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Charter Review Update

During the last several months, a group of Arvada residents have performed a once-a-decade review of the City Charter, as required by the Arvada Municipal Code. The Charter is the legal document that describes the powers and essential functions of local government. Appointed by the City Council, the members of the Charter Review Committee carefully reviewed the current document, held several virtual public meetings, and in April, presented a report of recommended changes to the Council. The City Attorney’s Office will use Council feedback to draft a resolution containing Charter revisions, which City Council will consider at a future meeting. If Council approves the resolution, each of the revisions will be included on the November 2021 election ballot for voter consideration.

Arvada residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the City Council public hearings. For additional information regarding the City Charter Review process, visit arvada.org/city-charter-review.

COVID-19 Update

Information about the pandemic is continually changing. While remaining flexible, the City is continuing its next recovery steps in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- We are continuing to collaborate with our partners and health agencies to monitor the pandemic’s path.
- We are preparing City facilities and teams for a return to in-person service.
- We are encouraging residents to get vaccinated as a path toward community-wide recovery.
- We are urging residents to follow the public health guidelines set out by the state and county public health agencies.
  - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Covid19.colorado.gov)
  - Tri-County Health Department (Tchd.org/818/Coronavirus-COVID-19)

For City services updates, visit arvada.org/services-update.

City of Arvada recognized as a top workplace

For a fourth time, the City of Arvada has been named a top workplace for 2021 by the Denver Post. The Top Workplaces designation is based on the results of an employee engagement survey, which we conduct every three years. The October 2020 survey results determined the 2021 Top Workplaces employers. The City’s designation means it is one of the top 150 organizations out of the more than 80,000 that participated. The recognition underscores the City’s commitment to being an employer of choice by developing and retaining a dedicated and engaged workforce who deliver superior services to our community. To read more about the award, visit arvada.org/top-workplace.
The City of Arvada is offering tax rebates to qualified residents.

**May 1 - Aug. 31, 2021**

**Residents Tax Rebate**

$85 for first person and $50 for any additional persons. (Partial residency rebates are offered on a pro-rated basis.)

**You may be qualified if you lived within the city limits of Arvada in 2020 and meet one of the following criteria:**

- Senior Citizen: **Age 65 by Dec. 31, 2020**
- Single: **Between the age of 55 and 65 by Dec. 31, 2020**
- Single Head of Household: with dependent children
- Disabled Person

**AND the gross income for the ENTIRE household from all sources, including Social Security, is equal to or less than:**

- One Person - $35,000
- Two Persons - $40,000
- Three Persons - $46,000
- Four Persons - $50,000

**NOTE:** documentation **MUST** be provided each year for all income sources. Unfortunately, bank statements cannot be accepted.

**Residency information **MUST** be provided for new applicants. Residency can be established with:**

- Copy of lease agreement or rental application for all 2020.
- Copy of 2020 City of Arvada utility bill in applicant’s name.
- Other 2020 documents may be accepted at the discretion of the City team.

Interested applicants may download an application and affidavit at [arvada.org/taxrebate](http://arvada.org/taxrebate).

Call the Resident Rebate hotline for more information or to request an application at **720-898-7114**.

*Only one rebate per year, per household. If you are unsure, please contact the hotline before submitting application.*
Babe Walls 2021 mural festival to be in Arvada

For the second year, the Babe Walls mural festival returns to the greater Denver area as a celebration of womxn and non-binary people in art. This year, the festival is in partnership with the City of Arvada and will run for four days beginning July 15-18. The location of the festival will be held along the east side of Arvada’s Ralston Creek Trail, the City’s longest and most complete trail.

“We’re really excited to be partnering with the City of Arvada for this year’s celebration, said Alexandrea Pangburn, founder of Babe Walls. The location along the Ralston Creek Trail is a new venture, and we’re excited to be adding to the creativity of the city to encourage the use of this public trail.” The Ralston Creek Trail links several parks and open space areas, and it winds through rich plant life ecosystems, preserved wildlife habitats and bird sanctuaries.

The City’s 2018 Cultural Master Plan aims to make our community a home for artists, supporting arts and culture goals, such as ensuring each neighborhood is within a ten-minute walk of something artful. The plan also established goals to make places that deepen community attachment and to give everyone a place at the table in order to make arts and culture more inclusive and representative. Members of the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission are grateful for the opportunity to invest in the artist community through the support of the 2021 Babe Walls mural festival.

The mission for Babe Walls is to celebrate womxn and non-binary artists and to amplify the creative voices and expression of the feminine ingenuity. The term “womxn” is an alternative spelling to woman/women, as a way to reclaim the identity of womanhood as inclusive and intersectional and not defined in relation to men. This year’s festival will include 26 artists, each working collaboratively to achieve 13 installations. For more information on the festival, visit babewalls.com.

LandMark exhibit continues installation of art in parks

On Earth Day (April 22), the first three artists in the LandMark outdoor art exhibit unveiled their pieces at ribbon cutting ceremonies at Creekside Park, Memorial Park and Majestic View Nature Center.

The exhibit includes a wide range of artwork, from murals and original sculptures, to linear posts with shadows, all of which can be enjoyed and explored for the next three years. Each installation features a QR code audio tour with an explanation of the piece to provide a deeper connection between the artist and the community. Remaining installations will open on closely-related environmental days. For more information and to see the artwork, visit landmarkerexhibit.org/arvada-artists and follow @landmarkerexhibit on Instagram. If you visit the exhibit, share your photos with #ArtStrongArvada and #LandMarkExhibit. Learn more about public art in Arvada at arvada.org/public-art.
Arvada Police Department continues a successful K-9 program

The Arvada Police Department (APD) has recently added two new officers (K-9s) to the many resources used to keep the community safe. These furry cops have completed in-depth training along with their human partners to understand all the responsibilities that comes with being on an APD K-9 team.

The K-9 unit responds to all kinds of calls for service using their high degree of training. These dogs are trained to detect narcotics and to track fleeing suspects. Each dog is trained to “sniff out” all kinds of criminal activity, while having the ability to apprehend suspects with a lesser degree of force.
Community policing in Arvada

Policing in America is one of the most complex tasks facing municipal governments this decade. New ideas and methods regarding how to maintain a safe community without alienating community members emerge on a regular basis.

The Arvada Police Department (APD) has been progressive in their approach to finding a balance between enforcing the law and being partners with the community for decades. One such approach has been to offer classes that teach residents and property owners Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles, such as how proper lighting, prompt graffiti removal and reparation of areas of disrepair enable community members and police to partner in crime prevention.

Sector policing

There is also a human element to crime prevention, which means building a sense of community to help reduce the motivations that result in criminal activity. Sector or Community Policing addresses the human element. Beginning in 2014, APD made a commitment to the human element of crime prevention by building community police stations throughout Arvada, moving closer to community members and becoming their neighbors. Within the last six years, three new community stations were built: West Woods, serving the Charlie Sector; Whisper Creek, serving the Delta Sector; and Lake Arbor, serving the Adam Sector. The APD headquarters and community station at the City of Arvada Campus on Ralston Road near Olde Town continue to serve the Baker Sector.

Sector policing adopts a decentralized approach intended to address the root cause of crime at specific geographical locations in partnership with neighborhoods and communities. This decentralized approach allows the department to be more fluid and collaborative. Its application divides areas in Arvada into smaller, manageable sectors and the assignment of police officers to their own sectors on a full-time basis. These police officers become familiar with and are able to identify problems specific to their sector and seek appropriate solutions. Sector policing encourages continual contact with members of the community and neighborhoods. As the officers become familiar with people and places in their sector, a partnership to prevent crime grows.

Reprioritized command level responsibilities

In addition to the physical presence of community stations in neighborhoods, the APD has also reprioritized command level responsibilities, adding the rank of Lieutenant to oversee patrol officers. This new rank freed up Commanders to be more responsive to the needs of the sector/community members. Commanders can now host neighborhood meetings, attend community events and answer community questions/concerns directly. The Sector Commanders are responsible for developing sector strategy, reaching out to community members to create a partnership in addressing crime and quality of life issues, and serving as both internal and external points of contact in their sector.

Sector Map

Look for an introduction to each sector and each sector commander in upcoming editions of the Arvada Report.
The members of the City of Arvada Animal Management Team, a unit of the Arvada Police Department, are highly-trained and experienced professionals who are passionate about animals in our community. The team includes six full time Animal Management Officers (AMO). Each AMO has a unique skill set and applicable experience, and all officers have or are working towards obtaining Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers certification.

We sat down with the AMO team to learn the answers to some questions frequently asked by our residents and to see some memorable animal rescue photos.

What does the average day-in-the-life of an AMO look like? A typical day is busy! We work ten-hour shifts and cover the entire city. We typically respond to a large variety of calls, including leash law violations, barking dog complaints, animal cruelty, animal bites, and injured animals, both domestic and wildlife.

Keep in mind, we prioritize calls by urgency. We will respond to a barking dog complaint once we’ve responded to other issues that may involve danger to human or animal lives. When not out on service-based calls, AMOs patrol the many parks and trails in Arvada to ensure residents are complying with animal-related laws: that dogs are leashed, licensed and that owners are picking up their dog’s waste.

What should I do if I repeatedly encounter someone with a dog on an Arvada trail/park who violates the leash law?
You should report repeat leash law violations to Animal Management. We will ask for descriptions of both the animals and the owners, as well as the time and location of the infraction. Be prepared to provide detailed information to help us determine if an area warrants directing extra patrols to the area to help correct the violations.

Officers from left to right: Freddy Gamez, Jonathan Dwyer, Jennie Whittle, Sgt. Alan Stephens, Stephanie Hoffman, Claire McKenna, Jen Scofield
What should I do if I suspect or know of animal abuse or neglect?
Please notify Animal Management at 720-898-6850, which is a recorded line that we frequently check. Briefly describe the situation and provide your contact information to expedite a response. When we return your call, be prepared to describe who owns the animal, who you suspect is committing the abuse or neglect, the nature of the abuse or neglect; and the date, time and place it occurred. Documenting as much information as possible is critical to our ability to help the animal.

What is something that you’d like the residents of Arvada to know?
If you are an animal owner, be considerate by being mindful of your animals’ behavior and how it might be affecting your neighbors. If your dogs bark frequently, take steps to get them to stop. And on the other hand, if you notice your neighbor’s dogs are barking, be as tolerant as possible. Close your windows or turn on a fan to reduce the effects of the barking. If the barking persists, try having a conversation, rather than immediately reporting it. Being neighborly can build good will and produce a better long-term result. Animal Management is available to help, but practicing consideration and tolerance is a powerful first step.

What is the most rewarding aspect of being an AMO?
We love having a positive impact on our residents and animals! AMOs are highly visible to the public and have a unique platform as educators and ambassadors teaching and modeling responsible pet-ownership. Additionally, by enforcing animal-related ordinances, we help keep residents and animals safe. It’s very rewarding to know that through education and enforcement, we make a positive and critical contribution to the community.

Want a closer look at what it’s like to be an AMO? Visit arvada.org/pet-issues.

How to contact Arvada Animal Management
Remember, AMOs work in the field. If you wish to contact them, please call 720-898-6850. Leave your name, contact information and a brief description of the nature of your call. This is a voicemail line, and you may not receive return contact for up to 12 hours. For calls that require an expedited response, please contact Police non-emergency dispatch (720-898-6900, #1).
Ralston Creek Redevelopment Update - Here’s an update on the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) efforts to revitalize this important urban center by investing in projects that will help produce a vibrant, cohesive city and enhance the community's quality of life.

This redevelopment delivers:

$284 million in private investment

$6 million in public investments in parks and beautification

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An update on how the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority is creating successful, high-quality projects to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Arvada.

1. Former Kmart (Coming Soon, 2022–24) – 348 apartments (17 affordable), up to 10,000 SF of commercial space.
2. The Shops at Ralston Creek (Completed 2018).
4. Townhomes Site (Coming Soon) – 27 for-sale townhomes.
6. Ralston Commons Retail Park (Coming Soon, 2021–22) – 5,500 SF of restaurant space and small park.
7. Ralston Road Improvement Project (Phase 2, 2021–23) – Enhanced streetscape, medians, and neighborhood monuments as part of City infrastructure bond project.
9. Garrison Street Paseo (Proposed, 2022–23) – Partnership with the City’s Parks Division to create a linear park with wide pedestrian path, gardens, and mountain views.
10. Arvada Place (Coming Soon) – 36 apartments.

| 185,444 s.f. of commercial space | 551 market-rate rental units | 119 affordable housing units | 74 for-sale housing units |
2021 Water Quality Report

Your annual Water Quality Report has been posted! Each year we present a report using last year’s data (or the most recent monitoring), explaining what we have tested for and what we have found. We want to make sure that our customers are informed about their drinking water and feel confident that it is meeting or exceeding quality standards to drink. The report also includes important information about general water quality, our source water and other valuable information. Visit arvada.org/water-report to view. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please call Water Quality at 720-898-7800. For general information about your water quality, or to view past water quality reports, visit arvada.org/water-quality.

City of Arvada’s fluoride program is restored; drinking water is fluoridated at recommended levels

After making extensive repairs to the Ralston Water Treatment Plant fluoride feed system, the City is now fully fluoridating treated drinking water at levels approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE). The City appreciates our community’s patience while we made these important repairs to our water infrastructure.

In late 2019, the fluoride feed system at the City’s Ralston Water Treatment Plant failed. Once it became clear that the system could not be repaired, the City took action. The City engaged an engineering firm to design the new system and the CDPHE to expedite approval. The City notified dental practices within Arvada in order to support dentists in providing appropriate care during the fluoride outage.

City of Arvada voters approved a community fluoride program in 1967. The Centers for Disease Control and CDPHE both recommend community fluoride programs to support oral health. Fluoride is a naturally occurring element and is present in small amounts in almost all water supplies. There are no state regulations that require community water fluoridation. There are guidelines to help communities fluoridate water at an optimal level. Residents can learn more about community fluoridation programs and oral health on the CDPHE website.
Electric Vehicle Parking Ambassador

When the City needed a new vehicle for our Olde Town District parking ambassador and enforcement operation, there were a lot of factors to consider: size, turning radius, color, cost and more. After extensive research of similar cities and input from our vendors, the choice was clear: the City needed a fully electric, zero-emission, minimal carbon footprint vehicle to push Arvada in a greener direction.

The Mobility and Planning Innovations (MPI) Division replaced their previous gas-powered vehicle with a 2021 Chevrolet Bolt EV. The EV engine requires less maintenance than a gas-powered engine which will save the City funds over time. At the same time, MPI upgraded the license plate reading camera technology in the new vehicle allowing for better data capture to support the Olde Town District’s future needs. The upgraded equipment, the range of the electric engine and the cheaper operational costs will allow for parking ambassador service to be expanded to serve additional areas of Arvada.

Xcel community initiatives

Xcel Energy recently selected the City of Arvada to participate in two of its initiatives: Xcel Community Resilience Initiative and Xcel Partners in Energy Program. The Xcel Community Resilience Initiative is bringing a microgrid system to the Arvada Center for the Performing Arts in the summer of 2021 to serve as a reliable shelter until grid power is restored. The Arvada Center recently received a solar array as part of a City facilities energy saving project. The solar array will charge the microgrid system batteries.

The Partners in Energy Program supports the development of energy action plans formed by a team of community stakeholders. Xcel Energy will provide resources for the first 18 months of implementation of energy action plans for our community. The City team is working with the Arvada Sustainability Advisory committee to build a broad and representative stakeholder group to help develop the City’s Energy Action Plan.

City facilities energy audit

Beginning in 2018, the City partnered with Ameresco to audit City facilities and make recommendations on potential energy conservation measures. The selected energy conservation measures include improvements to building envelopes, lighting and plumbing systems as well as significant updates to HVAC systems at the Arvada Center for Performing Arts. Eight other facilities were updated with new building automation software. Finally, solar arrays were installed at five facilities. In the first year, the City will see $237,830 in guaranteed savings from the upgrades, freeing up capital that was previously used for outdated and inefficient energy systems.

Year 1 Savings: $238K
Annual Utility Costs: ↓ 21%
Annual Energy Use: ↓ 6%
Join the Arvada Chamber at the monthly Community Impact Forums

Through the challenges of the pandemic, the Arvada Chamber of Commerce remains committed to its vision: healthy community, thriving businesses. As a champion for a stronger Arvada at large, we continue to work with business leaders and elected officials to develop programs and events that help this community prosper.

One of our most popular platforms for leading impactful conversations in Arvada is our Community Impact Forum series. Once a month, the Arvada Chamber is proud to welcome local and state leaders to share updates, priorities, and advice with the community. In 2020, nearly 1,000 community members joined us for these educational events, which included COVID-19 updates, a futurist’s perspective, the state of education, candidate forums and more.

For more information, visit arvdachamber.org/events.

Sub-area planning efforts are moving forward; themes emerge

The City is developing specific area plans for many of the corridors and areas zoned for mixed-use development as part of the Land Development Code adopted by the City Council in May of 2020. In late 2020, the City kicked off sub-area planning for several areas of Arvada. Sub-area planning helps shape the future character of specific neighborhoods and relies on resident engagement. The City is moving forward with the planning efforts to create Sub-area Plans for New Town Arvada, Northwest Arvada and Square Lake in collaboration with Adams County. To learn more about these areas and additional area plans that are anticipated to be completed over the next few years, visit AdvanceArvada.org.

Following the initial virtual public community meetings that were held in February and March, the team gathered additional public feedback through community surveys including on Speak Up Arvada. The main themes of the survey responses for the New Town Sub-area Plan included traffic, parking, pedestrian connectivity, land uses and safety. The Northwest Arvada Sub-area Plan survey responses primarily focused on transportation, infrastructure, housing, land use and future growth. The community meeting information and survey results are available at AdvanceArvada.org. The next round of community meetings will be scheduled in the summer of this year and will present a draft of the plan. Additional public participation opportunities will continue throughout the year and will be updated on the Advance Arvada website.

For more information, including updates and a signup for specific area emails, or to provide comments, visit AdvanceArvada.org, contact us at 720-898-7435 or advance@arvada.org.

View our featured video on sub-area plans at AdvanceArvada.org.
Arvada’s manufacturing industry is booming

Arvada is home to over 3,760 businesses. Manufacturing companies are an essential part of the economy, and some have called Arvada home for decades. Manufacturing refers to a large-scale production of goods that converts raw materials, parts, and components into finished merchandise using manual labor or machines. The finished goods can be sold directly to consumers, to other manufacturers for the production of more complex products, or to wholesalers who distribute the goods to retailers. There are approximately 100 manufacturers that are located in Arvada, many of which are primary employers. In the United States, the Economic Policy Institute has found that each manufacturing job supports three other jobs in the wider economy, through something called "the multiplier effect." That is, the wages from manufacturing employees are re-spent in other parts of the economy, because manufacturing adds so much value to the economy.

This year, several of our manufacturers have been nominated for the Colorado Manufacturers Awards. The upcoming 2021 Industry Finalists included three businesses with a location in Arvada: Sundyne, finalist for Industrial/Equipment Manufacturer of the Year, Special Aerospace Services (SAS), finalist for Aerospace Manufacturer of the Year, Heidi Hostetter of H2 Manufacturing Solutions for Colorado Manufacturing Woman of the Year, and Denver Beer Company, finalist for Outstanding Craft Brewer. To learn more about who our manufacturers are visit our business directory at arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org/services/business-directory.

Learn about Arvada’s Business Recovery efforts

As COVID-19 began to affect our local economy and non-profit community, local partners created the Arvada Resiliency Taskforce (ART) to quickly understand the impact of stay-at-home orders and respond quickly with programs to support the Arvada business community.

The ART recently released a report of the outcomes so far of this important work. It also presents the next for ART. The vision for economic resiliency in Arvada is to develop systems and programs that help position local business to endure any external forces, including pandemics, recessions and more. To view the full report, visit arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org/arvada-resiliency-taskforce-report.

Key findings from report:

$4,393,650 COVID business grants awarded
3,267 jobs retained due to COVID relief grants

New Business Toolkit to go with new Sales Tax System

The City of Arvada is excited to announce that on March 1, 2021, our new online sales tax system was implemented. With our new sales tax system in place, more than 7,000 licensed Arvada businesses will interface, which includes obtaining a new license, filing returns and making payments all in one place. Additionally, all tax filings and payments will be conducted through a 24/7/365 online secure portal. Thank you, Arvada business owners, for filing your sales taxes with the City of Arvada. If you need additional assistance, reach out to the team at saletax@arvada.org or 720-898-7100 so that we can provide one on one educational tax assistance or guidance.

Along with the new system, Arvada Economic Development Association has released its new business toolkit, specifically targeting new businesses opening in Arvada that may be in need of City of Arvada Business and Sales Tax Licensing resources or strategic partner referrals. To view the toolkit, visit arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org/business-toolkit.
Over the next few issues of the Arvada Report, we are going to look at the history and traditions of our fire district. As we continue to move forward into our ever changing landscape we want to take a moment to celebrate the heritage of the fire and emergency services, while recognizing that services provided have evolved and will continue to experience significant changes over the next 30 years. We hope you enjoy this journey through the past with us!

On June 10, 1907, the Arvada Town Board approved the purchase of Arvada’s first fire engine. The hand-drawn chemical fire engine arrived by rail from New York City and efforts to organize a volunteer fire company came shortly thereafter. Arvada’s first “fire engine house” was located on property leased from the C&S Railroad. The engine house was nothing more than a small shelter designed to protect the engine from frost.

A group of volunteers known as the Arvada Fire Company was established early in 1908. By the fall of 1909, these volunteers were equipped with a ladder, 100 feet of fire hose, two hand axes and six lanterns, in addition to 14 portable fire extinguishers and the Rex chemical engine purchased in 1907.

On May 10, 1910, the town board authorized the purchase of Arvada’s first hand-drawn fire hose carts. The specifications called for two carts equipped with automatic gongs and wheels that stood more than five feet tall. Each cart weighed 500 lbs with a hose capacity of 750 feet.

Hose Company No. 1 and Hose Company No. 2 emerged following the purchase of Arvada’s hose carts. They operated under Chief Godfrey Reisen, a 33-year-old immigrant. Reisen’s hose companies purchased uniforms and held bi-monthly meetings.

On December 11, 1911, Arvada’s hose companies consolidated and recorded the formation of the Arvada Fire Department. At that time, Arvada consisted of about 840 residents and enough small businesses to provide people with essential goods and services. Martin Klumker, a 33-year-old blacksmith who immigrated to America from Germany, emerged as fire chief following consolidation of the hose companies. The early Arvada Fire Department was funded primarily by the town board and profits from dances. A successful dance could add $20 to the department treasury.

On April 21, 1913 Arthur Kaler was elected chief. During Kaler’s term, the department documented rules of order and operating by-laws. Kaler served one year as chief and eventually left the department after enlisting in the Army during World War I.
Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Amber Jones for receiving the Employee of the Year Award! Amber is one of the Community Risk Reduction Specialists and Public Information Officers for the District. If you have been a recipient of our free home safety check program or attended one of our community events, there is a good chance that you have met Amber! We often refer to Amber as “the busiest ladder in the district” because she installs so many smoke alarms. However, she doesn’t show up merely to change out smoke alarms, but rather takes the time to have conversation, assess a multitude of risks she can mitigate and never leaves without asking what else she might be able to assist with to make life just a little bit better.

Amber has generated partnerships with a host of organizations and individuals so that she can navigate the right resources to help people out. She is the go-to person whenever our crews encounter someone in our district who may be in need of additional resources. She does a terrific job in working with our residents beyond that initial call for service to help them gain access to what they need.

2020 brought about an even greater number of challenges for our community members, and Amber worked diligently to continue to deliver community risk reduction within the safety parameters and gave even more of her time to our elders who have been living in isolation. She put forth great effort to figure out how to deliver a virtual option for fall prevention in order to keep our older adults proactively combating our number one EMS call while being isolated at home.

You can tell that she loves her job and improving the quality of life of the residents in our community. She always tackles challenges that the job presents to her with professionalism, no judgement and a smile on her face. Without a doubt Amber’s daily efforts have resulted in the reduction of many fires and injuries to those that we serve. She is a tremendous asset to Arvada Fire and our community as a whole. Thank you, Amber, for what you do!

Firefighter of the Year

Congratulations to Firefighter Tracy Leyva for being awarded Firefighter of the Year! Tracy has gone beyond his duties to ensure a safer community for our residents. Over the past few years, Tracy has worked on educating himself on the issues and solutions to the risks associated with the Wildland Urban Interface. He has done this by attending conferences and trainings, as well as connecting with nearby community members who have successfully implemented programming in their community. He has then worked hard on sharing that information with other staff members, city leaders, corporate interests and residents who live in the Wildland Urban Interface on the western side of the district.

He frequently checks in with local home owner associations and special districts to discuss the importance of mitigation and emergency evacuation planning. He has given presentations to community members and has physically gone door to door to talk with residents about the importance of mitigating the space behind their fences as a fire barrier. His efforts were highlighted in 2020 when we had the large grass fire near Spring Mesa. Many of the properties were saved by the fire barrier created, thanks to Tracy’s on-the-ground proactive efforts and education. After the fire, Tracy went around to the properties affected to share information about the success of proper mitigation and to share information on Code Red. He does all these things in his free time. Tracy has the dedication and passion to effect change, and his work has already proven to increase awareness and desire of local community members to mitigate the high dry grasses that pose a serious threat to the communities on the western side of the district. His efforts around mitigation have already proven to have saved property during the Spring Mesa fire. His actions have embodied our mission of saving life, property and the environment. There is no doubt that his continued work will create positive change for those communities. Further, Tracy has attended courses at the National Fire Academy and even been sought out as a potential instructor due to his knowledge and passion for reducing risk in the WUI.

Thank you, Tracy, for everything you have done for Arvada Fire and our community!
June 1-7 is National CPR and AED Awareness Week. Arvada Fire Protection District, along with other national cardiac agencies are stressing that every second counts in cardiac arrest and people can save lives by knowing how to perform CPR and use an AED.

If someone goes into sudden cardiac arrest, their heart suddenly stops beating, stopping blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. More than 1,600 people suffer cardiac arrest every day in the United States, so if you see someone collapse without warning, know your “Cardiac Arrest 1-2-3.”

Save a life!

Call 9-1-1  
Start CPR  
Use an AED

redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr  
American Red Cross Training Services

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE CALL 720-624-6486 OR EMAIL AT DAVESLOCKER@FAFPD.ORG

Hours:  
Monday 9-12  
Wednesday 11-2  
Friday 1-4

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Grilling Fire Safety

Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.

1. **3 feet**
   - Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.

2. **3 feet**
   - Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.

3. **Open your gas grill before lighting.**

4. **Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don’t walk away from them when they are lit.**

5. **Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.**

6. **Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.**

Stay fire safe this summer!

For more information and resources, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

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Nature Discoveries
Third Tuesday of Each Month, 10 to 11 a.m. All ages, free.
Different topics and locations each month, check the website calendar for details.

Mad Science Camps
June 14-18, 21-25 & July 19-23, 26-30, full or half day
Various ages, $199-339
Register at colorado.madscience.org

Flubber Glacier Races
Saturday, July 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 10-15 yrs, $12

Snake Talk-Tails on Trails
Saturday, June 5, 9 to 10 a.m. All ages, free.

Majestic Nature Walk
Saturday, June 5, 8 to 9 a.m. All ages, free.

Stargazing for Everyone - V
First Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m. All ages, free.
Different topic(s) each month.

Nature Rhythms
Second Saturdays, 7 to 8 p.m. All ages, $5
Listen to and experience a hands-on sound bath in the gardens at sunset.

Garbology Campfire
Saturday, July 3, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
All ages
$5/each or $15/family
Future leaders develop community projects

City of Arvada teams work hard to deliver superior services to the community. It’s our mission. Success is made possible in part by offering training opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge public employees need to be successful.

Toward that goal, the City offers employees a broad range of training, workshops and various programs through their internal training hub, Arvada University. One such program is the Emerging Leaders Program, a strategic initiative designed to recognize, reward, replicate and retain talent within the City organization.

In 2020, the City’s Emerging Leaders Program graduated approximately 50 emerging leaders. As one of their training requirements, participants were asked to join cross-departmental teams and select projects that would have a direct impact on our community.

Participants created several successful community projects, such as building an Augmented Reality Water Education exhibit for the Majestic View Nature Center (members of team pictured at right); partnering on Council-recommended research related to short-term rentals; and creating an ongoing partnership with the Arvada Chamber and local high schools to prepare graduates for future careers. The goal of each of these projects was to leverage employees’ current strengths to develop leadership skills.

Interested in becoming part of the City team? Learn more about our organization, our competitive benefits package and our available positions at Arvada.org/city-jobs.

If you would like to see the leadership project at Majestic View Nature Center, visit majesticviewnc.org for hours and location information.

Nature center reopening

After over a year with no public visitors, the Majestic View Nature Center will reopen starting Saturday, June 19! Public hours will be restored to Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With the reopening of the Nature Center, some new displays and old favorites will be available for the public to explore. One new display includes an augmented reality sandbox where visitors can get hands-on as they learn and shape watersheds without even getting wet.

Local public health restrictions may still apply. Visitors will be admitted first-come-first-serve with limited capacity inside the building and everyone aged 4+ years may still be required to wear a mask while indoors. Scheduled programs may require temporary closures for public visitors, check the Nature Center’s website at majesticviewnc.org or call 720-898-7405 details.

For more information about cleaning protocols, our upcoming calendar and to register for a program, visit majesticviewnc.org or call 720-898-7405.
Celebrate Arvada trails

Arvada’s Majestic View Nature Center and Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge are celebrating Arvada Trails Day during the first week of June by encouraging everyone to safely get outdoors on many of Arvada trails with an activity passport. Each day from June 1 to 5, Majestic View will highlight a different Arvada trail on social media, which will correspond with different passport challenges. Then, on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 5, Majestic View and Two Ponds will offer families to join in limited in person activities.

Depending on COVID restrictions, in-person presentations may require pre-registration and will follow local health mandates.

To see all event details and to download a trail passport, visit majesticviewnc.org/trails-day.

Dog park events resume

Events to help the West Arvada Dog Park (17075 W. 64th Pkwy.) have resumed! Volunteer “Friends of the West Arvada Dog Park (WADP)” need your support to ensure the success of the dog park. Bring your canine companion and help clean up the Dog Park (bags and supplies will be provided) on the following days in 2021 (all events will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

- Saturday, June 12
- Sunday, June 27
- Saturday, July 24
- Sunday, Aug. 1
- Saturday, Aug. 21

Meet new friends and local dog-friendly businesses. Get some WADP swag, tee shirts, stickers, magnets and more!

For updates, visit Friends of the West Arvada dog park on Facebook at facebook.com/WestArvadaDogPark.

ARVADA ON TAP

Saturday, June 26, 2021
12 - 4 p.m.

Ralston Park Addition
W. 64th Avenue & Simms Street

Join us for another round! After missing out on brews and BBQ last year, the Arvada Festivals Commission is excited to announce it will be celebrating the art of thirsty crafted beer and lovingly smoked barbecue again this summer at Arvada on Tap! 

For tickets and more information, visit arvadatentap.com.

MOVIES AROUND TOWN

LIVE MUSIC BEFORE SHOWTIME
SHOWTIME AT DUSK

June 17
Reobby Ferrufino Park
July 15
Wolf Park
Aug. 20
Clear Creek Valley Park

Grab some blankets and popcorn, and join us for some of your favorite movies!

arvadafestivals.com/movies-around-town

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

As we recover from the pandemic, details may change. For updated information visit arvadafestivals.com
Hospitality Heroes of Arvada
Brought to you by the Arvada Visitors Center

Ashley Marks
Smokin’ Fins

Ashley has been working as a server at Smokin’ Fins in Olde Town Arvada since it opened in 2017. She is passionate about providing great customer service and prides herself on going above and beyond for her guests: “Serving is much like parenting,” said Ashley. “You learn to anticipate the need before anyone has to ask.” She loves working in Arvada: “Everyone is so down to earth and fun.” She also loves the people she works for and with: “We are like one big family; we have all really looked out for each other during the pandemic,” she told us, adding, “Fins family for life!”

Hospitality is defined as “the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.”

We like to think that we have an abundance of hospitality in our community - from the baristas at our coffee shops to the baggers at our grocery stores. A simple and pleasant exchange or warm smile from one of these people that we see routinely can make a big difference in someone’s day.

We wanted to start recognizing a few of the amazing hospitality ambassadors in Arvada and thank them for making our city a place that has a reputation for amazing hospitality for residents and tourists alike.

Do you know of a Hospitality Hero in Arvada that deserves some special recognition? Please email jean@visitarvada.org to nominate them. Each Hero that is recognized will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Arvada Report and receive a $250 Olde Town Arvada gift card.

The Arvada Visitors Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that works to inspire travel to our community and provides key information to people considering a visit or relocation to Arvada. They have proudly welcomed thousands of guests from around the world since their doors opened on 7305 Grandview Ave. in November 2012.

An investment in visitors is an investment in community. Visitors to Arvada generate sales tax revenue. One quarter of the City’s total revenue comes from sales tax dollars. This revenue helps pay for police services, city parks, improvements to infrastructure, and many other services that benefit the entire Arvada community.
MAY 20 - AUG 22

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Your Trouble with Living

Melody Epperson

100 Women & the Vote

Reserve your free ticket today for three dynamic and exciting exhibitions.

Underwritten by Jodie Steeves and Nancy Terry

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Broaden your mind and flex your creative muscles with classes at the Arvada Center. Register now for classes in visual arts, drama, dance, ceramics, and more.