The Arvada Plaza Shopping Center opened in 1963 at the intersection of Ralston Road and Independence St. Over the years, it was home to a variety of businesses, and represented a quintessential retail hub during a time when people drove to the nearest major intersection for all of life’s necessities including groceries, restaurants, auto repair, dry cleaning, clothing, and shoes.

Today, what was the Arvada Plaza is now the Ralston Creek development. Turn to page 4 to take a walk back in time and remember the heydays of the Plaza and its slow demise.

City Establishing Severe Weather Shelter

The August/September issue of The Arvada Report highlighted the growing problem of homelessness in our community. This winter, the City of Arvada is partnering with the Severe Weather Shelter Network to establish overnight shelters at churches during extreme cold events. This program requires a robust volunteer network, as well as donations, to be successful. If you are interested in becoming involved, please visit arvada.org/shelter.

Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day! Exercise your right as a citizen: Don’t forget to vote!

Candidates for Arvada City Council

COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1
TWO YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
- Nancy Ford

COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3
FOUR YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
- John Marriott

COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE
FOUR YEAR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE
- Dot Miller
- Jordan Hohenstein
- Dave Palm
- Jim Whitfield
- John Malito

For more information on voting locations and other elections, visit: jeffco.us/elections www.co.adams.co.us
Get Connected with Arvada
City of Arvada – City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO, 80001-8101
720-898-7000 • www.arvada.org

24/7 Inquiries - ASK ARVADA at www.arvada.org. To sign up for alerts about City Council Meetings or Community Events, register for ARVADANEWS. Go to www.arvadanews.org
For more information, please contact Cindy Javelet, Communications Coordinator, at 720-898-7834 or cjavelet@arvada.org.

City Government Phone Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1
Non-Emergency Dispatch 720-898-6900
City Hall Main Line 720-898-7000

Accounts Payable 720-898-7130
Accounts Receivable 720-898-7128
Animal Control 720-898-6850
Arvada Center Box Office 720-898-7200
Arvada Economic Development 720-898-7010
Arvada Urban Renewal 720-898-7060
Building Inspections 720-898-7630
Building Permits 720-898-7620

City Manager’s Office 720-898-7500
Code Enforcement 720-898-7465
Communications Manager 720-898-7507
Fingerprinting Services 720-898-6808
Housing 720-898-7494
Lake Arbor Golf Club 720-898-7360
Liquor Licenses 720-898-7550
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School Resource Officers - Contact Individual Schools 720-898-7435
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Streets 720-898-7740
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City Council Meetings/Workshops - Arvada City Hall, Council Chambers - Mondays, 6:00 p.m.

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(Note: Times and dates subject to change. To confirm meetings go to arvada.org or call 720-898-7530.)

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Festival of Scarecrows

Olde Town Arvada
Saturday, October 7
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This not-to-miss festival has fun activities for everyone including:
- Scarecrow contest
- Giant pumpkin contest
- Decorated pumpkin contest
- Costumed kids parade
- Local vendors

For more information call 303-420-6100 or visit oldetownarvada.org

Taste of ARVADA

Thursday, October 26
6 – 8 p.m. (VIP Hour 5 – 6 p.m.)
APEX Center
13150 W. 72nd Ave.

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Taste of Arvada, featuring over 60 Arvada and metro-area restaurants and craft breweries displaying their finest culinary bites and sips, and competing for coveted prizes voted on by attendees.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit arvada chamber.org, call 303-424-0313, or email stephanie@arvada chamber.org

Cheers for the Holidays

Saturday, December 2
Standley Lake Library, 8485 Kipling St.
5 – 6 p.m.: VIP Entry, $40
6 – 8:30 p.m.: General Admission, $25

Uncork your holiday cheer! Sample a variety of wines and craft beers, appetizers, and desserts while helping Hope House of Colorado, a Colorado non-profit dedicated to transforming the lives of teen mothers. The event will also feature live jazz music and a silent auction.

Cheers for the Holidays sells out every year and reservations must be made in advance, so don’t delay! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit arvadafestivals.regfox.com/cheers

10K Turkey Trek and 2K Turkey Toddle

Saturday, November 18
Long Lake Ranch Regional Park
17850 W. 64th Ave.

Register at 10kturkeytrek.com
Receive a 15% discount using the code ARVREPORT
Remembering the Arvada Plaza

The 1960s

In 1961, the City of Arvada annexed 600 acres, including 40 acres earmarked for a shopping center as well as residential development. The cost to develop the shopping center, named the Arvada Plaza, was approximately two million dollars. The Plaza was built at the southeast corner of Independence St. and Ralston Road, adjacent to the existing Arvada Triangle and Arvada Square Shopping Centers.

The grand opening of the Arvada Plaza was held on August 8, 1963 and included three popular stores: Howell’s Department Store, Arvada Hobbies ‘N Toys, and Arvada Plaza Music, TV, Inc. The Plaza continued to expand, adding another 31,000 square feet including Furr’s Cafeteria. Arvada’s second indoor movie theater opened in the Plaza in 1965; the first film aired was “How the West was Won.” The theater was a huge draw for teenagers and young adults, who lined up around the block for the opening weekend of the Beatles’ movie “HELP” in the fall of 1965.

The 1970s

In 1971, Lehrer’s Flowers of Denver opened in the Plaza with its own building. Also in 1971, all activities for the Arvada Harvest Festival were held in the Plaza’s parking lot—one of just two years when the Harvest Festival was not centered in Olde Town Arvada.

In 1972, construction began on the expansion of the Arvada State Bank, including four drive-up windows and one walk-up window for customers.

On November 16, 1973, country music star Johnny Cash made a personal appearance at the Arvada Plaza Theater to promote “The Gospel Road,” a movie he narrated. His wife June and daughter Roseanne accompanied him on stage.

In 1974, major road construction eliminated the hypotenuse of the Arvada Triangle.

The 1980s and Beyond

As is the case with most retail developments, over time, the Arvada Plaza began to show its age. Major anchors including Albertsons and Howell’s moved out. Vacancy rates climbed and the buildings and parking lots deteriorated.

Unfortunately, in addition to age, the Plaza faced an even more significant challenge—poor drainage and a tendency to flood during heavy rain storms. Manhole covers in the area were known to blow off and businesses had to open front and rear doors to allow floodwater to pass through their buildings.

In 1985, the City and the Chamber of Commerce created the Triangle Improvement Project (TIP) committee which included members of Council, City staff, Chamber members, and business leaders. They were tasked with creating a plan to revitalize the Triangle area. Unfortunately, there was not enough financial support from either the City or the property owners to implement the plan.
The Plaza continued to deteriorate over the next 25 years before a plan could be implemented. In 2003, the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) created a new urban renewal area to address the deteriorating center, and in 2008, the Triangle Advisory Committee, consisting of citizens, property owners, retail tenants, and other stakeholders devised the plan that was ultimately implemented in 2013. Demolition and redevelopment of the Plaza began in 2016 – over 30 years after the City had prioritized the remediation of this blighted shopping center.

**Today**

What once was the Arvada Plaza Shopping Center is now a redeveloped site. Years of decaying pavement and hazardous materials were removed to make room for the 135,000 square foot Super Walmart, which held its grand opening on August 9, 2017.
National Weather Service Recognizes Arvada as a StormReady® Community

In August, the National Weather Service (NWS) certified the City of Arvada as a StormReady® community. The City qualified after a year-long application process during which the City demonstrated its solid communication system and comprehensive, multi-hazard emergency operations plan. As an additional benefit, the City has earned additional points through the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System, which could reduce flood insurance premium rates for residents.

StormReady® is the NWS’s national community preparedness program that helps communities develop plans to handle all types of severe weather. In order to become StormReady®, the community must:

• Maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
• Have multiple methods to receive and disseminate severe weather warnings and information for their community;
• Have various methods to monitor weather conditions locally;
• Promote the importance of public safety and awareness of severe weather;
• Develop formal hazardous weather plans, including severe weather spotter training.

Arvada joins 13 other StormReady® municipalities in the State of Colorado (as of August 2017, there were 2,675 StormReady® and/or TsunamiReady® sites across 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U. S. Pacific Islands).

Paying Your Water Bill

The City of Arvada is excited to present our NEW online payment portal: Visit arvada.org/paymywaterbill and click on the big green Pay Online button to register.

Why use the new online payment portal?
• The new online payment portal has a “wallet feature” which enables users to save their choice of payment type for future payments.
• The new online payment portal makes it easy to pay by text and email links.
• Once the previous online payment portal is deactivated (October), ALL online payment customers will be required to use the NEW portal.

Other Payment Options
Payments can also be made by phone, by direct debit, by mail, or in person.

• Pay by phone using a credit card; call 720-898-7852.
• Enroll in Direct Debit Payment service. Visit arvada.org/paymywaterbill to download the form.
• Mail a check payable to City of Arvada, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO 80002
• Pay in person at City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road, first floor.

Billing for water, sewer, and storm water services are sent on a bi-monthly basis.

Water Shut Off: Important Information

If your water service has been shut off due to lack of payment, payments to restore water service must be received during business hours. Business hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Payments can be made by calling 720-898-7070 or in person at 8101 Ralston Road, first floor.
Arvada PD Shred-A-THON set for October 14, 2017

New Location at Arvada High School

The Arvada Police invites residents to protect their identity and personal information by taking part in the Annual Arvada Police Shred-A-Thon. This community event is on Saturday, October 14 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. New this year, the event will be held at the Arvada High School North Parking lot. The high school is located at 7951 W. 65th Ave. behind Walgreens.

Arvada Police partners with Shred-it to safely destroy documents containing personal information. Residents and businesses can bring up to three boxes or three bags of documents. Items recommended for shredding are:

- Credit card statements
- Bank statements
- Tax forms
- Medical statements
- Other items containing personal information

The event is free, but donations are welcomed; proceeds from the Shred-a-Thon will benefit the W. Michael Northey Foundation which provides scholarships to local high school students. This is one of only two fundraising events held each year for the Northey Foundation. In 2017, the Northey Foundation awarded $25,500 in scholarships to 16 Arvada high school and college students.

Area high school students and Arvada Police Explorers will be on hand to assist with unloading items.
Did you know that Jefferson and Broomfield Counties’ emergency services agencies, including law enforcement, fire, and EMS offer Text to 9-1-1 service?

Most cell phone carriers, including Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile have the technology to make this available.

A text sent to 9-1-1 will go to emergency dispatchers who are logged into a secure website to see the message. If you are in a service area where texting is not available, you will be sent a bounce-back text alerting you. At that point, you will need to call 9-1-1.

Like cell phone calls to 9-1-1, dispatchers will not know your exact location. The location service for texting is even broader than with cell phone calls which makes pinpointing an exact location more difficult. So if you are texting your emergency, it is important to include your location and the nature of your emergency as part of the first message.

While calling 9-1-1 is the preferred method of contact, making Text to 9-1-1 available is important for when calling is not a viable or safe option. This service will be very useful to those who are hard of hearing, deaf, or speech-impaired.

Other examples of how it is useful are:

- The caller is facing a threatening situation and a voice call could increase the threat.
- The caller is injured or suffered a medical condition and cannot speak.
- The caller is in a remote location and can only send out text messages.
- Phone lines and cell phone towers are overwhelmed and only a text message can get through.

When texting, residents are asked to avoid slang and abbreviations for the sake of clarity. Photos and videos cannot be sent to dispatchers through this method, and texts are limited to 160 characters. These limitations, however, may change as technology advances.

Residents who are unsure if their carriers offer this service should call their provider directly to find out.

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Arvada Police to Host Coffee with a Cop on October 4

The Arvada Police are participating in National Coffee with a Cop Day at two locations in Arvada. Join members of the Arvada Police on Wednesday, October 4 for coffee and conversation, and learn about ways you can partner with your police department.

**Wednesday, October 4**

**Candelas Parkview Club**
19865 W. 94th Ave.
7 – 9 a.m.

**5340 Coffee**
6474 Ward Road
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*
Fraud Prevention Tips

Over the next few editions, we will review some of the top areas of Fraud and give tips on how you can help protect yourself. This month, we look at Mail and Internet Fraud, and Contractor Fraud.

MAIL AND INTERNET FRAUD

Warning Signs:
• You play sweepstakes daily because you think you need extra money, holding out hope you will win a big prize someday.
• You believe because your mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, it must be legitimate.
• You open and read all of your mail because many pieces look like official government documents or heartfelt solicitations for charity – and you don’t have anything better to do.
• You’re getting the same offers through e-mail that you used to receive through the U.S. mail.

Preventative Steps:
• Even though it may be fun or give you something to do, stop participating in sweepstakes, lotteries, and contest offers.
• If you were to truly win something, you NEVER have to pay any fees, taxes, or costs of ANY kind before receiving your winnings – that’s the law!
• Don’t even give temptation a chance. If you receive a mailing or e-mail that promotes sweepstakes, lotteries, charities, credit repair, work-at-home offers, or a Nigerian letter, throw the envelope away or delete the e-mail without opening it.

CONTRACTOR FRAUD

Warning Signs:
• A home repair contractor solicits you at your door, insisting you have a problem which must be repaired right away.
• A contractor offers a bargain price or claims to have materials left over from another job.
• A contractor requires a substantial payment in advance or charges significantly more after the work is completed.
• An inspector appears at your door, claiming to work for the city or a utility company and must come into your home to inspect your water heater, furnace, or check a meter in your backyard.

Preventative Steps:
• BEWARE of door-to-door contractors using high-pressure or scare tactics to get an immediate decision.
• DON’T do business with someone who comes to your door offering a bargain or claims to have materials left over.
• Get at least three written bids. DON’T always choose the lowest bidder – almost all complaints to the District Attorney’s Office involve contractors with very low bids. You get what you pay for!
• Require the contractor to use a written contract that lists materials, costs, and the completion date.
• Don’t allow any stranger into your home, no matter who they claim to be. City inspectors do not go door-to-door!
• Obtain a “Lien Waiver” before any party does work on your home.

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Arvada residents and businesses are reminded to register their phone numbers – land, cell, text, and other – with the CodeRED emergency notification system.

The CodeRED system is used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts, to everyone who registers. In addition to telephone messages, CodeRED can also send emails and there is even a CodeRED emergency notification app for smartphones.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit the CodeRED registration web site at your911.net to add additional contact information, including phone numbers, SMS (text), and email address preferences. This is especially important for those addresses without a landline, as residents and businesses must register if they want to receive emergency notifications.

If you have registered previously, it is always a good idea to visit the web site your911.net and ensure all the information is current.

**CodeRED FAQs**

**Q:** Why doesn’t the caller ID say the Arvada Police Department? It’s an 800 number and I don’t answer those.

**A:** We contract with CodeRED for notifications and they lease lines to contact citizens. Unfortunately, they do not have control on what appears on your caller ID from those lines.

**Q:** Can I limit the types of notifications that I receive? I don’t want to get calls on missing people, only police activity/safety information.

**A:** The Police Department is very careful not to send out any messages that are not a high priority. We do consider missing endangered adults and missing children as a high priority. Typically, we send notifications on situations with potential for imminent danger, such as a police incident involving weapons, weather situations such as flooding, large wildlife such as a bear, missing children, or missing endangered adults. We are not able to differentiate between types of emergency notifications; it is all notifications or none.

**Q:** I didn’t hear the message fully the first time. How can I replay it?

**A:** At the end of the message, it will give you an option to replay the message. If you missed the call and can’t hear it well enough on your voice mail, you can call back the number on your caller ID. The system will recognize your number and replay the message that was previously sent to your number.

**Q:** My neighbor got a message and I didn’t. Why?

**A:** There are a couple of possible reasons for this. When the Police Department sends out a notification, they draw a boundary around the area for notification. It is possible that your address was outside that boundary, but your neighbor was inside the boundary. Another reason could be that you have a VoIP phone and have not registered it. While landlines are automatically in the CodeRED database, wireless and VoIP phones are not; you must register them on your911.net.

If you have a question as to why you didn’t get a notification, you may call Police Dispatch at 720-898-6900.
Smart911

Smart 911 is a free national service used by Arvada 911. When 911 receives a call, only a phone number and minimal levels of location data are displayed. With Smart 911, citizens create a Safety Profile online consisting of additional data about themselves and family members which is automatically displayed to 911 dispatchers during emergency calls. The result is far greater emergency response effectiveness and saved lives.

- Safety profiles can include the vital personal and medical information for each member of the home. Participants may also include a photo for each person and list any pets that may be in the home.
- Registration is free, easy, and secure. Visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and create your family’s safety profile. It could save your life, or the life of someone you love.

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is the start of the fall holiday season and the Arvada Police want to help make your holiday safe and fun for everyone. With common sense and the following safety tips, this spooky fun celebration will be enjoyed by parents, kids, and neighbors.

- Never, ever go into a stranger’s house or even ring their door for treats unless your parents are with you and say that it’s okay.
- Be careful when you cross a street. Make sure to look in both directions and make sure that there are no cars coming.
- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and with whom you are going.

- Parents, the best plan is to go with your kids and watch out for them as they are trick or treating, but if that isn’t possible, know the route your kids will be taking. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home.
- Costumes should be made of flame retardant material. If they are homemade, make sure and use either a fire retardant spray or fabric that has been treated with fire retardant.
- Make sure your child’s costume includes reflector strips, a flash light or light stick to make them more visible at night. This will assure that they are seen by drivers and that you can keep an eye on them as well if they get ahead of you while trick or treating.
- If your child is wearing a mask, make sure that the eye holes are big enough to see not only in front but peripherally as well. You may have to cut them open further yourself. If so, use some black or gray grease paint around the eye socket to cover skin.

By keeping Halloween a fun, safe, and happy holiday for you and your kids, you’ll be sure to create memories for everyone to look back on. For more useful Halloween safety tips, visit [www.halloweensafety.com](http://www.halloweensafety.com/).
Leaf Recycling
The City of Arvada is offering free leaf recycling on November 4, 11, and 18, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at two locations:
• Stenger Soccer Complex
  5675 Oak St.
• Perma Green Organics
  5520 Harlan St.
These drop-off sites are for Arvada residents only, and are not available for commercial landscape businesses. Leaves in plastic bags will need to be emptied. No large brush, branches, or tree stumps will be accepted. Check the City website for possible additional locations as November approaches.

Used Cooking Oil
The City of Arvada will no longer hold a used cooking oil drop-off on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. However, SustainAbility, located at 6240 W. 54th Ave., takes used cooking oil all year around at no cost!

Fitzmorris Pool, Rec Center Breaks Ground
The community surrounding Arvada’s central Ralston Road corridor still misses the outdoor Fisher Pool, an Apex Park and Recreation District facility that closed in 2008 due to age and insufficient funding to replace the pool. Despite the opening of the wildly popular splash pad at the same location (now Ralston Central Park), many still dreamed of an outdoor pool in the area as a place for residents of all ages to learn to swim.

Through a partnership among the City of Arvada, the Apex Park and Recreation District, Jeffco Schools, and Citizens for a Liveable Ralston Community, that dream is becoming a reality.

Jeffco Schools owns Fitzmorris Elementary School, located at 6250 Independence St., which includes the school building, parking lot, and open space area. The City owns Fitzmorris Park, directly to the north and underutilized with just bluegrass turf. Both the location and amount of open space made this area an ideal candidate for a new, outdoor pool to serve the community. Funding the project, however, presented a challenge. The City of Arvada committed $3.1 million but it was not enough to fully fund the pool. Enter the Apex Park and Recreation District, which included the project in its May 2016 bond election. Voters approved the bond and Apex committed $1.8 million to fully fund the Fitzmorris Pool and Recreation Center.

In undertaking this joint project, the City, Apex, and Jeffco Schools individually and collectively recognize the public purpose of the project and desire to maximize the efficient use of the school property and Fitzmorris Park to expand the public park and recreation amenities available to serve their shared constituencies.

The Apex Park and Recreation District is the lead contractor on the project, which broke ground in August of 2017. The Fitzmorris Recreation Center and outdoor pool is expected to be completed in the summer of 2018.
The City of Arvada and Red Rocks Community College are working together to construct a unique destination park in the Arvada Ridge area—the Arvada Holistic Health and Fitness Park.

The primary goal of the Park is to provide a unique and meaningful park space within a dense, transit-oriented neighborhood. The Park will focus on offering the community a welcoming place to exercise the body and mind with a variety of outdoor holistic health and fitness techniques, as well as spaces for more traditional public recreation activities. Opportunities for public art are also being considered.

This Park aims to help residents become active participants in their health and wellness, providing a place to exercise and practice physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of wellness that promote whole-body health. It will also act as an outdoor classroom and research laboratory for students at Red Rocks Community College, enhancing practical educational opportunities for the students enrolled in the Holistic Health program.

Low-Cost Shade Trees for Sale

Are you looking to make your yard and neighborhood more beautiful, reduce utility costs by increasing shade, reduce storm water runoff, or perhaps replace ash trees that are susceptible to the emerald ash bore? Trees Across Arvada is your answer! The program is back for its 14th year of making low-cost shade trees available to Arvada area residents. Over 3,000 drought tolerant trees have been planted in Arvada as a result of Trees Across Arvada. The program is made possible through the Colorado Tree Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, renewing, and enhancing Colorado’s community forests.

The trees, all low-to-moderately low water use varieties, are five to ten feet tall on arrival, and up to 1.5 inches in diameter; air-pruned containers, balled and burlaped, or bare root trees are available. Costs range from $30 - $55. Trees are ordered and paid for by December 29, 2017. Tree pick-up, for planting, will be mid-April 2018.

For more information e-mail arvadatrees@comcast.net, or call 303-421-3206.

A Public Open House on the new Health and Fitness Park will be held on Tuesday, October 17 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Red Rocks Community College Arvada Campus, in the Welcome Center lobby at 5430 Miller St. It will be an informal format in which attendees can come at any time to view designs, talk to the designers, and provide feedback. No formal presentation will be made.
Quick Facts About the AFPD

Here are some fun facts that you may not have known about us!

- The Arvada Fire Protection District was founded in 1911.
- Our firefighters work 48 hours on, 96 hours off.
- We have three shifts: A shift, B shift, and C shift.
- When you see several of us at the grocery store, please know we go together so that if necessary we can respond to an emergency as quickly as possible. We remain together so that we can collectively be ready to roll out immediately. Also, since we are in the station for 48 hours we shop for groceries and cook our meals together.
- Firefighters pay for their own meals; tax dollars are not used to buy their food.
- We conduct many “special operations” outside of firefighting, including:
  - Ice & Water Rescue
  - Hazardous Materials Response
  - Wildfire
  - Technical Rescue
- We have five ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulances in service.
- Five of our fire apparatus provide ALS and three provide BLS (Basic Life Support).
- The AFPD has a full-service maintenance and repair facility that maintains a fleet of 75 pieces of equipment and 15 buildings within the District.
- Our paramedics are also trained as firefighters. They will spend one month on an engine and then rotate one month on an ambulance to keep up with their skills in both areas.
- We have 148 line firefighters.
Chief Report

By Chief Jon Greer

Budget time is an exciting yet hectic time of the year for the Fire District. In addition to our normal duties, we must also prioritize needs, look at salary adjustments, and ensure that our ongoing responsibilities are met. Once these things are determined, we must then ensure that everything fits within a balanced budget.

The Fire District follows a budget calendar to ensure that we meet not only our own timelines, but the timelines that are outlined by Colorado State Statute. Our calendar is shown below:

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As you can see, we work on the budget for several months each year. For the most part the budget is defined by salaries, benefits, debt service, and ongoing expenses like legal and utilities. That leaves about 25% that we can allocate to different areas in the Department while also keeping future financial plans and goals in mind.

We know that our current expenditures can impact future budgets. We want to be sure that we are looking ahead to the next five to six years and what our needs will be at that time.

When we look at adding items to the budget, like new personnel, we evaluate the long-term effects. A good example of a future expense is the new Station 9 in the Candelas area, and the 12 firefighters that will be needed to staff that Station. While building the Station is a one-time expense, the cost of maintaining it with proper staffing levels will be ongoing. We therefore need to look ahead and ensure we are adequately prepared—even though it may be several years in the future, we must plan our expenditures now to ensure that we have adequate funding to cover those personnel costs.

District management staff and specialty team leads work hard to come up with a comprehensive budget that guarantees the Department is financially secure now and well into the future. To review the current budget of the Arvada Fire Protection District, visit arvadafire.com and click on “important documents.” If you have questions, please call me at 303-424-3012. As always thanks for letting us be your Fire Department.

Battle of the Badges

This summer the Arvada Police and Arvada Fire Departments participated in Bonfils’ first-ever Battle of the Badges competition.

Blood donations are needed year-round; however, in the summer months the need increases as donations tend to taper off. The Battle of the Badges helps alleviate the strain on depleting blood reserves. Fire and law enforcement agencies from around Colorado came together to hold blood drive donation events. Across the State, 13,895 people donated 13,339 units of blood. These donations will save or enhance the lives of 40,000 patients in need.

During the event each donor had the option to vote for Team Fire or Team Law. Though Team Fire won the friendly competition for bragging rights, we know the true winners are the ones whose lives will be saved by the efforts of these campaigns.

Arvada Fire and Arvada Police hosted two separate blood drives in July. The Arvada Police event resulted in 41 pints of donated blood and Arvada Fire’s resulted in 37 pints of blood. Both events brought in first time donors. The Arvada Police Department had 16 walk-ins; 14 of them were first time donors!

Together our departments collected a total of 78 pints of blood, totaling in 234 lives saved. Though this event was advertised as a “battle” it was really a great opportunity for Team Fire and Team Law to yet again collaborate on an effort that results in us being able to better serve our community.
Smoke Alarm Campaign

This past summer, the AFPD held the “Six Days of Summer Smoke Alarm Safety Campaign.”

The Community Risk Reduction Division challenged the stations to a friendly competition: whomever could get the most smoke and CO alarms installed in homes in their service area would win the best prize we could think of... food of course!

The entire District did a phenomenal job from coordinating the distribution of supplies to managing donations. The crews have stunned fire departments and non-profits from around the nation with the amount of alarms they were able to install in just six days. In total we were able to install 1,643 alarms, replace 100 batteries, and inspect 316 homes. In addition, we received over $3,000 in donations that we can use to continue to support our smoke alarm program.

A huge thank you to Operation Save-a-Life for their large donation of battery-powered smoke and CO alarms. Much gratitude is also owed to the Red Cross which supplied us with an additional 160 alarms for the campaign once we ran out of supplies. The Red Cross continually supports our smoke alarm program by donating battery powered alarms year round.

Thank you to all who invited us into your homes and for our community partners for making this event possible!

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We Have a New Website!

Please take some time to check out our new and much improved website!

The website is loaded with information. Check out safety tips on topics such as home safety, safety within a business setting, motor vehicle safety, fall prevention, youth fire setting, and more. You can also learn more about the fire station that serves your neighborhood and the various divisions that we have throughout the Department.

Have questions about the permitting process or how to request a visit from us to your next event? Just visit our website. We have kept a record of the most frequently asked questions that we receive from the public and have made sure our answers are easier to access.

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Arvada Fire’s 8th Annual Firehouse Chili Cook-Off

A suggested Donation of $5.00

100% of the donations will benefit Arvada Fire’s 9/11 Memorial Fund

December 5
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
@ Klines Beer Hall

During the Lagniappe Festival
How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

1. Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
2. Find two ways out of every room.
3. Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
4. Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
5. Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
6. Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
7. Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit: www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.
The objective of the Arvada snow and ice control plan is to provide Arvada citizens with safe streets and open thoroughfares through the most efficient means possible. With 1,525 lane miles of streets, the City places emphasis on arterials, major collectors and school routes, which total 480 lane miles for snow and ice control operations.

The City is divided into 15 zones with Priority One and Priority Two routes in each zone. Fifteen Tandem Axle trucks are used for snow and ice control operations, one truck per zone.

**Priority One** routes (solid red on the map) are arterial streets such as W. 58th Ave., W. 80th Ave., Simms St., and Kipling St., and are plowed and treated first. School routes (dotted red on the map) are also considered Priority One routes and are plowed and treated at the same time as the arterials. Once all Priority One routes and school routes have been completed, Priority Two routes are plowed.

**Priority Two** routes (blue on the map) are major collector streets such as Ridge Road, Yank Way, Club Crest Drive, West Woods Circle, and Grandview Ave., and are plowed and treated second. These routes provide access to heavily traveled Priority One routes. Once these routes have been completed, crews move onto special attention areas and designated residential streets with steep hills (dotted blue on the map), or go back to our Priority One routes depending on the storm and conditions.

All remaining streets are considered to be residential streets and will not be salted, sanded or plowed unless there is a major snowstorm of 12 inches or more in a single event and/or an authorized snow emergency is declared by the City Manager.

Wadsworth Blvd., Sheridan Blvd., Ward Road south of W. 64th Ave., and W. 64th Ave. west of Ward Road and Indiana St. are State highways and are maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

**General Information**

When plowing snow, several passes are sometimes necessary before a street is clear. Every effort is made to not plow snow on sidewalks, but the blocking of driveways and sidewalks may be unavoidable.

Opening driveways and sidewalks is the sole responsibility of the property owner. It is generally best to open your driveways and sidewalks after the snowplows have completed their operations.

Streets are treated with liquid de-icer or salt, depending on conditions. The liquid de-icer and salt is used to speed up the melting process; the sand provides traction. During icy conditions, streets are treated in the same priority order as they are plowed. To comply with clean air regulations, the City no longer uses sand, but streets are still swept following a storm as soon as weather conditions allow.

**City Code: Sidewalks Must Be Shoveled**

City code requires all sidewalks be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snowstorm stops. It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of property adjacent to public sidewalks to keep them clean all winter. We also advise that when cleaning sidewalks and driveways, snow be placed in the yard and not in the street or gutter. This will help reduce ice build up and drainage problems in the gutter line and enhance the melting process in the street.
Arvada Company Profile: Easter Owens

The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) is profiling primary employers that are conducting business in Arvada. A primary employer is defined as a company that sells the majority of its product or service outside the community, thereby bringing in new dollars to Arvada. Showcasing in this edition is Easter-Owens located at 6692 Fig St.

William Easter and Al Owens started Easter-Owens in 1955 in a small garage in Denver, close to the South Platte River. A few years after being appointed President, William’s son Dave Easter moved the company to Arvada in 1984. To this day, Easter-Owens is family-owned and proudly manufacturers in its 55,000 square-foot facility in Arvada.

The markets for Easter-Owens’ products include: oil and gas, mining, utilities, construction, transportation, military and defense, detention, food and beverage, solar, government, and municipalities. This broad market distribution allows for a diverse customer base which drives innovative applications and solutions. The key to Easter-Owens’ success is its loyal, long-term customer base.

Easter-Owens is ISO 9001 certified and produces the following product families: power distribution equipment, modular metal buildings, electrical enclosures, industrial control panels, and security electronics. The manufacturing process utilizes state-of-the-art custom metal fabrication equipment that includes lasers, CNC punch presses, and high-tonnage press brakes. The product portfolio can be summarized as metal enclosures of all sizes, from the size of a typical junction box to a large modular house, with electrical wires inside.

Easter-Owens supplies a significant amount of equipment to the Rocky Mountain region, but also supports projects in North America and the rest of the world. They have supplied equipment to a number of countries including Antarctica, Australia, Chile, and Ghana just to name a few. The company considers manufacturing in the USA a competitive advantage.

The 60+ outstanding employees are the heart and soul of the company. Easter-Owens mantra is to “Elevate the Customer’s experience,” which the team takes very seriously. They work diligently to provide superior customer service by doing whatever it takes, and providing expert solutions – without overlooking honesty and integrity. Learn more about Easter-Owens and the work they do: watch the video at www.YouTube.com/investinarvada or visit www.easter-owens.com.

Arvada Marketplace Redevelopment Slated to Finish by End of Year

Implemented by the shopping center’s management company, Pine Tree, LLC, the nearly $8 million redevelopment and revitalization of the western section of Arvada Marketplace is well under way and nearing completion. Located at the intersection of Wadsworth Blvd. and W. 51st Ave., the Arvada Marketplace was acquired by Pine Tree in August 2015 with expectations to renovate portions of the center to increase foot-traffic, offer unique experiences, and enhance the center’s aesthetic appeal. Renovation construction started in summer 2016.

Arvada Marketplace’s western-most shopping area will see the most dramatic improvement. The former building has been split into several sections to feature new restaurant tenants, outdoor seating, and a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. Restaurant additions to the new “West Shops” space will include Menchies Frozen Yogurt, Costa Vida Fresh Mexican Grill, Bad Daddy’s Burger Bar,
and Newk’s Eatery (all expected to be open by the end of September, 2017); and Yellowbelly Natural Chicken and First Watch Daytime Café (expected to open by the end of 2017).

In addition to updated pylon signage, outdoor seating areas, sidewalks, and other improvements, the vacant former Sports Authority space has been repurposed to welcome two major national retailers: Michaels and Ulta Beauty. Michaels is currently expected to open its doors in late September, while Ulta Beauty is scheduled to open in November.

To celebrate the shopping center’s revitalization, Pine Tree plans to host a Grand Re-Opening event in October, welcoming the community to experience Arvada Marketplace’s new food choices, live music, games, contests, and more family-friendly activities. Details are pending and will soon be updated and made available on the shopping center’s Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ArvadaShopping.

New Arvada Businesses

The following new businesses have either opened or plan to open soon in Arvada. For a complete listing of products and services offered by Arvada businesses, go to arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org – Business Directory.

Bighorn Door Company LLC
5435 W. 59th Ave.

Budget Wireless Retail LLC
7203 W. 55th Ave.

F45 Training – West Arvada
14455 W. 64th Ave.

Jessicas Balloons Inc.
5850 Wadsworth Blvd.

Kevin Dirst All State Agency Inc.
5067 W. 64th Ave.

Rocky Mountain Driveline
6295 W. 55th Ave.

Sock
5610 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.

Sprouts Farmers Market
15050 W. 64th Ave.

The Cereal Box Inc.
5709 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.

The Mighty (restaurant)
5768 Wadsworth Blvd.
Open Year Round
Current Public Hours
Monday through Thursday
and Saturday
October-May: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
June-September 10 a.m. – 5 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 www.arvada.org/nature

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

Drop in Discovery
First Thursday and Third Monday at 10 a.m. All ages, Free. No registration necessary for this program.

Tai Chi at Majestic View
Mondays, Oct. 2 – 30. Adults, $50 for 5-week session.
Beginning 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Continuing 5-6 p.m.

Majestic View Travel Series: Cuba, Lands Unseen
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Ages 10 – adult, $5.

After Nappers or After School Club
Wednesdays, Oct. 4 – 25, 4 – 5 p.m. $15 for 4 week session.
After Nappers - Ages 2 – 4 with adult
After School - Ages 5 – 10
Discover nature through fun, outdoor, hands-on learning.

Better Nature Photos with your Mobile Phone
Saturday, Oct. 7, 1-3 p.m. All Ages, Free.
Tips and tricks on how to safely capture nature with your phone lens.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet – Outdoor Nature Playdates
Friday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. All ages, Free.

A Walk thru History: Arvada Heights
Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All ages, Free.
A walk through the neighborhood surrounding Majestic View with fun stories and curious facts about the people who lived in and helped develop the community.

Avian Arvada: Ralston Creek Trail
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. All ages, Free.
A guided bird walk at dusk along Ralston Creek. Meet at Gold Strike Park at W. 56th Ave. and Ralston Rd.

Sculpture and Tea
Wednesdays, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Adults, $45.
Join us for a cup of tea, conversation, and creative sculpture! All abilities welcome.

Bats of the World with Live Bats at Wheat Ridge Recreation Center
4005 Kipling St., Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ages 5 – adult, $5 in advance, $7 day of program.
Call Wheat Ridge to register at 303-231-1300.

Spooky Spiders
Friday, Oct. 27, 4 – 5 p.m. Ages 4 – 10, $5.
This Halloween, separate fact from fiction when it comes to our eight legged friends.

Science Experiment Saturday
Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Ages 8 – 12 (grades 3 – 6), $5.
Send your budding scientist for everyone’s favorite part of science class: the experiments!

Avian Arvada: Tucker Lake
Sunday, Nov. 5, 8 – 11 a.m. All ages, Free.
A guided morning bird walk. Meet at West Woods Elementary School, 16650 W. 72nd Ave.

All About Owls
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m. All ages, Free.
Learn what makes owls awesome. No live owls will be present at program. A snack will be provided.

Tai Chi at Majestic View
Mondays, Nov. 13 – Dec. 18. Adults, $60 for 6-week session.
Beginning 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Continuing 5 – 6 p.m.

Colorado Rocks! Night with a Naturalist Series
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m. All ages, $5/person, $15/family.
Discover rock types, amazing experiments, and where best to explore below your feet.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet – Outdoor Nature Playdates
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. All ages, Free.
October

1. Arvada Farmers Market
   Olde Town Square
   W. 57th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
   9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

6. First Fridays Artwalk
   6 – 8 p.m.
   Variety of Olde Town businesses participating visitarvada.org

7. Festival of Scarecrows
   Olde Town Square
   10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
   303-420-6100
   see page 3

8. Community Bike Ride - Scavenger Hunt - Family Ride
   Olde Town Square
   W. 57th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
   2 – 4 p.m.
   303-422-9468

    Sponsored by the Arvada Police Department
    Arvada High School
    7951 W. 65th Ave.
    Limit three boxes or bags per vehicle
    8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
    720-898-6900
    see page 7

26. Taste of Arvada
    Sponsored by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
    APEX Center
    6 – 8 p.m.
    303-424-0313
    see page 3

November

3. First Fridays Artwalk
   6 – 8 p.m.
   Variety of Olde Town businesses participating visitarvada.org

34. APEX Annual Craft Fair
    Community Rec Center
    6842 Wadsworth Blvd.
    6 – 8:30 p.m. Friday
    9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday
    303-424-2739

4. Veterans Appreciation Walk
   9 a.m.
   Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge
   9210 W 80th Ave.
   For more information email fandftwoponds@gmail.com

5. Hot Chocolate Bike Ride
   Olde Town Square
   W. 57th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
   1 – 3 p.m.

17 - Dec. 23

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
720-898-7200

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 Ave. Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the weekends. For more information, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org. Online at visitarvada.org.
THE
Foreigner
OCTOBER 13 – NOVEMBER 18
BLACK BOX THEATRE

By Larry Shue
Directed by Geoffrey Kent

NOVEMBER 17 – DECEMBER 23
MAIN STAGE THEATRE

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Lyrics by Tim Rice
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Directed by Gavin Mayer

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 17
UPPER AND MAIN GALLERIES

FINE ART MARKET SHOW & SALE
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THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY AND CREATIVE ART SHOW AND SALE OF THE HOLIDAYS!