Fall Is Here!

- Free leaf recycling
- Leaf recycling tips
- “Trees Across Arvada”

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New-look Arvada Report see page 3.
For the first time: the Arvada Community Survey available online

Every two years, the City conducts a survey of the community to better understand your opinions about how the City uses tax dollars, your personal safety, quality of life in Arvada and a host of other City services. The first phase of the survey (mid-September through mid-October) targets specific, randomly-selected addresses. But for the first time, the second phase of the survey will be open to anyone who is able to access Speak Up Arvada, the City’s online engagement website. Your opinions will help us improve services to you and the rest of the Arvada community. We will notify you when the online survey is available on Speak Up Arvada (expected mid-Oct.) through the City’s social media platforms, the ArvadaNews and at www.arvada.org/community-survey. To participate, visit speakup.arvada.org.

Voter information 2019

The Nov. 5 election is right around the corner. In order to receive a mail ballot, make sure your address is up-to-date on your voter registration, as ballots are not forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service. Update your voter registration or register to vote online at www.GoVoteColorado.com. Oct. 28 is the last day to register to vote online in order to receive a mail ballot. Mail ballots will be sent to all eligible voters beginning Oct. 11. Return completed ballots by mail or at a ballot drop-off box. Ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on election day. In-person voting options are also available through election day at voter service and polling centers where you can update your address, request or replace a ballot, vote in-person, use accessible voting equipment or register to vote.

For a list of ballot drop box and voting locations in Jefferson County, plus additional elections information, visit www.VoteJeffco.com. For a list of ballot drop box and voting locations in Adams County, visit www.adamsvotes.com.

The Arvada Report: How do you like the new look and feel?

In order to serve our customers better, we recently asked you to fill out a survey regarding what you wanted to see more (or less) of in the Arvada Report. In this edition, we have begun implementing some changes based on your feedback.

We’d love to hear what you think!

Please feel free to provide your comments regarding the updated look, feel and content of the Arvada Report. Look for the link in the blue box at www.arvada.org/the-arvada-report.

Candidates for Arvada City Council

**Mayor**
FOUR-YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR ONE
Dave Palm
Marc Williams
Harriet Hall

**Councilmember At-Large**
FOUR-YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR ONE
Bob Fifer
Jeff Cannon

**Councilmember District 2**
FOUR-YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR ONE
Ethan J. Lutz
T.O. Owens
Lauren C. Simpson

**Councilmember District 4**
FOUR-YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR ONE
David Jones
Jordan Hohenstein

For information, visit www.arvada.org/elections.
City purchasing team recognized

The City’s Purchasing team recently received the 2019 National Purchasing Institute Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. The City of Arvada is one of only four agencies in Colorado to receive the award. Arvada was selected because of the team’s commitment to innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership. This recent award comes on the heels of the Purchasing team receiving the Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association’s 2018 Team of the Year award in December.

These awards are a reflection of the City’s commitment to providing a well-managed, fiscally-responsible government that operates effectively and efficiently. Purchasing Manager Nancy Allen (pictured with co-worker Whitney Smith) said of the award, “While we are incredibly honored to be recognized in this way, we continue to focus on teamwork and continuous improvement to deliver superior services that enhance the lives of everyone in our community.”

Get to know your City’s budget

We get it. For most people, words like “budget,” “general fund” and “revenue” just aren’t that exciting. However, they are a part of a truly vital document, the City’s budget. Really. Approved every other year by the City Council (and revised, or updated, in the off years), the budget describes the anticipated costs of all City services to the community and the funding the City expects to receive through taxes and fees to support those costs. It’s the statement for how the City will support City Council and community priorities.

The City Council will consider and is expected to approve the 2020 Revised Budget in October, so now is a great time to better understand the process and some updates this year. First, the schedule: the first Public Hearing on the revised budget will be Oct. 7 with the second Public Hearing and expected Council adoption planned for Oct. 21. Read the draft budget on the City’s budget web page (arvada.org/city-budget), and if you have input to share, be sure to attend a hearing.

If you review the budget, you’ll notice that the 2020 revision reflects a slowing economy at the national and local levels. Specifically, Arvada’s sales tax and building revenues are key indicators of this slowdown. In response, the City continues its ongoing efforts to control costs and seek resourceful solutions in a thin labor market. In addition, the City is prioritizing projects and resources to respond to increased construction inflation that is driving cost increases on large construction projects.

The budget also shows the City’s strong financial position, with healthy reserves and a AAA bond rating. In short, the 2020 revision reflects our ongoing commitment to provide a well-managed, fiscally responsible government that operates effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of our community. View the online video at www.arvada.org/city-budget.
City hires new directors of Utilities and Public Works

Sharon Israel has been named Arvada’s Director of Utilities. Israel was most recently with the City of Westminster where she was Stormwater Utility Administrator and Senior Projects Engineer. Prior to that, Israel was an engineer and unit manager with the Water Quality Control Division in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

“It’s an honor to serve the community I call home. I feel lucky to work with the Utilities team at the City everyday,” Israel stated. “All of our crews take great pride in serving the community. In my time with the City, I haven’t met one person who sees this work as ‘just a job’.” The Utilities Department is responsible for supplying drinking water to all residents, controlling stormwater flows, removing and disposing of sanitary sewage, maintaining the City’s fleet of vehicles and managing utility billing services.

Don Wick has been named Arvada’s Director of Public Works. Wick returns to the City of Arvada where he served with the Arvada Police Department for over thirty years, including 10 years as Chief of Police. After retiring from the Police Department, Wick went to work for Numerica Corporation, an air missile defense and space situational awareness company, in Fort Collins, Colorado where he was the Director of Business Operations. The Department of Public Works provides street maintenance, traffic engineering, engineering, facilities and GEO data services.

Donate to Ralston House on Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day, presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy through online giving, and it is an important fundraiser for Ralston House. The money raised is used to provide services for victims of child abuse. The goal of Ralston House is to raise $40,000 on Colorado Gives Day this year from supporters like you!

You have the power to make a difference in the life of a child. As Charles Dickens wrote in A Christmas Carol, “We choose this time, [to ask for help] because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices.” Please share from your abundance with those children Ralston House serves.


For more information about Ralston House, to take a tour or for information on hosting a Colorado Gives Day fundraiser in support of Ralston House, please contact Jennifer Kemps (720-765-3063 and jkemps@arvada.org) or visit the website at www.RalstonHouse.org.

The 2020 Census is about to heat up!

As our community continues to prepare for the 2020 Census, there are thousands of jobs available across the country to help assist with the count. You can help by telling your friends and family, or apply yourself! What else can you do? Beginning in March 2020, complete your Census form! An accurate count will mean Arvada receives its fair share of more than $675 billion annually in federal and state funding. It will determine how many representatives we will have in Congress, and the data will support local businesses, nonprofits and City programs and services. View the online video at www.arvada.org/2020-census.
Ralph Creek Corridor Sewer Line Replacement Project

**Description:** A 12,000 linear foot sewer line will be installed in the Ralston Creek corridor between Independence and Simms streets to better meet the needs of the community.

**Duration:** This project will begin Fall 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in about a year.

**Impact:** Most work will take place in the public right-of-way. There may be periodic lane closures. When work is in your area, you may experience temporary interruptions to water service. If this occurs, you will receive notice 24 to 48 hours prior to the service interruption. Your drive may be temporarily blocked by work. To see if your neighborhood will be affected and for periodic updates on the project, visit www.arvada.org/ralston-creek-corridor-sewer.

W. 72nd Avenue Kipling to Simms streets Project

**Description:** This project will fully reconstruct W. 72nd Avenue to a four-lane arterial Parkway, create an underpass at the railroad crossing near Oak Street, add bike lanes and sidewalks, upgrade traffic signals and address drainage issues. This project is funded by the 3F Bond Authorization that voters approved in November 2018.

**Status:** Preliminary design was recently completed for the western segment of this project between Simms and Oak streets. Preliminary design for the eastern segment between Oak and Kipling streets was completed in late 2017. The first phase of the right-of-way acquisition process has begun along the corridor and will continue for the next year. A project open house is anticipated this fall. Date, time and location will be announced soon. Learn more at www.arvada.org/w-72nd-avenue-project.

Indiana Street and 72nd Avenue Intersection Upgrade Project completed!

This project enhanced the safety and functionality of the intersection. The improvements provide congestion relief in the area. We appreciate residents’ patience during this project.
The Arvada City Council has directed staff to gather more detailed information about pricing and service options that could be included in an organized waste hauling system. Depending on the project’s next steps, additional future public engagement opportunities may be available.

The City has been exploring whether an organized waste hauling system can include options that are safer, cleaner and less expensive for the community by creating fewer trucks on the road (and less often), reducing costs to residents, increasing recycling options and increasing the quality of customer service.

You can stay up-to-date on this developing project by visiting www.arvada.org/waste-hauling.

Elected officials from the City of Arvada, Apex Park and Recreation District and Jeffco Schools have been meeting to discuss the future of the George J. Meyers Pool (7900 Carr Dr.). Understanding that the facility has a limited life span, these partners have set a goal to replace it with a new 50-meter Natatorium by Dec. 31, 2021. The project is still in the early planning phase with several factors to consider, including location, design features and facility programming. No decisions have been made regarding these factors. Community engagement will be offered to help shape those decisions as more information becomes available. For updates regarding the Meyers Pool project, visit www.arvada.org/the-future-of-meyers-pool.

Cities along the Front Range, including Arvada, are working to improve the safety of everyone who travels. Safe driving benefits everyone on the roadways: other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Here are some basic safety tips to think about every time you get in your car.

**Top five driver safety tips:**

- Abide by speed limits, traffic signs and traffic laws at all times.
- Slow down during inclement road conditions, when children are present, and where animals or wildlife are active. Speeding gives you less time to react and increases the severity of a collision.
- Drive sober and drug-free.
- Keep 100 percent of your attention on driving at all times – don’t use your phone or any other electronic device while driving.
- Be aware of what other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are doing, and expect the unexpected.

**Remember:** The average vehicle weighs between 3,500 and 4,500 pounds. That’s more than two tons of metal, glass and other materials traveling down the road, and YOU control it. Help keep others safe by following these most basic driver safety tips.
2019 W. Michael Northey Foundation Scholarships awarded

On May 20, Arvada City Council and the W. Michael Northey Foundation awarded 11 graduating Arvada high school seniors with scholarships for up to $2,000 per recipient. The foundation works to honor and preserve the memory of Officer Michael Northey by providing financial assistance to officers and their families in times of need and by awarding scholarships to graduating seniors in Arvada to further their education. The foundation has awarded $138,000 over the past nine years.

The 2019 scholarship recipients attended Arvada West, Faith Christian, Pomona and Ralston Valley high schools. Pictured from left to right are: Gehrig Abbattista, Rachel Booth, Emma Campbell, Tatum Edwards, Amanda Erholm, Sadie Jonson, Molly Mulhern, Chloe Patterson, Tori Sayers and Logan Butler. Not pictured Bryce Seamans. Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients!

Officer Northey was a member of the Arvada Police Department who was struck and killed while making a traffic stop on Aug. 11, 1979. The W. Michael Northey Foundation is a 501(C-3) not for profit organization funded primarily by two annual Arvada Community events: The Drug Take Back (April) and The Shred-A-Thon (October). For more information, please visit www.northeyfoundation.org.
Almost every day, we learn of a billion-dollar company’s computer network being hacked and large amounts of personal data being compromised, even when the company is protected by state-of-the-art technology and cybersecurity professionals. So, what can the average person do to protect against the loss of control of personal information?

1. Only use strong (complex and not easy to guess) passwords and change them frequently. If you have a smartphone, you can use a password-keeping application to securely store your passwords. If you use this type of application, keep it updated.

2. Close or shut down your digital device when you’re not using it and never leave it unattended. Leaving your computer? Shut it down.

3. Physical security concerns arise when you are in a public place using a laptop or even a phone. Be aware of someone who may be able to see your screen or someone who may be “shoulder surfing” to see personal information on your device.

4. Update and back up information often. Critical data should also be saved to secondary cloud storage so that you can retrieve your data if there is a problem with your physical storage, such as a virus, ransomware attack or mechanical malfunction that prevents you from accessing the actual hard drive to get the needed information.

5. Use dual authentication for social media. This means when you log into an account, such as Facebook, you can have a code sent to your phone via SMS/text to confirm it is you signing in.

There are many different tips to be safe online. For additional information, please visit www.dhs.gov/stophink connect-cyber-tips.
Small cell facilities are arriving in Arvada. Small cells (an example pictured at right from Denver) are installed and operated by private providers, including Verizon, AT&T and Zayo, on behalf of Sprint to continually improve and expand their network capacity and coverage. Legally, the City of Arvada cannot restrict the installation of the small cell sites. It is required by federal and state law that cities allow small cell facilities, like other utilities in the public right-of-way, which could include tree lawns next to streets and sidewalks. Small cell facilities are low-powered antennas that provide cellular and data coverage to smaller geographic areas. This supplements the larger cellular network and improves service for wireless customers.

The City does have the opportunity to oversee and give input on the installation of the sites, which it will do by entering into Individual Master License agreements with each provider. Once the agreement is reviewed and approved by City Council, the provider is able to apply for permits for specific locations. Each small cell permit is reviewed by City staff for compliance of City-adopted design guidelines.

Initially the facilities will meet current 4G technology, but will evolve to provide future 5G services and technology changes. If you would like to learn more, visit www.arvada.org/small-cell or contact the City of Arvada Planning Department at POD@arvada.org or 720-898-7435.

Provide input on the new Land Development Code

The City of Arvada is in the process of updating the Land Development Code (LDC), which is the regulations that govern development in the city. The LDC affects all development and helps shape where you live, where you work and where you play. The current LDC was approved in 2008. A review of current trends has helped the City develop a draft LDC that provides the best zoning and land use approaches for the future.

The City officially released the first draft of the LDC to the public at an open house on Sept. 12. The document is available for public comment at www.advancearvada.civicomment.org. You are invited to review the draft and provide comments and suggestions during the comment period, now through Nov. 1.

Public feedback regarding the LDC is also invited in person during the week of Oct. 21. Stop by Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd.) to provide feedback/discuss your questions with a City planner between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 23 and between 8 a.m. and noon on Oct. 25. City planners are located at the Community and Economic Development reception desk on the 2nd floor. For more information regarding the LDC, visit www.arvada.org/advancearvada.
NASA: Apollo 16 test capsule displayed in Arvada

Special Aerospace Services LLC (SAS) commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing with the unveiling of a restored Apollo 16 test capsule. The spacecraft will be displayed permanently at the SAS Flight Factory located at 5627 Kendall Ct. in Arvada, where engineering design work for future lunar missions is now underway.

Urban Conversion films in Arvada

The film series, Urban Conversion, centers around businessman Rodman Schley and his wife Gina, who combine their passion for farming with their city lifestyle. The series is in its third season, where they integrate lessons learned in the first two seasons and apply them to renovating their Arvada property to become a working farm. The Arvada Economic Development Association is a proud sponsor, and a few City departments are featured.

The show will run on Colorado Public Television channel every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and will also show on the Create TV channel. Episodes from the first two seasons are available on the online streaming service Amazon Prime.

Hestra headquarters move to Arvada

Hestra, the 83-year-old Swedish glove maker, has relocated its USA headquarters to a newly constructed 32,000 square foot space in Arvada.

The headquarters will house Hestra’s USA showroom, corporate offices and warehouse. It will nearly double the size of Hestra’s previous space and make room for more than 400 models of gloves.

“Our business has grown aggressively over the past few years and it was time to invest in a permanent location in one of our key markets,” said Dino Dardano, USA President of Hestra. “I can’t think of a better place than Arvada to call home.” To view the online video, visit www.youtube.com/investinarvada/videos.

New Arvada businesses

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

7-Eleven - 8790 Indiana St.
Ethan’s Gallery and Studio - 5771 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
The Spoiled Dog Groomery - 7560 Grant Pl.
Thrive West, co-working space - 5610 Ward Rd.
Vibrant Dental Hygiene - 8600 Ralston Rd.

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Fall is here

Fall is a beautiful time of year to be in Arvada, thanks in part to our extensive tree canopy, which is estimated to be more than 400 thousand trees; 280,000 that are deciduous, meaning they shed their leaves annually. While we love to see the leaves dressed in their glorious fall colors, once they fall to the ground, there is a lot of work to be done!

Free leaf recycling

In an effort to keep leaves out of our storm drains and off City streets, the City of Arvada is partnering with Perma Green Organics to offer free leaf recycling. All leaves that are collected are naturally recycled through composting. For more information about the leaf recycling program, visit www.arvada.org/leaf-recycling.

When:
Saturdays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m

Where:
• Stenger Soccer Complex (east entrance), 5675 Oak St.
• Perma Green Organics, 5520 Harlan St.

During the 2018 free leaf recycling program, the City collected more than 161 tons of leaves. That is comparable to the weight of 29 elephants!

Leaf recycling tips

Build neighborhood connections
Host a leaf recycling party with your neighbors of all ages! The kids will have a great time, and as the old saying goes, “Many hands make light work!” In order to be environmentally friendly, combine the leaf haul into one vehicle! Save on gas and reduce air pollution!

Put leaves to good use:
• Use as mulch: Cover garden areas to protect them from soil erosion over winter.
• Insulate your foundation: Stack leaf-filled lawn bags along foundations outside the house, where they act as barriers to cold winds and snow drifts.
• Compost them: Dried leaves are a key ingredient for successful composting, especially during the spring when grass clippings are plentiful.
In response to questions asked by Arvada residents through the City’s online customer service portal, Ask Arvada, Arvada answers! We selected this question relevant to the fall season.

**Q:** Why can’t we blow or sweep leaves into the street or into piles along the curb?

**The City has street sweepers to clean them up.**

**A:** Imagine the potential for damage if all the leaves from those 280 thousand deciduous trees in Arvada ended up in the street and our stormwater system. The City prohibits blowing leaves into the streets to protect the community's safety and resources:

1. Debris, potentially hidden under the leaf piles, can damage City street sweepers, creating costs for repairs and downtime of equipment.
2. The leaves can block storm drains. It only takes a few leaves to prevent rainfall from draining into a storm drain. This can cause a safety hazard and even lead to flooding and property damage.
3. Water quality is affected by the accumulation of decayed leaves in storm drains. The concentration of nutrients in the decayed leaves have the potential to contribute to algae blooms in our waterways.
4. Piles of leaves along the curb are a safety hazard for cyclists. Because there is no way of knowing the road conditions under the leaves, cyclists are forced to go out into the automobile lanes to avoid the obstacle.

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

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**Trees Across Arvada available mid-October**

Each year between October and December, the City partners with Trees Across Arvada to help bring shade trees that are low or moderately low in water demand to Arvada residents at a reduced cost. Tree descriptions, cost list and order form will be available Oct.15. Visit [www.arvada.org/trees-across-arvada-program](http://www.arvada.org/trees-across-arvada-program) for more information, or contact Trees Across Arvada at [www.arvadatrees@comcast.net](mailto:www.arvadatrees@comcast.net) or 303-524-5436.

Trees Across Arvada is a program of the Colorado Tree Coalition, a nonprofit statewide organization dedicated to preserving, renewing and enhancing Colorado’s community forests.
Winter is coming

Prepping your trees for winter

With more than 400,000 trees in Arvada, it’s hard to believe that the Front Range is a difficult place to grow trees. But limited precipitation, varying temperature extremes and marginal soils pose a challenge, especially to younger, less established trees and especially during the winter. Here is some advice from our Parks staff to help your trees as they start to go dormant for the winter:

Nov. 1 until early April

- Wrap all young thin-barked trees such as Lindens, Oaks, Honey Locust and Maples with commercial tree wrap from the ground up to the first branch.

- Place some type of organic mulch two to three inches deep around the base of the tree. Be careful to keep it back from the trunk.

- If the winter is dry and the ground isn’t frozen, try to water the area from the trunk to the outer-most branches at a rate of 10 gallons per diameter inch of trunk once per month.

For more information on trees in Arvada, visit www.arvada.org/urban-forestry-news-and-info.

Preventing frozen water pipes

As a general rule, when outside temperatures drop to 20 degrees or lower, water pipes become susceptible to freezing and subsequently to bursting. Water pipes that are close to exterior walls that lack insulation and exposed outdoor pipes are most at risk. Burst pipes are one of the most common causes of property damage during frigid weather and can cause thousands of dollars in water damage.

Tips for preventing pipes from freezing when extremely cold temperatures are forecasted:

- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

- Wrap pipes in products designed specifically for the purpose of pipe insulation.

- Let the cold water trickle from faucets served by pipes that are susceptible to freezing.

- If you will be away from home during cold weather, set the thermometer to a temperature no lower than 55ºF.

If you suspect your water pipe is frozen:

- Use a hairdryer to apply low level heat to the pipe or wrap the pipe with towels soaked in hot water. If the pipes do not respond to such techniques, contact a licensed plumber or the City of Arvada Water System Operations at 720-898-7820 to diagnose the problem area.

For more information regarding frozen pipes, visit www.arvada.org/preventing-frozen-pipes.

Snow shoveling

Arvada has seen measurable snowfall during the month of October six out of the last 10 years! Please remember that Municipal Code requires that occupants of any premises bordering any street, avenue or highway in the City must remove snow, ice and slush from the sidewalks in front of and adjoining the premises within 24 hours after the end of any snowfall to keep walkways safe for pedestrians. View the online video at www.arvada.org/shoveling-walkways.

Volunteer to be a Snow Buddy

There are many elderly or disabled Arvada residents, without family or friends to assist them, who cannot afford to pay for snow shoveling services. Help make our community more resilient by volunteering to be a Snow Buddy through the City of Arvada Snow Buddies Program. We will try to match you with someone near or in your neighborhood. For more information about the Snow Buddies Program, visit www.arvada.org/snow-buddies-program.
Pre-registration required for all classes
Full class descriptions and program registration available at www.arvada.org/nature

**Kids Classes**

*Not-So-Spooky Nature Night*
Thursday, Oct. 24, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Ages 4 - 8 yrs., $3.
Learn how different animals make their costumes of camouflage with games, crafts and some special trick-or-treats.

*Bringing Your Garden Inside*
Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 to 11 a.m.
Adults, $5/person
Getting the garden through winter can be tough, so come get tips from CSU Master Gardeners in this Q&A panel.

*The Galapagos Islands by Land and by Sea: MVNC Travel Series*
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Adults, $5.
Presented by professional wildlife photographer, Bob Barber.

*Tai Chi in Nature*
Nov. 11 - Dec. 16, No class Nov. 25
Beginning: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Continuing: 5 to 6 p.m.
Adults, $50 for 5 weeks.

**Adult Classes**

*Olde Town Arvada Telescope Night*
Friday, Oct. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. All ages, free.
Meet at the Olde Town Square.

*Hands Dirty Feet Wet: Outdoor Nature Play Dates*
Tuesday, Oct. 8 and Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon. All ages, free.
Just nature and kids’ imaginations.

*Night Hike at Majestic View*
Friday, Oct. 11, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ages 10+ yrs., free.

*Mercury Transit Telescope Viewing at Majestic View*
Monday, Nov. 11, 9 to 11 a.m. All ages, free.
Our solar system’s smallest planet-Mercury will orbit between the Earth and the Sun. View this rare celestial event through the Nature Center’s special, solar-filtered telescope.

*Conversation Corner*

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

**What’s going on at the Nature Center?**
Pardon our mess; we’re getting some upgrades! We are working on maintenance and building updates to the Nature Center over the course of October. This may result in closures of certain spaces, as we are working on painting, flooring and other various projects. We will continue to be open Tuesday through Saturday, so feel free to stop by and see the progress!

For Nature Center news, follow us on Facebook or visit www.arvada.org/nature.
Friends of Arvada Fire

Friends of Arvada Fire Protection District (FAFPD) was established to raise money for and to support the Arvada Fire Protection District. As an organization, FAFPD supports the mission of Arvada Fire to serve the people of our community. The founders of FAFPD envisioned an organization that would reduce AFPD’s financial burden and allow AFPD to spend more of its time focusing on its mission of responding to emergencies within the community. The majority of FAFPD’s efforts are centered around fundraising. The money raised by FAFPD is used to support AFPD both administratively and in connection with its Operations Division and Fire Marshal’s Office. The funds raised have allowed the district to purchase items that the budget would have not allowed otherwise.

In 2019, FAFPD funded the purchase of Ambulance Child Restraints to secure children to an ambulance cot during emergency transportation, smart burners to reduce the chance of fires in homes of citizens at risk, smoke and CO alarms, and a 360 camera system to support fire investigation efforts and provide training for firefighters on building construction.

In 2018, FAFPD funded the purchase of an automated CPR system to provide consistent compressions while a patient is being moved to an ambulance, reflective identification tags for firefighter air masks, 3-layer particulate fire hoods to protect firefighters from cancer causing carcinogens during fire operations, gear backpacks for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and photography equipment for fire investigators.

FAFPD holds several fundraisers throughout the year. The largest event is the annual Arvada Firefighters Car Fest, which occurs in August. This event was a huge success, and we want to thank all our sponsors and car enthusiasts for supporting this event.

FAFPD also accepts donations for Dave’s Locker, a medical equipment loan program for citizens of Arvada. All donations that are received fund the programs the donor specifies (like Dave’s Locker or Smoke Alarm program). Donations from fundraisers or without specific donor direction go to the general fund where they are available to fund requests from AFPD personnel for equipment and supplies to support the mission of Arvada Fire.

To donate, visit FAFPD.org or send a check to:

FAFPD
PO Box 725284
Arvada, CO  80006

You can support FAFPD in the near future by attending their annual Chili Cook-off! The event will take place during lagniappe in Olde Town on Dec. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.
In 2018, a group of firefighters from across the world organized a pipe and drum band to participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Armistice to end World War I. The trip was so well received and moving for the participants that officials organized a second trip for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Members of fire and police pipes and drums bands from across the country were invited to participate, including Arvada firefighter and pipe player, James Dawe, who began the planning and fundraising for the trip last fall.

In May, 18 pipers, 11 Drummers, four honor guard and 15 family members from eight states and Belgium met in Brussels. Over the next 10 days, this “Band of Brothers” visited locations in Belgium that included Jack’s Woods, which was made famous in the HBO series Band of Brothers, and the American Cemetery to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge. A visit to Henry Chappell American Cemetery and the WW2 Memorial near Bastogne, Belgium rounded out their stay in Belgium before the group continued to France.

Their travels included a stop at Sword Beach in Normandy where, during the D-Day landing, one piper famously played his bagpipes while under fire. William Millin, known as Piper Bill, was the personal piper to Commander Simon Fraser, 15th Lord Lovat. Pipers had traditionally been used in battle by Scottish and Irish soldiers; however, the British Army restricted the use of bagpipes to rear areas by the time of WWII. Lovat, nevertheless, ignored the restriction and ordered Millin, then aged 21, to play.

When Private Millin protested, citing the regulations, Lord Lovat replied: “Ah, but that’s the English War Office. You and I are both Scottish, and that doesn’t apply.” Millin states that he later talked to captured German snipers who claimed they didn’t shoot at him because they thought he had gone mad. Millin was the only man during the landing who wore a kilt and he was armed only with his pipes and the sgian-dubh, or “black knife”, sheathed inside his kilt-hose on the right side. In the end shrapnel damaged his pipes, which stopped Mr. Millin from playing. Several British soldiers credit Millin with helping them to continue to fight while he played.

The pipe and drum group spent their final day in St. Mere Eglise, the first town liberated by the 82nd and 101st Army Airborne in France. They paraded into town along the same route that the Allies came into town from the beaches and followed that up with a performance in the town square in front of several thousand people.

In the end, they traveled almost 2,100 miles by bus, played for 26,586 fallen heroes and walked or marched over 132 miles; played at Omaha, Utah, Juno and Sword beaches, and the American Cemeteries in Belgium, Luxembourg and France; met countless Veterans from multiple countries and listened to the stories of their experiences; met locals who still embrace and celebrate what the Allies did to free them from the grip of the Nazi regime.

“It is an experience that I, and those who traveled there with me, will never forget,” stated Firefighter Dawe.
“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!”

Arvada Fire is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016. “These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.”

While NFPA and Arvada Fire are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location. Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go. No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.fpw.org.

How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

The Official Sponsor of Fire Prevention Week Since 1922
Memorize your fire department’s emergency phone number and write it below:

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with SA. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

Grown-ups: Children don’t always wake up when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.

Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at www.nfpa.org/factsheets.
AURA success in transit-oriented development

Back in April, Arvada celebrated the opening of the Regional Transportation District (RTD) G Line, as the much-awaited train provides transit links for our City to the entire metro area. Arvadans can now hop on a train, head to Union Station and bypass more than 10 miles of traffic and congestion.

The G Line commuter rail and Arvada’s three stations were a long-time coming and worth the wait—and the many years of planning and preparation.

Our community worked toward the successful launch of the G Line for several years, beginning in 2007 with the Arvada Transit Station Framework plan. From that point, Arvada and the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) focused on making our city a model of smart growth and best practices to add housing, densify areas around transit stations, and reduce cars and traffic.

As part of implementing the 2007 plan, AURA has added nearly 1,800 transit-oriented housing units and a hotel within a half-mile of our city’s G Line stations and has worked to revitalize Olde Town’s retail and restaurants, all within a short walk of the train. AURA’s transit-oriented projects include:

- Water Tower Village—600 units
- Solana Olde Town Station—352 units
- Park Place Olde Town—152 units
- Arvada Station—380 units
- Gateway at Arvada Ridge—298 units

AURA continues to work on Arvada’s signature transit-oriented development—the Olde Town Residences at the former RTD parking site, as well as ensuring that areas around Arvada’s stations continue to thrive and add value to our City.

Arvada’s success in smart growth along the G Line received nationwide recognition recently, with Solana Olde Town Station winning a prestigious award for transit-oriented development. The 352-unit community, which opened to residents in 2017, is a short walk to the Olde Town station on the former site of several blighted and underutilized parcels.
The Arvada Chamber of Commerce: Leading critical conversations for the community

*Healthy community, thriving businesses.* This statement is at the core of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce mission. As a champion for a stronger Arvada at large, the Chamber works diligently with business and community leaders to develop programs and events that help the community be one of the best in the state. To that end, the Chamber promotes topics and conversations that are critical to the success of all Arvadans.

The most popular platform for leading those impactful conversations is the Chamber’s Community Impact Breakfast 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 the first half of 2019, more than 750 attendees participated in the breakfasts series. Topics for 2019 included:

- **“Keeping Arvada Safe.”** Officials from local police and fire departments provided updates and trends on public safety. Key takeaway: 70 percent of cars broken into are unlocked. Colorado’s “puffer” law allows police to immediately ticket individuals who have left a vehicle running.
- **“How Do We Solve Homelessness?”** City, state and non-profit representatives presented current and upcoming solutions for addressing the critical issue of homelessness. Key takeaway: Colorado had the 3rd highest rate of family homelessness in the nation and Jeffco Public Schools has the most homeless students in the state.
- **“State of The City.”** The Arvada Mayor’s annual address on community happenings and future plans. Key takeaway: Mayor Marc Williams reports the City is investing $10 million this year into its roads, including two major transportation improvements: the Ralston Road Project and the W. 72nd Ave. Kipling Project.

The Chamber welcomes everyone in the community to attend these important conversations. If you have not yet attended a Community Impact Breakfast, view the upcoming calendar at [www.arvadachamber.org/events](http://www.arvadachamber.org/events).

City of Arvada “Taking Lasting Care Program” 2019 playground renovations

The City of Arvada’s “Taking Lasting Care” Program was established to ensure Arvada’s park playgrounds are safe and accessible for all park users. Ralston Valley Park playground and Rainbow East Park playground were selected in 2019 for complete replacement. The designs were chosen based on feedback from the communities received in November 2018 and the spring of 2019. Arvada City Council approved the playground replacement contracts in June 2019. Both playgrounds are expected to be completed in October 2019. For more information, visit [www.arvada.org/parks-update](http://www.arvada.org/parks-update).

*Rainbow East Park Playground (8191 Pomona Dr.) artist rendering*
**Dog park clean up day**

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Dog Park volunteers at the West Arvada Dog Park to help keep this canine playground a fun place to be! Bring shovels, rakes, wheel barrels, poop-scapers, gloves and other tools for cleaning up. Bags will be provided. For more information, please visit the [www.facebook.com/WestArvadaDogPark](http://www.facebook.com/WestArvadaDogPark).

**Bike Friendly Arvada Lowest to Highest Point Bike Ride**

Saturday, Oct. 5, beginning at 10 a.m.

Join Bike Friendly Arvada on their inaugural Lowest to Highest Point Bike Ride, a 17-mile ride through Arvada. The ride will depart from Gold Strike Park (W. 56th Ave., at the confluence of Ralston Creek and Clear Creek), the lowest elevation in central Arvada (5235 feet) and go to the highest point in central Arvada (5645 feet), just a 410 foot change in elevation! Registration is NOT required. Just show up with a helmet and ride! If you want to register for the ride or view a map of the bike route, you may do so at [www.meetup.com/BikeFriendlyArvada-Community-Bike-Rides/events](http://www.meetup.com/BikeFriendlyArvada-Community-Bike-Rides/events).

**2019 Arvada Reservoir season a whopper! Closes Oct. 31**

What a great year for fishing 2019 proved to be, as a record number of anglers visited the Arvada Reservoir! Visitors to the reservoir are up 30 percent so far this year; 3,300 fish have been caught and kept; and our rangers have logged 8,000 volunteer hours, helping make 2019 a great season at the reservoir. Thursday, Oct. 31, will be the last day the reservoir is open for fishing; but don’t worry, it will reopen on April 1, 2020! For more information on the Arvada Reservoir, visit [www.arvada.org/arvada-blunn-reservoir](http://www.arvada.org/arvada-blunn-reservoir).

**Art is coming to your street corner!**

Local and regional artists will paint or provide designs for utility boxes all over Arvada. These boxes will be standing near the sidewalks, tucked away in local parks and nestled into neighborhoods, all perfect spots to showcase the historic, cultural, social and creative values of Arvada!

**Artists:** we will be sending out a call for entry for utility box art proposals. Sign up at [www.arvada.org/artsandculture](http://www.arvada.org/artsandculture) and be the first to know when the call goes out.
TOWN

The Arvada Visitors Center is a one-stop-shop resource for the residents of Arvada and guests visiting the area. For more information, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org. Online at www.visitarvada.org.

OCTOBER

24 Apex Center Annual Halloween Carnival
4 to 7 p.m.
13150 W. 72nd Ave.
www.apexprd.org

25 Trick or Treat Street
5 to 7 p.m.
Olde Town Arvada merchants
303-420-6100

23 The 10K Turkey Trek, 5K Trot and 2K Toddle
9 a.m.
Long Lake Ranch Regional Park (17850 W. 64th Ave.)
$5 Discount: ARVREPORT19
www.10KTurkeyTrek.com

Festival of Scarecrows
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Olde Town Square
57th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
www.visitarvada.org

NOVEMBER

30 Small Business Saturday
Throughout Arvada

30 Olde Town Tree Lighting
5 p.m.
Olde Town Arvada.
Annual lighting of the tree in Olde Town Square. Holiday carols and pictures with Santa as businesses in Olde Town turn on their lights for the Holiday season.

3 Hot Chocolate Family Bike Ride
1 to 3 p.m.
Olde Town Square
57th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.

4 First Fridays Artwalk
5 to 8 p.m.
Variety of Olde Town businesses participating. October’s Walk features the Olde Town Arvada Student Art Show.
www.visitarvada.org

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ONGOING

Every Tuesday Morning!
Arvada Coffee Walk ‘N Talk
8 to 9 a.m.
Global Goods
5613 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
Free and open to the public. Presented by:

Many more Arvada events listed at www.visitarvada.org/events
CITY OF
Arvada
8101 Ralston Road
Arvada, Colorado 80002

Winter Theatre

OCT 4 - NOV 10
PLAZA SUITE
A COMEDY IN THREE ACTS
BY NEIL SIMON

Winter Classes
on sale DEC 3

Holiday Art Markets

DEC 522
Fine Art Market
Show & Sale

ACES Show & Sale

For more information on these and other upcoming events, visit arvadacenter.org or call the Box Office at 720.898.7200