All Aboard the G Line

Now that the G Line RTD commuter rail service is in full swing, Arvada residents and visitors are embracing it in a big way, as the new mass transit system provides an important travel option, connecting our community to professional and leisure opportunities throughout the region. The City of Arvada, the Olde Town Arvada Business Improvement District, the Arvada Visitors Center and a host of other local partners are also celebrating the activation of the G Line, as it brings visitors from across the Denver metro area to our community, allowing us to showcase our thriving local businesses, first-class parks and amenities, and beautiful neighborhoods. Turn to page 4 for more about the G Line.
Get Connected with Arvada
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720-898-7000 • www.arvada.org

24/7 Inquiries – ASK ARVADA at www.arvada.org. To sign up for regular updates about what is happening in your local government, go to www.arvada.org/arvadanews.
For more information, please contact Cindy Javelet, Communications Coordinator, at 720-898-7834 or cjavelet@arvada.org.

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Council Redistricting

On March 18, the City Council approved an ordinance redrawing council district boundaries to accommodate recent population changes. This change in district lines will apply to the City of Arvada Regular Election, scheduled for Nov. 5, 2019. As a result of this change, which affects all four districts, some residents now reside in a different district than they did prior to the adoption of the ordinance.

You can determine if your council district has changed by visiting www.maps.arvada.org/arcserver/address-search or by doing a property search at www.arvada.org/maps/address. Additionally, the City will mail postcards in the next few weeks to residents affected by the change.

The City of Arvada’s Charter states that the City Council may at any time revise, alter or change the boundaries of council districts to ensure an equitable distribution of the City’s population across its four districts. The population is determined by the decennial census, which is required by the Constitution of the United States. In addition, Colorado’s State Constitution requires that there be no more than a five percent difference between the most and least populated districts.

Since City Council last changed council district boundaries in March 2013, there has been significant growth in the northwest area of Council District 4. Because census numbers will not be available until 2021 or 2022, the most reliable data available is voter registration numbers, which show there is a significant difference between the registered voters of Council District 4 and the other three districts.

As a reminder, in the upcoming 2019 election, the Mayor’s seat and the following three Councilmember seats will be up for election: Councilmember-at-Large, District 2 Councilmember and District 4 Councilmember. For more information, please contact City Clerk Kristen Rush at 720-898-7546.

Resident Rebate Program

You may be eligible for a Resident Rebate! The City of Arvada offers rebates to low-income residents who lived in Arvada in 2018: $85 for the first person in a household and $50 for each additional person. In order to qualify, you must be ONE of the following:

- Age 65 by Dec. 31, 2018; OR
- Single and between the age of 55 and 65 by Dec. 31, 2018; OR
- Disabled; OR
- Single and head of household with dependent children
  AND

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

- One Person - $31,500
- Two Persons - $36,000
- Three Persons - $40,500
- Four Persons - $44,950

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

Sharing the Healing Legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Wall That Heals is coming to Arvada, June 20-23, at the Faith Bible Chapel (6250 Wright St.). The Wall is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (in Washington, D.C.) that pays tribute to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. In addition to paying your respects and remembrances, you can visit the mobile Education Center to better understand the Wall’s legacy and the impact of the Vietnam War. The Wall is hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1071 and the Faith Bible Chapel in Arvada. The Wall is illuminated by LED lights, so you will be able to visit it 24 hours a day during the exhibit.

For more information about the exhibit, visit www.vvmf.org/twth.
G Line: Then and Now

Arvada welcomes the G Line

On April 26, the Regional Transit District’s G Line commuter rail officially opened with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at Olde Town and a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting at the Wheat Ridge and Ward Station. On April 27, Arvada celebrated with an Olde Town Station party that featured live music, children’s activities, special promotions from local businesses and an overall celebratory atmosphere.

How we got here

Prior to the G Line, Arvada had not enjoyed rail service since 1950, the last year the Denver Tramway Company’s Streetcar No. 04 ran from Denver (through Arvada) to Golden. The end of this 50-plus-year service was a blow to the community.

The idea to revive rail service to Arvada got its start in the 1970s and 1980s, and gained steam in the 1990s, thanks to the work of the Arvada City Council, RTD representatives and interested residents. In 2001, the Gold Line Advisory Committee was formed and worked tirelessly to gather community input and support, and voters approved the project in the 2004 Regional Transportation District election. Groundbreaking for the G Line took place in 2011 and construction was completed in 2016. Although another two and a half years would pass to get the G Line into full service, persistence and patience has finally paid off.

Taking the G Line? Let’s get you parked.

Three G Line stations are located in Arvada, and there’s plenty of parking available.

Olde Town Transit Hub (7510 Grandview Ave.):
- 400 parking spaces on Levels 1, 2 and part of Level 3 for RTD passengers.
- There are an additional 200 parking spaces (Levels 3 and 4) for visitors to Olde Town!
- Parking in the Hub is free while research is completed to determine future services and pay rates.
- All vehicles parking in the Hub require registration.

Gold Strike Station (4790 W. 60th Ave.):
- 330 parking spaces
- Vehicle registration is not required, and parking is free until August 2019, at which time a fee process will be in place.

Arvada Ridge Station (10189 W. 53rd Ave.):
- 200 parking spaces
- Vehicle registration is not required, and parking is free until August 2019, at which time a fee process will be in place.

For more information on G Line parking, visit www.arvada.org/GLine.

Looking for schedule, fare and destination information? Visit the RTD website at www.rtd-denver.com/g-line.

Five Benefits to Riding the G Line!

📅 Catch up on sleep!
👏 Socially network responsibly!
😱 Avoid the stress of bumper to bumper traffic!
💰 Save on gas and time!
🌿 Reduce your carbon footprint!
**Arvada On Tap**

Saturday, June 22
2 to 6 p.m.
(VIP admission begins at 1 p.m.)

Ralston Park Addition
West 64th Avenue and Simms Street

Arvada’s annual craft beer and BBQ festival returns!
- 25+ breweries
- BBQ samples from amateur cooks
- 50+ community vendors
- Live bands - Stereo Clone, Just a Girl, Ledbetter - Pearl Jam Tribute
- Kids Zone

Advance Tickets $35 ($40 at the door); Limited VIP Tickets $50 ($25 for non-drinkers); Children and non-drinkers $10. Purchase tickets at [www.arvadaontap.com](http://www.arvadaontap.com) or at the door.

Arvada On Tap is produced by the Arvada Festivals Commission in partnership with Arvada-Jefferson Kiwanis Club, Arvada Sunrise Rotary and Arvada Vitality Alliance.

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**Go Fish!**

Saturday, June 8: 6 a.m.
Arvada Reservoir
18915 W. 64th Pkwy.

Calling all young anglers to participate in the 19th Annual Kids Fishing Contest. All ages 14 and younger are welcome to fish for free and compete for prizes! Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each division.

Boats are not allowed for the contest; children will fish from the shore.

For more information, contact the Parks Department at 720-898-7400.

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**Independence Day Fireworks Display**

Thursday, July 4
Stenger Sports Complex
W. 58th Avenue and Oak Street

- Gates open to vehicles at 7 p.m. Free parking on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Fireworks begin approximately 9 p.m.
- No Recreational Vehicles allowed.
- Handicap parking available in the Stenger northeast parking lot.
- W. 58th Ave. will shut down to traffic beginning 8 p.m.
- Only propane grills allowed.
- No alcohol, personal fireworks or pets are allowed.

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**Arvada Historical Society**

**Garden Tour**

Saturday, June 22, 2019
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Tickets: $15 per person
Tickets available day of tour at the Arvada Center Amphitheater Plaza, 6001 Wadsworth Boulevard
For more information call 303-421-2032

Bird Houses in Bloom at Our Garden Tour
[www.arvadahistory.org](http://www.arvadahistory.org)
Whisper Creek Community Station: On Time, Within Budget!

The City of Arvada Police Department is celebrating the opening of the new Whisper Creek Community Station (14360 W. 89th Dr.) serving the Delta Sector. The newest edition to the City of Arvada Police Department’s commitment to sector policing had its grand opening on May 16 and is now serving northwest Arvada. The Whisper Creek Community Station is led by Arvada Police Commander Michelle Moriarty. The communities near W. 91st Avenue and Indiana Street will not only have many police services in their own backyard, but they will also have the ability to reserve a community room free for community events or meetings. The community room has a higher occupancy than our other two community stations.

The Arvada Police Department is pleased to announce this community station is Gold Certified according to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Gold Certification standards include:

- Access to mass transit.
- Use of locally sourced and sustainable products.
- Reduced energy and water usage.
- Improved indoor air quality.
- Utilization of natural resources and ecosystems.
- Reduced environmental pollution.

For more information on the Whisper Creek Community Station, visit www.arvada.org/whisper-creek-community-station.
Join Us for National Night Out!

National Night Out is Aug. 6. Celebrated in the United States since 1984, this community-based program encourages people to get out and get to know their neighbors on the first Tuesday each August. Arvada is among many American cities to gather neighbors together and help prevent criminal activity through tight-knit neighborhoods. The Arvada Police Department encourages community members and groups to host block parties, cookouts or just get together to meet people on your block. Don’t wait until there is a problem to get to know the people on the other side of the fence. Introduce yourself and exchange phone numbers now. Enjoy a summer evening and invite Arvada Police Officers to stop by. National Night Out is an opportunity for police officers to meet and interact with residents in a relaxed, informal way, while discussing citizen concerns and ways to prevent crime as a community. To add your neighborhood to the list, please contact Officer David Curtice (dcurtice@arvada.org) of the Community Response Impact Team.

Ride Along with Ralston Creek Trail Gator Patrol

The Arvada Animal Management team has started a new program to serve one of the great things about the City of Arvada: its large expanse of walking and bike trails. One of the longest and most popular in this system is the Ralston Creek Trail. This trail originates west of the Arvada Reservoir and runs east, past Sheridan Boulevard. It passes through many parks and open spaces and offers limited accessibility to public safety vehicles. Arvada Animal Management has long known that areas along this path are “hot spots” for dogs to be off leash. Recently, the areas of Gibbs West Community Park and Davis Lane Park have frequently reported off-leash violations. Unlike many parks with the City of Arvada, these areas do not have a place that an Officer can park and view the area easily. In order to patrol this area effectively, officers must drive their vehicle onto the bike path. This poses inherent difficulties and risks to citizens and the vehicle.

With the cooperation of Arvada’s Parks, Golf and Hospitality Department, Arvada Animal Management has initiated the Ralston Creek Gator Patrol. Initially the program is limited in scope to test effectiveness. Beginning in March 2019, two Arvada Animal Management Officers began patrolling the Ralston Creek Trail with a “Gator” vehicle loaned to Animal Management by Arvada Parks. The patrol area begins at the Ralston Creek Trail crossing at Indiana Street and extends east to Oak Street. Hours patrolled in the Gator change weekly, but are limited to 2-3 hour blocks and are “weather permitting” as the Gator vehicle has open-air seating. As the program gains momentum, the area being patrolled and timeframes of patrol may increase to include areas west of Indiana, east of Oak and possibly other trails systems. Ralston Creek Gator Program initiated by AMO Scott Whetstone.
The Ralston House .5K Endurance Challenge (the name is a play on the many endurance events throughout Colorado) is a “grueling” 1,640 feet (or 3.1 blocks long) race! Although Ralston House will not be hosting a .5K Race in Arvada in 2019, the Aug. 10 Belmar race in Lakewood will continue to help the children of Jefferson, Adams, Broomfield and Gilpin counties. The event will include games, activities and treats! Runners will race to the finish line to compete for the Golden Shoe Award, and all registered race participants will receive an Official Event t-shirt and finisher medal! All ages are encouraged to participate. Individual entry is $25; a family four pack is $80; teams of ten are $150. The mission of Ralston House is to stop the abuse and start the healing. Will you make a difference this August by registering to race? For more information on race location, date and activities or to register online visit www.RalstonHouse.org or contact Jennifer Kemps at 720-765-3063 or jkemps@arvada.org.

**FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER**

**LICENSE TO PARTY**

Microchipping and licensing your pets gives you and your furry friends lots of reasons to celebrate. For starters, it makes it easier for lost pets to return home. Plus, licensing fees go directly to the shelter to continue our mission of helping animals in need. Get the party started by licensing and microchipping your pet at FoothillsAnimalShelter.org
City Employees of the Quarter

Service to the Community: Scott Whetstone, Animal Management Officer, Public Safety

Officer Whetstone was nominated by his colleagues for consistently delivering superior services to the community. One recent example was the care and concern he demonstrated while answering a distress call from residents at the Marcella Manor Assisted Living facility in Arvada. The residents had rescued a cat after its owner passed away. In addition to providing much needed reassurance to the residents through his patience, Officer Whetstone provided suggestions for the rescue, even offering to return on his day off to continue in the aid of the cat. His suggestions proved successful, and the cat now lives safely and comfortably with one of the residents at Marcella Manor, who stated: “It is so very great to know we have a City employee of Scott’s caliber!”

Service to the Organization: Jenny Wolfschlag, Manager of Development Engineering, Community and Economic Development

Jenny Wolfschlag was nominated by her colleagues for making a “transformative” impact to the team and the organization through keen insight, experience and commitment to creating an improved development review process. Jenny re-imagined previous processes to better align with the City’s work system approach (how the City’s work aligns with community priorities) and ensure consistent communication between City staff and customers from pre-construction meetings to the ultimate goal of occupying a building at the end of construction. Jenny’s leadership and willingness to dive in and better serve the organization and therefore the community exemplifies the City’s values of innovation, passion and opportunity.

Porches to Parks: Neighborhoods that Are Building Their Community Resilience

Did you know that neighbors are one of your most important assets in a time of crisis? During an emergency, a neighbor could be your first responder. Getting to know your neighbors (and the skills and resources within your community) is the key to local disaster resilience and could save your life.

In March, the City invited neighborhood groups enrolled in the Neighbors Connected program to apply for our 2019 Neighborhood Improvement Grant (up to $3,000). This year’s theme was “Resilient Neighborhoods: Porches to Parks,” and was part of an effort to encourage our neighborhoods to create central gathering places where neighbors get to know each other and have a place to meet in the event of a crisis.

This year, the following neighborhoods were awarded grants for their Resilient Neighborhoods project ideas:

- North Arvada Middle School: Community Garden and Seating Area
- Far Horizons Neighborhood Committee: Neighborhood Entry Beautification
- Woodfork Neighbors: Community Garden, Seating Area and Little Library
- Forest Springs HOA: Communal Seating Areas and Walking Path Activation

These four neighborhood projects will activate gathering places where neighbors can meet, connect and grow their relationships. Together with our neighbors, we are growing a stronger, more resilient Arvada. For more information on Resilient Neighborhoods, visit www.arvada.org/resilience.
Arvada boasts a strong culture of recreational bicycle riding, but residents also ride with purpose: for both health and utility. The City’s Comprehensive Plan and Bike Master Plan envision a city where bicycling is a safe, convenient and efficient option for every trip. In support of that vision, which has been informed by a great deal of community input, several steps have already been accomplished. In the last few years, the City has opened a Bicycle Training Course, added bicycle aid stations in key locations along bike routes, implemented buffered bike lanes and shared lane markings (sharrows), and posted wayfinding signs. Staff is also working to close trail gaps. Arvada’s bicycle infrastructure and the City’s ability to manage it properly has resulted in a Silver Level Bike Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists.

More information about biking in Arvada, including a video and trail maps is available on www.arvada.org/bicycling.
Bike to Work Day
Breakfast Stations
Wednesday, June 26: 6:30 to 9 a.m.
Memorial and Gold Strike parks, Arvada

We all know that using pedal power improves physical health, but studies show cycling also improves your sense of well-being. When you add in the financial benefits of saving money that would be spent on fuel and parking costs and the environmental benefits of reduced carbon dioxide, it goes without saying that pedal power is powerful!

The 2019 Bike to Work Day will be held on Wednesday, June 26. To help encourage all Arvadans to use their bikes as transportation, the City will host breakfast stations for cyclists from 6:30 to 9 a.m. at Memorial Park (north of Arvada City Hall) and Gold Strike Park (along Ralston Creek Trail, west of Sheridan Boulevard). The stations allow cyclists to take a break, refuel with snacks, and meet and chat with other cyclists. For more information about Bike to Work Day, visit www.arvada.org/arvadas-annual-bike-to-work-day.

Arvada’s Trail System

Arvada boasts 150 miles of trails and 59 miles of on-street bike facilities, and we plan to expand that system to include comfortable and safe on-street bicycle facilities that connect to each other, to the city’s paved trails and to major destinations, so that bicycling for all types of trips will be convenient and attractive for all riders. To learn more about our trail system, our Bicycle Master Plan and opportunities for community cycling in Arvada, visit www.arvada.org/biking.

Bike Recycle Event
Saturday, June 8: 8:30 a.m. to noon
Streets Maintenance Facility (6161 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.) in the east parking lot.

On Saturday, June 8, the City will host the annual Bike Recycle event, a partnership between Arvada residents, the City of Arvada and the Arvada and Golden Optimist clubs. Residents are invited to donate their old or unused bikes, and the Optimists will refurbish them at no cost. The Optimists will then distribute bikes to community members who cannot afford one. So clean out your garages and sheds and donate your unused bikes to those who need them! Volunteers will provide a tax receipt for your donation.

If you or someone you know is in need of a bicycle but cannot afford one, please visit www.arvada.org/bicycle-recycle-program for the Optimists Club contact information.

Cone Zone Reminder:
Ralston Road Project

The Ralston Road Improvement Project (Upman Street to Yukon Street) is scheduled to begin mid-summer. The project is designed to improve traffic flow with the reconstruction of roadway pavement and widening of traffic lanes and to increase safety for pedestrians by providing sidewalks (detached or attached) along the corridor. Anticipated project completion is summer 2020. During this project, travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes when traveling to or through Olde Town, as lane closures and periodic closures of roads that cross Ralston Road will occur. For more information about this project and periodic updates, visit www.arvada.org/ralston-road-project.
Arvada’s Water Quality

We depend on water, but we sometimes take it for granted, unaware of what it takes to access quality water every time we turn on the faucet. Each year, the City publishes a water quality report. In this article, you will find out how to access that report and learn about the services and extensive infrastructure the City maintains to provide safe drinking water to the community.

A system that has developed with the community

A reliable drinking water system didn’t happen by accident; the community made important choices to help our water supply grow along with the City. Prior to Arvada’s incorporation in 1904, people got water from wells or filled buckets from the irrigation ditches. As Arvada’s population grew, so did the demand for water. In 1910, the now iconic Arvada Water Tower was completed, providing artesian water to the town, but the growing population stressed the water system. By 1955, residents were using 160 million gallons a year, and the well system was strained to the breaking point. In 1960, Arvada signed a contract with the Denver Water Board securing three-fourths of Arvada’s water supply.

From the mountains...

Arvada’s drinking water comes from two surface water sources: the Denver Water Department’s Moffat System and Clear Creek. The Moffat water system is our year-round source, and diverts water that is stored in Denver’s Ralston Reservoir. This snow melt, mountain water is collected from the Fraser River (on the Western Slope) and South Boulder Creek Basins and transported first to Gross Reservoir and then to Ralston Reservoir. It supplies 75 percent of Arvada’s water. Approximately 25 percent of the City’s water supply is diverted from Clear Creek where it is stored in the Arvada/Blunn Reservoir until needed during the spring and summer months when water demand increases.

...to your tap

The City has two water treatment plants that make your drinking water meet high quality standards. In a normal year, the City treats and delivers more than six billion gallons of water using the Arvada and Ralston Water Treatment Plants. This is a complex process that includes extracting impurities, cleaning, disinfecting and adjusting the pH of the water. After it’s treated, the water is distributed to the community across a system that includes more than 632 miles of drinking water distribution pipes, ten large water tanks, seven pump stations, 5,592 fire hydrants, 38,231 water meters and 16,571 valves!
Water Quality Report

The City of Arvada provides an annual Water Quality Report to share information and inform our customers about the high quality of their drinking water. We want you to know where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to stringent federal water quality standards. **Please note that the City of Arvada’s drinking water has met or exceeded the standards regulated by the State of Colorado and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.**

If you are an Arvada water customer you should receive the following letter in the mail. You can view the water quality report online [www.arvada.org/water-quality-report](http://www.arvada.org/water-quality-report) or call 720-898-7802 to request a printed copy.

Planning for the future

In order to prepare for the future, the City must find additional sources of water in order to meet the community’s needs when Arvada is fully developed, a condition called “build out,” which the City’s Comprehensive Plan projects will happen by 2065. City Council has identified a goal of having 100 percent of the water we’ll need for build out by 2025. A big part of reaching that goal includes working with Denver Water on the expansion of the Gross Reservoir to secure 3,000 acre feet of water.

The City also improves water resources through conservation programs, water budgets and proactively managing water rates. For example, the City’s Partnership with Resource Central enables residents to purchase water-wise Garden In A Box kits at a discounted rate and to attend free landscape seminars and receive free landscape consults to support residential water conservation. The City’s SMART meters and water rate system also support water conservation.

Simple steps you can take to help conserve water!

- Don’t let the water run while you are brushing your teeth.
- Make sure you don’t have indoor or outdoor leaks.
- Irrigate your lawn responsibly by not irrigating your lawn between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and adjusting watering times for wet weather.

Arvada water by the numbers

- 6 billion gallons of water treated by the City each year.
- 16,571 valves the City operates and maintains.
- 5,592 fire hydrants in the City.
- 632 miles of drinking water distribution pipes in the City.
- 24/7/365. The City team is always monitoring this essential resource.

For more tips on conserving water, find a water conservation checklist and video at [www.arvada.org/majestic-view-nature-center-division](http://www.arvada.org/majestic-view-nature-center-division).
Chief’s Report
By Chief Jon Greer

I would like to bring you up to date on the Jefferson County Communications Center Authority (JeffCom) and how it has enhanced our service to the west side of Arvada. As I am sure you remember, JeffCom opened last April. The formation of JeffCom combined the dispatch centers eight agencies, five police and three fire. The new center dispatches approximately 500,000 calls per year for all of the agencies in Jefferson County (JeffCo). There are about 150 employees, 120 of which are dispatchers. The dispatchers are our true first responders. On first aid calls they perform Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and on fire calls, they use Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD).

EMD and EFD are systematic programs for handling medical and other fire department-related calls. Trained telecommunicators use guide cards to quickly and properly determine the nature and priority of the call, dispatch the appropriate response and give instructions to the caller until the responding fire-based units arrive.

Prior to this consolidation, when you dialed 911 in our fire district, the call went to the appropriate police agency first where basic call information was gathered to determine if it was fire-based in nature. The call was then transferred to our dispatch center. This added about 30-45 seconds to our response time. The combined center does not rely on this extra transfer step and is therefore able to reduce the overall time between your call and our arrival.

This consolidation has also allowed us to capitalize on automatic aid with our neighboring departments located in JeffCo, namely Fairmount Fire to the west and West Metro Fire to the south. We have always had mutual aid agreements with these departments, but activating that support takes time and does not occur automatically. With the combined center and a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software program, JeffCom personnel can see all the fire trucks in the county and dispatch the closest agency, regardless of borders.

In March of this year, we implemented an automatic aid system with Fairmount Fire (even though their trucks are red, instead of our preferred white). On the west end of town our stations help each other, allowing us to keep the rest of our equipment available for other calls. It has been working great! We are now finishing up the Intergovernmental Agreement with West Metro Fire for automatic aid with them. Once we get it finalized, we will take it to the board for their consideration. Yes, West Metro also has red trucks, but we won’t hold that against them. We will continue to try to get them to paint them white, but I am not holding out hope.

As always, thanks for letting us be your department. As you can see, we are always working on ways to improve service to our citizens. Continuous improvement is what drives us.
“The Old Dodge” Arvada Fire’s 1923 Fire Truck

Arvada’s first fire truck is an important milestone in the history of our community. The town of Arvada purchased the fire truck, in 1923 from the Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Company. The Pearse Company modified the Dodge Brothers chassis, adding a chemical engine and some additional features for firefighting such as a bell, rotating light, siren, hand holds and running boards. The chemical engine was simply water tanks that became pressurized when an acid, like soda acid, was introduced to the water.

The original chemical tanks on the “Old Dodge” were sold in 1942 and the truck remained in service as a hose wagon until 1968. When the Arvada Fire District was created in 1949, the equipment, apparatus and buildings were transferred to the District from the City and the volunteer fire department. In 1968, the fire district returned the “Old Dodge” to the volunteer fire department, and the volunteers continued to care for it, restored it to its original red color, kept it running, and used it in parades and for public events. It was novelist Clive Cussler’s mechanic who found the original paint color and did the repainting. It was put on display at the Forney Museum in 1972 and returned to the volunteer fire department sometime later.

Today this 1923 Dodge/Pearse fire truck is almost all original. The only major change is the replica chemical engine tank. The bed of the truck has also recently been restored by one of our firefighters. Currently, members from the Forney Museum are assisting with continued restoration of the Old Dodge to help it more reliably operate. Antique parts are hard to come by, but these volunteers from the Forney Museum have donated the original style hand crank and hub cap removers as well as a reproduction of the original manual. Between the work of these volunteer and our own mechanics, we are excited to see the Old Dodge returned to its full glory.

Finding The Right Life Jacket

As the summer heats up, many of us head to the water to cool off with our families. It’s also the perfect time to ask, “Do I have the right life jacket for my child?”

Making sure kids wear the right life jacket is one of the best ways to keep them safe while boating and participating in water activities. Here are a few tips to remember when choosing a life jacket:

**Read the label**
Check the label printed on the life jacket and read the product description. Choose a life jacket (also called a personal floatation device or PDF) that is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and make sure it is appropriate for your child’s weight and is intended to be use for water activity.

Remember, swimming aids and toys such as water wings and inflatable water rings do not prevent drowning and should not be used in place of USCG-approved life jackets.

**Know the different types of life jackets**

- **Type II:** Best for kids in calm water who need extra head and float support.
- **Type III:** Best for kids in calm water who know how to swim and can keep their heads above water.

The USCG offers additional details about the different types of life jackets to help you determine which life jackets are best for your family.

**Get the right size**
- Infant: 8 to 30 pounds
- Child: 30 to 50 pounds
- Youth: 50 to 90 pounds

**Check the fit**
Life jackets are designed to keep the wearer afloat in the water, but the life jacket needs to fit correctly. First, fasten all straps, buckles and zippers for a snug fit. Then, check the fit by gently lifting up on the shoulders of the life jacket. As a general rule, if the life jacket hits the child’s chin or ears when you pull up on it from the shoulders, it may be too big or the straps may be loose.

Remember, life jackets are not a substitute for close supervision of children. Choose a responsible Water Watcher to watch kids when they are in or near water without being distracted. Parents and caregivers should keep young children and weak swimmers within an arm’s reach and teach older children to swim with a partner every time.
The Facts About Fireworks

Every year fireworks cause an average of 20,000 reported fires and thousands of firework-related injuries. Not only is the use of fireworks dangerous, but in Arvada it is also illegal.

Under City ordinance section 62-43, sales, purchase, and use of all fireworks in the City of Arvada is illegal. This includes the use of sparklers. An adult who violates this ordinance risks a fine of up to $999 and possible jail time up to 180 days. Juveniles in violation of the ordinance cannot be jailed but are still subject to the fine.

Nearly all cities in the metro area have ordinances prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks, but the Colorado Revised Statutes provide that the sales and use of “permissible fireworks” cannot be prohibited in unincorporated county areas. For this reason, you will see fireworks stands in some areas outside Arvada and other cities’ limits. The Colorado Revised Statutes also provide that municipalities under home rule can adopt ordinances that are more restrictive than state statute; this is what the City of Arvada, as well as nearly all other cities in our area, have chosen to do by making sales and use of fireworks illegal.

What should you do if you see or hear fireworks being used in the City of Arvada? First, determine if there is a fire or emergency associated with the usage. If there is a fire or an emergency, dial 9-1-1! If there is not an emergency, call the non-emergency fireworks hotline for the Arvada Police Department at 720-898-6919 to report the usage. Please do not call 9-1-1 for simple fireworks complaints, as doing so may clog the emergency lines and delay notification when someone with an actual emergency is calling.

Professional fireworks displays are produced by companies who must comply with strict licensing and permitting requirements. The Arvada Fire Protection District recommends that for a legal and safe celebration of the 4th of July, leave the fireworks to the professionals!
HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

FIREFIGHTERS CAR FEST

AUGUST 4 ★ 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

STENER SOCCER COMPLEX  11200 W. 58th Ave., ARVADA, CO

Classics, Sports Cars, Hot Rods, Motorcycles, Muscle Cars, Fire Trucks, Military Vehicles

FREE SPECTATOR ADMISSION

$20 Preregistration  $25 Day of Show

Cars, Trucks, DJ, Live Music, Food, Family Fun

Proceeds Benefit: Friends of Arvada Fire

More Info Coming Soon At:

www.fafpd.org
New Public Hours
Open Year Round
Tuesday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m

Located in 80-acre Majestic View Park, offering public, school, scout, home school and community group programs, and rentals.

Pre-Registration Required for All Classes
Full class descriptions and program registration available at arvada.org/nature

Dean’s Nature Walk on Ralston Creek Trail
Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All ages. Free
Meet at Oak Park, 6559 Oak St.

Olde Town Telescope Night
Friday, June 7, 8 - 10 p.m., July, 5 8:30-10 p.m., July 13 & August 2, 8 - 10 p.m.
All ages. Free. Meet in Arvada Olde Town Square

Tennis and Nature Camps
Monday - Friday, July 8 - 12, July 29 - August 2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ages 6 - 12 yrs. $130 RES/ $145/NR. Register at apexprd.org/register.

Marshmallows and the Moon Campfire
Friday, June 14, 9 - 10 p.m. All ages. Free
View the moon and roast a marshmallow . . . or two!

Chilling With Chickens
Saturday, June 15, 12 - 2 p.m. All ages. $30 (Limited scholarships available)
Meet at the CSA Farm. Contact abbi@frontlinefarming.org to register and for information.

Everybody Loves Grace - Story time in the garden
Saturday, June 15, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. All ages. Free
Come meet Grace, the dog, as she and her mom share their stories in the garden.

NASA: Expedition to Infinity with Mad Science
Monday - Friday, June 17 - 21, 9 a.m. - noon/4 p.m Ages K - 5th grade. $199/half day,
$299/full day
Register at Colorado.madscience.org or call 303-403-0432.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet - Outdoor Nature Play Date and Book Reading
Friday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. All ages. Free
Special guest appearance: Grace the dog!

EleTRICKS & FUngeering with Mad Science
Monday - Friday, June 24 - 28, 9 a.m. - noon/4 p.m. Ages K - 5th grade. $199/half day, $299/full day. Register at Colorado.madscience.org or call 303-403-0432.

Snakes Alive Campfire
Saturday, June 29, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All ages. $5/person, $15/family
See live snakes!

Tai Chi At Majestic View
Mondays, July 8 - August 26 Beginning 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Continuing 5 - 6 p.m.
Adults. $80 for 8-weeks

Dean’s Nature Walk Near Churches Ranch
Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All ages. Free
Meet at Bird’s Nest Disk Golf Park, 17925 W. 64th Parkway.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Play Date
Friday, July 12, 9:30 - 11 a.m. All ages. Free

Beekeeping Inspection: How to Husband Your Bees
Friday, July 12, 6 - 8 p.m. Ages 10+. $40 (Free and partial tuition available)
Meet at the CSA Farm. Contact abbi@frontlinefarming.org to register and for information.

Raptor ID Seminar
Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. All Ages. $20/person
Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance shares how to identify CO’s native raptor species.
Register early! Contact Emily for more info & registration connect@rmwalliance.org

Mid-Season Troubleshooting in the Garden
Saturday, July 20, 2 - 3 p.m. Ages 13+. $5
Join CSU Master Gardeners in a Q&A Panel to answer your mid-season questions.

Gold, Gold, Gold Campfire
Saturday, July 20, 7 - 8: 30 pm All ages. $5/person, $15/family
Hear some gold tales around the campfire as you roast marshmallows.

Planets in the Night Sky Campfire
Friday, July 26, 9 - 10 p.m. All ages. Free
Telescope viewing and marshmallow roasting

Drop in Discovery
June 6 & 17 & July 16, 10 a.m. All ages. Free.
Farm Fresh from Arvada!

Nearly a decade ago, the residents of Arvada and City staff began working collaboratively in support of community agriculture. Since 2012, when the City Council adopted the Sustain Arvada Plan to advance these efforts, community agriculture has been included in other important master plans, such as the Comprehensive Plan and the Parks Master Plan, solidifying the City’s long-term commitment to community agriculture.

The City grants the use of open space for farming to community members who support the operation financially and work on the farm in exchange for shares in the farm’s production. Excess produce grown at a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm may be sold directly to the community. One of the most direct benefits of CSA is that residents are able to purchase shares, or share memberships, having access to locally grown produce all summer long. Other benefits include having access to volunteer opportunities, classes, recipes, healthy eating tips and even the occasional farm-fresh festival! Interested in purchasing a food share, volunteering on the farm, stopping by a farm stand for fresh veggies on your way home from work?

Star Acre Farms: 8412 N. Alkire St.  
www.staracrefarms.com

Star Acre Farms grows and harvests produce by hand without the use of chemicals. You can purchase a CSA membership, volunteer at the farm or purchase from their produce stand throughout the growing season. They host “First Friday” festivals June through September.

Front Line Farming: 7000 Garrison St.  
www.frontlinefarming.org

Frontline Farming is the new steward of the Majestic View Farm site, the 2-acre plot adjacent to the Majestic View Nature Center. They offer food shares from June through September and host weekly and monthly volunteer events and an educational class series. The site houses bee hives, eight laying chickens and a chicken coop.

GoFarm/Community Agriculture:  
www.gofarmcoop.org

GoFarm, a new nonprofit in Arvada, partners with local farmers to bring fresh produce to you in your neighborhood. You can sign up for a local food share to get farm-fresh food from June through October. Shares include vegetables, fruit, eggs, mushrooms and bread. As part of the membership, you’ll also get recipe ideas, food samples and information about local farmers and eating seasonally.

Farmers markets are popular in Arvada during the summer months, including one in Olde Town Square each Sunday morning June through September.
**Arvada Works Program Inaugural Year Update**

With the support of the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA), the Arvada Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated one year of the Arvada Works, a program that seeks to improve the community’s local talent supply chain. The first year was filled with a long list of lessons learned, but one theme consistently rose to the top: Arvada cares. Many businesses and community partners came together to start the conversations that are crucial to identifying the challenges, gaps and opportunities associated with the workforce readiness in changing its approach in the future.

Over the course of the program’s first year, the Chamber engaged 80 local businesses and developed strategic partnerships with more than 30 local suppliers who understand the value of convening with industry. More than 200 meetings were held with community partners to establish a strong understanding of the importance of improving the local talent pipeline, resulting in the launch of four industry collaboratives focused on closing the skills gap: Construction/Trades, Healthcare, STEM/Manufacturing and Professional Services.

Year two will bring the creation of additional opportunities for industry and suppliers to engage in solutions through workforce summits, trainings and special events. In April, the program organized its first Career Exploration Week geared toward connecting local businesses with their future workforce.

Arvada Works needs the sustained support, engagement and participation of everyone in our community—not just business owners. Contact the Arvada Chamber of Commerce at [www.arvadachamber.org/arvada-works](http://www.arvadachamber.org/arvada-works) to join an employer collaborative, register as a Pathway Partner or to subscribe to the monthly stakeholder email newsletter. Get involved today.

**Daniel Ryley Named Young Professional of the Year**

The Arvada Chamber recently announced Daniel Ryley of the Arvada Economic Development Association as one of the recipients of the Arvada Young Professionals Leadership Award. Daniel has worked in Arvada Economic Development for nearly five years, and in 2018 was named as its executive director. Daniel also serves as chair of the Community Leaders of Hope Advisory Committee with Extended Hands of Hope, a human rights organization that houses and empowers survivors of child sex trafficking. Ryley was honored at their annual awards luncheon. To learn more about the luncheon including the complete list of honorees, visit [www.arvadachamber.org](http://www.arvadachamber.org).

**New Arvada Businesses**

The following are new businesses that have either opened, are under new ownership or plan to open soon in Arvada:

- **Cold Stone Creamery**, 5545 Wadsworth Blvd.
- **Club Pilates**, 7705 Wadsworth Blvd.
- **Urban Beets (restaurant)**, 5616 Wadsworth Blvd.
- **X7Fit**, 6550 Wadsworth Blvd.

For a complete listing of Arvada businesses, go to [www.ArvadaEconomicDevelopment.org](http://www.ArvadaEconomicDevelopment.org) and select “Business Directory.”
Land Development Code Update

Next Open House
Thursday, Sept. 5: 6 to 8 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
8101 Ralston Rd.

The City is in the process of updating the Land Development Code, which is the set of regulations that govern how land can be used or developed in Arvada. Over the past year, the members of the public have attended open houses about the Land Development Code update, where topics such as proposed new zoning districts, land uses in these zoning districts, short-term rentals, parking regulations and other topics have been presented for review and comments.

If you would like to learn more about this process, visit www.advancearvada.org and register your email address to receive future updates.

Taste of ARVADA
Thursday, June 13,
Apex Center (13150 72nd Ave.), 6 to 8 p.m.

More than 100 Denver Metro and Arvada restaurants, craft breweries and non-food vendors will display their finest culinary bites, sips and offerings, and restaurant and bar vendors will compete for coveted prizes in their categories, voted on by attendees.

Advance tickets are $30 and $10 for children ages 3-12. VIP admission $40. General admission at the door is $35. Tickets include all the samples from both food and drink vendors and can be purchased at the Arvada Chamber of Commerce (7305 Grandview Ave.) or at www.arvada chamber.org/taste. Questions about Taste of Arvada? Contact Samantha Geerdes at Samantha@arvada chamber.org or call 303-424-0313.

AURA recently launched a Facebook survey that asked:
“Do you have a favorite AURA project?”

Here are the top three:

# 1
Olde Town Streetscape and Fountain

# 2
The Shops at Ralston Creek

# 3
Water Tower Village

Arvada Urban Renewal Authority works to improve our city by revitalizing blighted and underutilized areas. One of AURA’s key project goals is Quality of Life Improvements through projects such as new housing, retail and restaurants, parks, streetscapes, and other amenities that strengthen local businesses and benefit residents.

Follow AURA online @aravadarenewal and look for future surveys
The Arvada Report
June/July 2019

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Organized Waste Hauling Update

Just a reminder that the City continues to explore an organized waste hauling system. If you offered feedback during earlier phases of the project, thank you. The City team is reviewing the feedback and working to better understand details such as costs of services and logistics requirements of various waste hauling options. For project updates, to review community feedback collected so far and to learn about future opportunities to participate.


The City of Arvada is exploring ways to make the Arvada Report more readable and relevant to you. It’s part of ongoing efforts to help communications and engagement efforts meet your needs. Will you help us by answering a few questions about the Arvada Report?

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

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

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

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

5. What can we do to improve the Arvada Report?

You Can Provide Your Feedback in 3 Ways:

1. Complete the survey online at Speakup.arvada.org. Look for “Improving Communications and Engagement.”
2. Tear out, complete and mail this page to Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd., Arvada, CO 80002), att: Ben Irwin. You can even drop it off, if you like.
3. Email your answers or a scan of this page to Cindy Javelet (cjavelet@arvada.org).

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The Arvada Visitors Center is a one-stop-shop resource for the residents of Arvada and guests visiting the area. The Visitors Center is located in Historic Olde Town Arvada at 7305 Grandview Avenue. Summer Hours: June – August, Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Winter Hours: September – May, Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.visitarvada.org or contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jeang@visitarvada.org.
Announcing the Arvada Center 2019/20 Theatre Season

For more information and to subscribe visit arvadacenter.org

2019 Arvada Center Summer Concert Series

3rd Law Dance / Theater
June 1
Wonderbound Presents Boomtown with Chimney Choir June 14 & 15
Riders in the Sky and Hot Club of Cowtown June 15
Orquesta Akokán With Baracutanga June 29
The Denver Brass Awesome Summer Mix June 30
Colorado Symphony Presents Mozart Under Moonlight July 11

Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra Plays the Music of Ray Charles with Count Basie July 13
Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo July 15
Colorado Symphony A Symphonic Tribute to Comic Con July 21
George Thorogood and the Destroyers August 4
Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals August 17
Colorado Ballet August 24
Squeeze The Squeeze Songbook Tour with X September 6