nature) will redirect you to the new site.
• Program registrations and secure payments will remain on www.Active.com.

Visit the new website at MajesticViewNC.org and get inspired by nature today.

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Golf at West Woods and Lake Arbor!

The City of Arvada is home to two City-owned, public golf clubs that boast outstanding golf play. West Woods, which recently celebrated its 26th anniversary, is located in West Arvada and is home to three unique 9 hole courses that allow for three different combinations of 18 holes; the Sleeping Indian, the Cottonwood, and the Silo. Each course provides brilliant natural scenery along with challenges for golfers of all skill levels. West Woods also offers a state of the art golf simulator for an indoor golf experience and recently completed an award winning renovation. The golf simulator experience is available for all seasons, leagues, and to the non-golfer as an intro to the game. Lake Arbor, which recently celebrated its 46th anniversary, is a golfing oasis in the middle of a city-setting with emerald green traditional fairways, tranquil ponds and creeks.

Both courses have added the Gallus App for ease in registering for tee times along with some other fun features. To book your next tee time, download our app in the app store or visit [www.westwoodsgolf.com](http://www.westwoodsgolf.com) or [www.lakearborgolf.com](http://www.lakearborgolf.com).

2021 Arvada Community Garden plot signup

Garden plots are available at the Arvada Community Garden, now in its 54th year. The garden is located on a three-acre site at W. 57th and Garrison Street. Returning gardeners have until Feb. 8 to renew their garden plot from last year. Beginning Feb. 9, applications for new gardeners will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Membership is $40/year and includes 12x22 plot, ditch water, tool and equipment usage, greenhouse space, gardener storage, some plants and seeds, sunshine and plenty of free advice. A limited number of 4x8 raised bed plots are available for $25/year, and a few wheelchair accessible plots are available for $15/year. Gardenships for special circumstances are available on an individual basis.

The garden remained open last year during the pandemic by following county and state guidelines, which include wearing of masks, social distancing and capacity limits; we will be following the guidelines again this year.

Membership requires a 15-hour volunteer commitment to the community. The Arvada Community Gardeners also offer free public gardening classes, festival attendance, social activities, garden tours, a community herb garden, an annual open house and much more. Visit [www.arvadagardeners.org](http://www.arvadagardeners.org) for more information and to sign up for a plot.
Supporting local businesses is more important than ever
Here are some ideas from your City Council.

How do you shop local?
Share your ideas by tagging your social media posts with #InvestInArvada or visit www.InvestInArvada.org to learn more.
TWO EXHIBITIONS EXPLORING THE MATERIALITY OF WOOD.

WOOD WORKS
CARLEY WARREN
THREE PIECES

JAN 21 - APR 25, 2021  |  More information at arvadacenter.org/galleries

Expand your horizons in 2021

Classes available in visual art, drama, dance, ceramics, and more.
Virtual and in-person options available  |  Register now at arvadacenter.org