The City of Arvada Parks Department and Parks Advisory Committee are excited to launch the volunteer Parks Ranger program. If you love the great outdoors, want to enhance Arvada’s parks and trails system, and enjoy interacting with fellow park users, then we are looking for you!

Beginning in April, volunteer Parks Rangers will be mobilized along the Ralston Creek Trail from the Arvada Reservoir to Ward Road. This stretch includes popular destinations such as the Arvada Dog Park, Long Lake Sports Complex, and Birds Nest Disc Golf Course. Parks Rangers will provide service and information, education, emergency assistance, and resource protection. Their presence will also provide an increased sense of safety for park and trail users.

Training will be conducted over two days in March and will cover first aid, conflict management, emergency response, outdoor safety, resource protection, and animal control.

Ranger Requirements:
- 18 years of age or older
- Able to work at least three 3-hour shifts per week from April through October between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Valid Colorado driver’s license
- Clean background check
- Strong people skills and friendly demeanor

Ranger Duties:
- Educate the public about park rules
- Respond to visitor concerns in a friendly and receptive manner
- Provide a visible presence, especially in highly used areas
- Perform light maintenance including graffiti removal, trash cleanup, and sign repair

Ranger Perks:
- First-aid certification
- Comprehensive Parks Ranger training
- The use of a golf cart to cruise the trails
- Free fishing at the Arvada Reservoir
- Incentives for hours worked
- Recognition at our volunteer appreciation luncheon
- The satisfaction of serving the community

For more information or to apply, visit arvada.org/arvada-parks-ranger-program, or contact Program Coordinator Clay Takara at 720-990-1954 or ctakara@arvada.org. The application deadline is March 10, 2019.
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 Events 720-898-7330
Arvada Urban Renewal 720-898-7060
Building Inspections 720-898-7630
Building Permits 720-898-7620
City Clerk’s Office 720-898-7550
City Manager’s Office 720-898-7500
Code Enforcement 720-898-7465
Communications Manager 720-898-7507
Housing 720-898-7494
Lake Arbor Golf Club 720-898-7360
Liquor Licenses 720-898-7550
Majestic View Nature Center 720-898-7405
Municipal Court 720-898-7150
Park Pavilion Reservations 720-898-7410
Passports 720-898-7552
Planning and Zoning 720-898-7435
Police Records 720-898-6920
Sales Tax 720-898-7100
School Resource Officers - Contact Individual Schools 720-898-7435
Special Event Permits 720-898-7435
Streets 720-898-7720
Traffic Signals and Signs 720-898-7740
Victim Outreach Line 720-898-6770
Voter Registration 720-898-7550
Water Bills 720-898-7070
Water Quality 720-898-7800
(24/7 After Hours) 720-898-7820

City Council Meetings/Workshops - Arvada City Hall, Council Chambers - Mondays, 6 p.m.

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(Note: Times and dates subject to change. To confirm meetings go to arvada.org or call 720-898-7550.)
Jefferson Parkway Update

In December 2018, the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority (JPPHA) Board of Directors identified three qualified teams to move forward in the Jefferson Parkway construction project.

During the JPPHA formal Request for Proposal phase, to be issued in the coming weeks, each team will spend $5-10 million weighing projected toll revenues, construction costs, decades of maintenance responsibilities, and efficiencies they can provide in construction and operations. Their proposals will include detailed engineering and construction plans, a plan of finance and operations, and all other pertinent information. Proposals will be due late October 2019. JPPHA will then identify a preferred team, and a long term agreement to build and operate the project will be negotiated.

“The Authority Board has made clear its expectation that the Jefferson Parkway will be a 100% revenue-risk transfer to our successful private sector responding team. The good news for the community is that three well-qualified teams have indicated substantial interest in being selected to do the project in an open competition,” stated JPPHA Executive Director Bill Ray.

The Jefferson Parkway will operate as a toll road and is expected to begin construction early in 2020. Construction is anticipated to take two years.

Arvada Historical Society Book Availability

The Arvada Historical Society’s latest book on the rich history of Arvada: New Frontiers, A History of Arvada 1976 to 2006, by Kimberly Field is now available at the McIlvoy House, 7307 Grandview Ave. and at the Arvada Chamber of Commerce office, 7305 Grandview Ave. $45 cash or check only. For additional info please call 303-421-2032 or visit www.arvadahistory.org.

Speak Up Arvada

Speak Up Arvada is the City’s ongoing engagement platform where the community can share their ideas and opinions about the topics that affect the future of Arvada. Sign up to Speak Up at speakup.arvada.org.
New Communications Manager

The City of Arvada is pleased to announce Ben Irwin as the City’s new Communications Manager. Irwin was selected from a pool of nearly 140 qualified candidates, which included applicants from the entire Rocky Mountain Region. Irwin’s extensive communications experience includes nearly 20 years providing communications strategy, writing and editing, design, and digital communications expertise to the public sector, making him the standout choice for Arvada.

“Ben will be a great addition to our Communications Team and our Leadership Team” said Mark Deven, Arvada City Manager. “We believe Ben will be very instrumental in helping us achieve greater success in terms of engagement and two-way communication with Arvada residents.”

Irwin most recently served as the Deputy Communication Director at the City of Boulder. Prior to serving as Deputy Director, he managed communications for Boulder’s Public Works and Planning departments. Additionally, Irwin has served as a communications consultant for the U.S. Department of Transportation, and as a federal employee with the Census Bureau and the National Archives and Records Administration. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and Studio Art from the University of Iowa and a Master of Public Administration degree from Northeastern University.

“I am grateful to be able to serve my community and to join the talented and dedicated City of Arvada staff,” said Irwin. “This is a rare and exciting opportunity to help shape communications to best support Arvada’s bright future.” Irwin, along with his wife and daughter, is a proud Arvada resident.

Director of Community and Economic Development to Lead Merging Departments

Ryan Stalcheski has been named the City of Arvada’s Director of Community and Economic Development. Stachelski has served the City for eight years, most recently as the Director of the Arvada Economic Development Association.

Community and Economic Development merges previously separated functions of building, economic development, planning, and development review, which will now be co-managed and supported by one strong team under Stachelski’s leadership. This new structure will provide customers with a one-stop shop, better supporting their needs and those of the community. Stachelski’s vision for Community and Economic Development is to sustain a planned and balanced community that provides a variety of housing types, while preserving existing neighborhoods; enhance the image of the community; provide quality jobs for citizens; ensure the City’s economic health and financial stability; and coordinate development activities that conform with City policies.

Community and Economic Development will work collaboratively with the community to guide growth and revitalization. Through a more coordinated work system, Community and Economic Development will reflect our community’s vision and values as expressed through extensive community engagement that includes the Comprehensive Plan, updates to the Land Development Code, and Speak Up Arvada.
It’s official. Solana Olde Town Station is a nationally recognized, award-winning community, right here in Arvada.

Solana was picked as the grand winner for garden-style apartment communities in the 2018 Multifamily Executive Awards, curated by Multifamily Executive, the primary media resource for apartment professionals. The award noted several aspects of Solana, including its proximity to commuter rail, use of building materials inspired by Olde Town, and the amenities for residents, such as pools, exercise facilities, living areas, and access to transportation.

The 352-unit community, which opened in 2017, was envisioned by the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority and developed by ReyLenn Properties. Just a few years ago, the area was a blighted and underutilized 15-acre parcel. The site also had challenges such as a steep grade leading away from the railroad tracks and years of environmental contamination.

“Solana, like many urban renewal projects, faced significant challenges,” said Jason Smith, a partner at ReyLenn and the project manager for Solana. “Working with AURA, we assembled six different parcels of land to create the site. We then had to deal with environmental contamination from 50 years of industrial uses and a 30-foot drop in elevation from the north side of the property.”

All this work was necessary to return this property to productive use for the City. “The site’s proximity to a train station made it a desirable location to provide housing diversity in the neighborhood,” said Maureen Phair, AURA’s executive director.

“ReyLenn and Jason did an amazing job working with the neighboring community to explain the vision and direction for Solana. This was critical to creating this successful community that has been recognized for its quality, living experience and compatibility with the surrounding historic neighborhoods,” said Phair.

Perhaps the biggest winners at Solana are residents, who appreciate the sense of community.

“We have lived in quite a few places in the Denver area and this one has more community elements by far,” said resident Matt Lowe. “We know tons of people in the gym. We meet residents out by the pool.”

“And it is family-oriented,” said Matt’s wife Amy. “It’s a good mix of people.”

Additionally, they appreciate the Solano location which allows easy connection to Arvada and beyond through RTD buses, community bikes, walkability, and the future commuter rail; thus, reducing the need for cars.

To learn more about the Solana project, please visit arvadaurbanrenewal.org/projects/solana-oldetown-station. For information about living at Solana visit www.solanaoldetownstation.com.
It is with great pride that the Arvada Police Department announces that Detective Robert “Bobby” Brooks has been named the 2018 Jefferson County Detective of the Year by the Jefferson and Gilpin Counties District Attorney’s Office.

As the Arvada Police Department’s Domestic Violence Detective, Brooks has distinguished himself by going above and beyond in all of his investigations. He has demonstrated a sincere commitment to helping the Arvada community tackle the serious issue of domestic violence head-on. Detective Brooks thoroughly investigates his cases by thinking “outside the box” to find investigative solutions to difficult problems. He exhausts every avenue to ensure that offenders are held accountable, and that victims are not only safe, but also delivered the justice they deserve. As one nominator from the District Attorney’s Office stated, “Whenever I see a case with Detective Brooks’ name on it, I am confident that it is well put together, and every avenue of investigation has been explored.”

Detective Brooks is an exemplary participant in High Risk Assessment Team meetings, where various agencies collaborate across jurisdictions. Recently he worked closely with detectives from the Lakewood Police Department to bring a high risk offender— who had abused a victim multiple times in both jurisdictions—to justice. Detective Brooks trains emergency responders and emergency room physicians on the dangers of strangulation, which has resulted in a larger bank of expert witnesses for strangulation cases.

Finally, Detective Brooks is a strong advocate for the Family Justice Center concept being explored by the Jefferson and Gilpin County District Attorney’s Office. The Family Justice Center concept draws on the best practices in the field by building connections in the law enforcement community.

Congratulations, Detective Brooks!
Free Crime Prevention Classes Offered

Home Crime Prevention

Join members of the Arvada Police Department’s Community Response Impact Team to learn important crime tips to keep residents and their homes safe. Topics to be covered include crime prevention for your home; reporting a crime; how police respond to calls; vacation safety tips; protecting your neighborhood; how to be a good witness, and more. Arvada Police have three classes scheduled for 2019:

- **Thursday, April 18, 6 - 8 p.m.;**
  Lake Arbor Community Station, 8110 Vance Drive
- **Tuesday, July 16, 6 - 8 p.m.;**
  Arvada Police Department, 8101 Ralston Road
- **Thursday, November 14, 6 - 8 p.m.;**
  West Woods Community Station, 6644 Kendrick Drive

Multi-Housing Crime Prevention

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a solution-oriented crime prevention initiative designed to help rental property owners, managers, residents, police, and other agencies work together to keep illegal and nuisance activity away from rental properties. Topics to be covered in this class include management training, crime prevention through environmental design, and recognizing criminal activity. An attorney guest speaker will be in attendance. Arvada Police have three classes scheduled for 2019:

- **Thursday, April 18, 12 - 5 p.m.;**
  Lake Arbor Community Station, 8110 Vance Drive
- **Tuesday, July 16, 12 - 5 p.m.;**
  Arvada Police Department, 8101 Ralston Road
- **Thursday, November 14, 12 - 5 p.m.;**
  West Woods Community Station, 6644 Kendrick Drive

Classes fill up fast. Call 720-898-6883 now to register for a seat or sign up online at arvada.org/public-safety-classes.

2019 Spring Citizen Police Academy

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Arvada Police Department or wanted to get an inside look at policing? Your chance to do so is here with the Spring 2019 Arvada Police Department’s Citizen’s Police Academy (CPA). The Academy meets on 12 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 12. Classes are held in both classroom and field settings, give participants insight into many aspects of police work, and include the opportunity to do a ride-along with an Arvada officer.

CPA instructors include police officers and other police department employees who provide classroom and hands-on participation in such areas as traffic stops, crime scene investigation, building searches, and officer survival. Other topics include internal affairs, media relations, preserving evidence, SWAT, and dispatch. The CPA also educates academy participants about community problem solving, availability of police resources, law enforcement tools, and community programs.

To register for the Spring 2019 Citizens Police Academy or for more information, visit arvada.org/citizens-police-academy.
Foothills Animal Shelter Announces Connie Howard as Executive Director

Foothills Animal Shelter is pleased to announce Connie Howard as its new Executive Director. Ms. Howard joins the organization with a background in animal welfare spanning more than 30 years.

Connie Howard has been in the Front Range area since 1998. Most recently employed with Michelson Found Animals Foundation, she also served the Humane Society of Boulder Valley as the Vice President of Operations from 2001 - 2011.

“Connie demonstrated strong communication, leadership, and engagement skills throughout our robust hiring process,” said Lorie Gillis, President of Foothills Animal Shelter Board of Directors. “We are pleased to have Connie and her deep understanding of animal welfare join our organization.” Connie Howard graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Animal Science, and has held various positions in state, regional, and national associations.

“Our commitment to animals starts with our individual experiences and love for an animal. Those stories fuel our shared enthusiasm for creating and supporting healthy relationships with pets, and with our community. I look forward to advancing the exemplary work of Foothills Animal Shelter,” said Ms. Howard.

About Foothills Animal Shelter

The organization is a true resource for the pet community — including adoptions, pet licensing, lost and found, affordable spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and microchipping. The open-admissions facility (that never turns any animal away) cares for more than 8,000 orphaned pets each year. For more information visit FoothillsAnimalShelter.org or visit the shelter in person seven days a week at 580 McIntyre Street in Golden, 80401 (on the northwest corner of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds near 6th Avenue & Indiana).
Do Not Fall for Telephone Scams

With the tremendous number of cell phones in use today, telephone scams are extremely common. There are many different scams going around right now, but they are basically all the same. A caller identifies him/herself as a member of the IRS, Microsoft or the Social Security Administration. They claim that you owe money, that your computer has a virus, or that your social security number has been stolen, and that the only way to remove the impending danger is to purchase gift cards from a local store and supply them with the gift card numbers.

Do not fall for these scams. Do not withdraw money, purchase gift cards, or provide credit card numbers to anyone demanding them and threatening you over the phone. The IRS, Microsoft, the Social Security Administration, or other government agencies will not call you demanding money or telling you are under arrest.

If you receive a call from someone demanding money, hang up. If they continue to call you, contact Arvada Police non-emergency at 720-898-6900 to report the scam. Arvada PD maintains a Scam Hotline. You may call the hotline 24/7 to hear a recorded message of the most recent scams criminals are using. The Scam Hotline number is 720-898-6739. 📠

Pinwheel, Pinwheel Spinning Around

As April nears, Ralston House is preparing for National Child Abuse Prevention month—a month-long awareness campaign bringing light to a crime that happens in secret.

Each year, Ralston House—a child advocacy center serving Jefferson, Gilpin, Adams, and Broomfield counties—sells Pinwheel Gardens to area businesses, civic organizations, church groups, and individuals who want to take a stand against child abuse. Each Pinwheel Garden contains 50 blue pinwheels—the national symbol of child abuse awareness—and is “planted” for $250 to raise funds for Ralston House.

The funds raised help support the three Ralston House locations, which provide a safe and welcoming space for children and youth who have experienced physical or sexual abuse or who have witnessed violent crime. Nonoffending caregivers also receive ongoing support from a victim advocate.

To reserve your own Pinwheel Garden and make a difference in the life of an abused child in your community, please contact Jennifer Kemps at 720-898-6754 or via email at jkemps@arvada.org. To learn more about Ralston House and the Pinwheel Prevention Campaign, please visit www.RalstonHouse.org. Make a difference this April. Spread awareness and help Ralston House reach their goal of 15,000 pinwheels on display throughout their service area! 🌺

Free Self-Defense Classes for Women

The Arvada Police Department will be hosting self-defense classes for female Arvada residents, age 16 years or older. The class is titled S.H.A.R.P., which stands for Sexual Harassment, Assault, and Rape Prevention.

S.H.A.R.P. is designed to provide women with confidence and skills to defend themselves in situations ranging from sexual harassment to an attack by a hostile or violent person.

- Each class consists of four evenings, three hours per evening.
- The class is Tuesday and Thursday evenings - February 19, 21, 26, and 28 from 6 - 9 p.m.
- To register, please call 720-898-7985. Classes fill quickly. 🌸
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Arvada WinterFest
Saturday, February 23, 2019
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
in McIlvoy Park

Last year’s inaugural WinterFest took place on a snow-covered day in February. There were the drumming beats of Native American dancers, colorful lions from China, and spicy scents from exotic cuisines. Attendees were able to travel around the world experiencing cultures from Russia, China, Japan, Mexico, and more, all from the comfort of their local park.

WinterFest returns on February 23, 2019 to McIlvoy Park in Olde Town Arvada. Once again, this outdoor festival will celebrate a variety of cultures from around the world, allowing attendees to learn about, sample, and enjoy diverse arts, culture, and entertainment.

Explore the live performances, demonstrations, craft vendors, winter-themed attractions, and country-specific information booths at this free family-friendly festival.

Keep an eye out for the colors of the world coming to McIlvoy Park in February. For more information, visit arvadafestivals.com/winterfest

High Tea for Seniors
90+ Years Young
Saturday, March 9
2 - 4 p.m.
Apex Community Recreation Center
6842 Wadsworth Blvd.
www.arvadafestivals.org

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
Saturday, March 16
12 - 6 p.m.
Olde Town Arvada
Celebrate all things Irish at the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. Visit www.oldetownarvada.org or call 303-420-4769 for more information.

Annual Kite Festival
Sunday, April 7
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Stenger Soccer Field
11204 W. 58th Ave.
www.arvadafestivals.org

A Chocolate Affair
Saturday, February 2
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Olde Town Arvada
303-420-6100
At the beginning of 2018, the City embarked on an ambitious effort to fortify the fabric of the community on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis by launching the Neighbors Connected Program. By the end of 2018, 86 neighborhoods had enrolled in the Program. To recognize the efforts of these neighborhoods, the City created a Neighborhood of the Year Award. The top three were selected for their remarkable achievements in completing projects, programs, and events that developed strong community bonds and neighborhood pride. Grants were awarded to all three in order to allow them to continue improvements in their neighborhood. The 2018 Neighborhoods of the Year are:

- **First Place:** Indian Tree Village
- **Second Place:** Forest Springs Comforteers
- **Third Place:** Britton Park Neighbors
- **Neighborhood on the Rise:** Sierra Vista

For photos and descriptions of the winning neighborhoods, be sure to visit [arvada.org/neighborhoods](http://arvada.org/neighborhoods)

For 2019, the Neighbors Connected Program has set a goal to increase neighborhood connections by offering valuable tools and resources to those enrolled in the Program. Benefits include grants for block parties, neighborhood improvements, or other means of connection; access to the Block Party Trailer and Neighborhood Movie Program; and, most importantly, the opportunity to create stronger, safer communities! Enroll your neighborhood at [arvada.org/neighborhoods](http://arvada.org/neighborhoods).

Neighborhood Improvement Grant applications open March 1.

Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. is a Denver-based nonprofit organization that provides housing-related services for the region’s low-income, elderly, and disabled residents who need minor home upgrades or alterations to enable them to age safely and comfortably in their homes.

The Safe and Accessible Arvada program provides safety and accessibility improvements such as shower conversions, wheelchair ramps, and stair and door adjustments for wheelchairs and walkers. The Arvada Help for Homes program offers minor home improvements such as electrical, plumbing, sidewalk and porch repairs; tree limb removal; and home painting services.

Do You or Someone You Know Need Help?

Now is the time to nominate a friend, family member, neighbor or yourself for this service. For more information or to apply for assistance, visit Brothers Redevelopment Inc. at [brothersredevelopment.org](http://brothersredevelopment.org) or call them at 303-685-4225.

Would You Like to Volunteer to Help?

Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. is in need of volunteers for exterior home repairs including yardwork and their Paint-a-thon. If you, your neighbors, church or other civic group wants to help those in need, call 720-339-5864 or email chad@brothersredevelopment.org.
Employee of the Quarter – Service to the Organization

Justin Clark, Department of Utilities, Plans Examiner, was the Employee of the Quarter for Service to the Organization. Co-workers nominated Justin for his consistently helpful demeanor and expertise working at the building department desk. Whether he is helping another staff member or a customer at the counter, Justin is always courteous and able to elaborate on building codes and other areas of expertise. His colleagues laud him for being “upbeat, positive, and almost always smiling.”

Employee of the Quarter – Service to the Community

DeWayne Benefiel, Department of Public Works, Streets Technician III, was the Employee of the Quarter for Service to the Community. DeWayne was recognized for his work in the field repairing City sidewalk trip hazards. He devised a unique concrete patching mixture to fix these hazards when he determined that commercial solutions didn’t work or weren’t durable enough. By thinking outside the box and displaying Innovation, Passion, and Opportunity, DeWayne truly lives the City’s Mission, Vision and Values by delivering superior services to enhance the lives of everyone in our community.

Employee of the Year – Service to the Community

Brunner with the Arvada Police Department was named Employee of the Year for Service to the Community for his work on a difficult case involving an at-risk youth. His efforts helped a young woman break away from a cycle of violence, victimization, and high risk behaviors. Because of Jeremiah’s diligent efforts, the young woman is now under the care of the Department of Human Services and is in a residential treatment facility. Jeremiah’s colleagues noted that if not for his efforts, this young woman would likely still be on the streets and exploited against her will.

Employee of the Year – Service to the Organization

Sergeant Ron Avila with the Arvada Police Department was recognized as Employee of the Year for Service to the Organization. Ron leads a high-performing group in the Department’s recently re-organized Neighborhood Services Team. Two instances in particular demonstrate Ron’s willingness to go above and beyond. The first was a call regarding two aggressive stray dogs; unfortunately, the only in-service unit was at the Foothills Animal Shelter. Ron heard the call, hopped into an available animal management vehicle, and responded, ushering the two large and uncooperative canines home and educating the owners on the importance of proper confinement. The second incident involved a call for a missing dog. Nearby witnesses had located the dog but couldn’t catch him due to his skittish temperament. Ron arrived on scene and tracked footprints consistent with the size of the missing dog all the way down to a canal. The dog was found and returned home. His team states that Sgt. Avila carries a positive attitude through any obstacle.

Team of the Year

Bridger Gilbo, Department of Utilities, Utility System Technician II and Brandon Nagel, Department of Utilities, Utility Foreman were named the 2018 Team of the Year. They were recognized for taking the initiative to fix a hazardous condition on an Arvada street. Specifically, they discovered that a construction plate covering a large hole in the roadway had been displaced, posing immediate danger to motorists and pedestrians. Bridger and Brandon worked quickly to make the scene safe and to mitigate the hazard. They first slowed traffic and then, utilizing a tow chain, pulled the cover back into place, thus averting any accidents.
Advance Arvada – Land Development Code Update

In the summer of 2017, the City began the process of updating the Land Development Code (LDC), the key City document that regulate land use, growth, and development in Arvada. This is a complex project anticipated to take approximately two years to complete. Throughout the process, the City has invited input from Arvada residents and property owners through surveys, open houses, and online comment tools. In 2019, the next phase of the project begins and community feedback will be invited.

Visit AdvanceArvada.org to view and comment on various modules and to sign up for email updates. Additionally, three open houses will be offered in 2019.

The first will be held Thursday, April 4, 6 - 8 p.m. at City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road. Presentation boards will be available, and City staff will be present to answer questions.

Two additional open houses will be held in late 2019.
To begin, I want to express my appreciation for your support during the November 2018 election. It is humbling to have both your trust that we will provide you the best possible service, as well as your confidence that we will wisely manage the funds you provide to us. We will not let you down.

An integral component of trust is transparency. Therefore, I would like to provide you with an overview of the revenues and expenditures budgeted for the coming year.

In December, the Board of Directors adopted our 2019 budget. The chart below outlines the revenue sources that will fund the expenditures included in the budget.

Significant budget expenditures for 2019 will include:

- Jefferson County Treasurer fees in the amount of $394,400. We pay the Jefferson County Treasurer 0.015% for collection of property taxes and ownership fees on license plates.
- Debt service obligations in the amount of $1,100,000. The District acquired a loan to fund construction of Stations 2, 7, 8; construction of a new Maintenance Shop; and remodeling of the Training Center and Stations 4, 5, and 6. The loan has been paid in accordance with the terms specified and will be retired in 2023.
- We have allocated $6.1 million to begin construction of two new firehouses in the northwest part of the Fire District.
- An increase of 8.5% in health insurance premiums.
• A $680,000 contribution to the Jefferson County Communications Center (Jeffcom). Effective January 1, 2018, Jeffcom took responsibility for dispatching calls for Arvada Fire. Prior to that, dispatching of our firefighters was handled inhouse. This change will enhance the services we provide to our citizens.

• The addition of nine firefighter/paramedics to staff the interim Candelas facility and reduce total overtime needs within the District. The interim facility will be in a residential structure located off Candelas Pkwy. and McIntyre St. and will house a paramedic-firefighter and a firefighter, supplying medical coverage to the area until the new fire station in the area is opened in 2020.

• Purchase of a new aerial apparatus to replace the vehicle that is currently at Station 6 (at W. 65th Ave. and Simms St.) The cost for the apparatus and associated equipment will be about $1.4 million.

The chart above outlines expenses by type. Salaries and benefits make up the largest expenditures. We will have 187 full time, and nine part-time employees. These employees operate in our four divisions:

• Operations Division: Firefighters and Training Staff.

• Fire Marshal’s Office: Code Enforcement and Investigation personnel.

• Planning and Support Services Division: Maintenance, IT and Planning employees.

• Administrative Division: the Fire Chief, Finance, and HR functions

To see the budget in its entirety, visit arvadafire.com. As always, we are honored to serve this community. We know that when you dial 911 you do not have a choice as to who responds so let me repeat: We will not let you down.

Expenditures by Type

- Salaries: 43%
- Capital Projects: 19%
- Other Expenses: 19%
- Benefits: 14%
- Overtime: 5%

Arvada Fire Receives Financial Award

For the sixth consecutive year, the Arvada Fire Protection District has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a unit of local government. Arvada Fire’s Financial Division received the award as they were primarily responsible for preparing the CAFR. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate citizens and potential users groups to read the CAFR. We encourage you to go online at arvadafire.com and read the report.

Where There Is LOVE, There Are Smoke Alarms

Only working smoke alarms can protect the ones you LOVE
Cooking fires are the leading cause of household fire and fire injuries in the United States. Not surprisingly, they are the leading cause of home fires in Arvada. Because of this, advocating cooking fire prevention is an essential component of our local fire prevention initiatives. While we love to share cooking safety at fairs and community events, as well as through presentations to schools and community organizations, we have been looking for ways to take cooking fire prevention further. We are investigating new cooking fire prevention technologies that can significantly improve our Community Risk Reduction (CRR) outcomes. We work with various agencies around the nation on new ideas and programming. One of those agencies, based out of Worcester, Massachusetts, found a way to make a significant impact on home fires through the use of new technology.

A thorough analysis of fire incident data and discussions with the Worcester Housing Authority revealed that 759 low- to no-income senior apartments had an average of 12 fires/month resulting in $223,889 in property loss in 2015. The Worcester Fire Department wrote and received a grant to help fund a program focused on preventing cooking fires from starting in the first place. The program consisted of an educational program and the installation of SmartBurner™. Since the program’s implementation, there have been NO stovetop fires reported in any of the project apartments, no complaints from residents, and a 97% reduction in cooking related fire department call volume!

SmartBurner™ easily replaces electric coil burners and helps prevent cooking fires. It also delivers a return on investment through insurance savings, restoration and lost rent costs, energy savings, and maintenance savings. They have been installed in more than 250,000 homes across North America and not one cooking fire has been reported in any of those homes.

SmartBurner™ offers patented, temperature-limiting control which prevents burners from reaching the temperature at which most cooking oils auto-ignite. They feature:

- Universal fit that is easy to install.
- Cast iron burners that deliver superior cooking experience.
- Double the surface area for even heat distribution/better cooking.
- Heat retention for greater energy savings.
- Easy cleaning of plates and drip pans.
- Flat burner surface which prolongs cookware life.

It requires about one to two additional minutes to boil water on the SmartBurner™ as opposed to a traditional electric stove.

We at the Arvada Fire Protection District will continue to explore this exciting opportunity. We are looking at partnering with some of our local multi-family housing units to get the SmartBurner™ technology installed. If you would like more information, please contact us.

The Recruit Academy Graduation 18-02 was held on November 30th, 2018 at Faith Bible Chapel in Arvada. The recruits that graduated were from a collaborative academy led by West Metro fire. The academy was comprised of recruits for Arvada Fire Protection District, Castle Rock Fire Rescue, West Metro Fire Rescue & Upper Pine River Fire Protection District. Arvada Fire had 3 recruits that went through the academy. Pictured here is the swearing in of those new recruits.
Last year, the Arvada Fire Protection District responded to approximately 9,000 emergency medical (EMS) calls. The District’s paramedics and EMTs provide expert medical care in the field and transport patients to hospitals across the metro area every day. When someone calls 911 with a medical emergency, they are likely experiencing one of the more stressful days of their life. There are many things to be concerned with during an emergency such as the well-being of loved ones, the gathering of important medical documents and medications, and most importantly, getting the necessary care to return to a state of good health.

The Operations and Community Risk Reduction Divisions provide critical support to first responders and the wider community through programming that includes preventative screening clinics, fall prevention education, home safety checks, and a myriad of other services to the citizens of the District.

Perhaps the most distinguished program is the Arvada Fire Protection District Ambulance Membership Program. This program was developed based on numerous requests from citizens which would mirror similar programs in neighboring Fire/EMS agencies. The program is now in its fourth full year and has grown in enrollment each year.

The Ambulance Membership Program aims to alleviate at least some of the stress surrounding the EMS calls by eliminating worries about the financial burdens associated with ambulance transport during an emergency.

Residents of the Arvada Fire Protection District are able to enroll their entire household in the membership program. Young families, senior citizens, and active middle agers can all benefit. There is a small fee paid to the District for the membership, and should the need for an ambulance arise over the course of the year, whatever portion of the transport bill not covered by the patient’s insurance will be written off. This will allow families to care for their loved ones and patients to recover, free of the stress surrounding ambulance bills.

The cost of the program is $50 for the primary member and $25 for each additional person in the household. The fee covers the entire calendar year. Complete details regarding eligibility and other terms of membership are available upon request. Either stop by headquarters at 7903 Allison Way, call us at 303-424-3012, or look for us at community events to learn more about the program and enroll.

Please consider enrolling your household in the program. The more members we have, the more likely this program is to be successful for years to come.

People living outside of the Arvada Fire Protection District are ineligible for enrollment in this program, as Arvada Fire is not the ambulance service provider in those areas. There may be a similar program in those jurisdictions. We work closely with our neighboring partners to honor each other’s programs.

On behalf of the employees of the Arvada Fire Protection District, enjoy the spring weather, be active, be healthy, and be safe!
**Public Hours**
Monday through Thursday and Saturday
October-May: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
June – September: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed to the public Friday and Sunday

Located in 80-acre Majestic View Park we offer 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

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**Eating With Wildlife**
Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Ages 6-12 yrs., Free
Come learn why we shouldn’t feed wildlife by playing some interactive games with a naturalist.

**Winter Tales**
Friday, February 15, 10-11 a.m., Ages 2-8 yrs. Free
It’s story time at the Nature Center!

**Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Play Dates**
Friday, February 22 and Tuesday March 26, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., All ages, Free

**Look Up–Let’s Go Birding!**
Saturday, February 23, 8-9 a.m., Adults, Free
Meet at West Woods Elementary for a walk around Tucker Lake.

**Magic Science Saturday**
Saturday, March 2, 10-11 a.m., Ages 6-12, $5
Dig into these science experiments by registering early!

**Jody’s Preschool Fun With Animals**
Wednesdays, March 6-27, 10-10:45 a.m.
Ages 3-6, $18 for 4-week session
Glimpse into the worlds of prairie dogs, snakes, turtles and rabbits.

**Rain Barrel Workshop**
Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., All ages, $25
Make one to take home and install before the Spring showers. This program will be family friendly, so bring the little ones to help decorate!

**Tai Chi At Majestic View**
Mondays, March 11-April 29
Beginning 6:15-7:15 p.m., Continuing 5-6 p.m.
Adults, $80 for 8-weeks

**What’s That, Habitat?**
Tuesday, March 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Ages 4-12, $4
Get into some habitats and see just what all is needed to keep animals, and ourselves, happy and healthy.

**Painting With Tots**
Saturday, March 16, 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 10:30-11:30 a.m., All ages, $15 (per canvas)
Bring your tot for some parent-one-on-one time as you are walked together through a nature painting you both will treasure. Register kids online.

**Oh Deer, Oh My!**
Saturday, March 23, 3-4 p.m., Ages 8-14 yrs., Free
Explore life as a predator or life as prey–run, hide, and try not to get eaten!

**Nature Photos With Your Phone**
Saturday, March 23, 5:45-7:15 p.m., Ages 12+, Free
Get some tips and tricks on mobile photography and nature using your phone.

**Mammals And Campfire Stories**
Friday, March 29, 5:30-7 p.m., All ages, Free
From fox furs to bear skulls, get hands-on with some mammals.

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

**Nature Trek Clubs**
Tuesdays, February 5-26, 4-5 p.m.
*Ladybug Club* Ages 2-5 yrs. w/Adult, $12 for 3-week session
*Dragonfly Club* Ages 6-12 yrs. $12 for 3-week session
Get out into the wonder of Majestic View park and go on an adventure with a naturalist.

**Surviving Winter: Night With A Naturalist**
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
All ages, $5/person, $15/family
Learn lessons from our wildlife friends on how to survive winter and add a few skills that may help you out in a pinch.

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The Arvada Report February/March 2019
Warren Tech Students Take the Lead on “Art of the State” Artwork

Each year, the Arvada Center hosts Art of the State, a juried exhibit of local artists. In preparation for the exhibit, the Arvada Center and Warren Tech staff select one Warren Tech student to create the main artwork for Art of the State, providing them with the opportunity to work in graphic design at a professional level. “We give the students the concept, theme and title for the winter and spring exhibits. They get to create graphic murals that we incorporate into printed invitational postcards,” stated Collin Parson, the Arvada Center’s Director of Galleries.

With the Arvada Center and Warren Tech being important community institutions in Arvada, it is important to foster collaboration. “Our students love working with the Arvada Center, and many of them have been attending events at the Center since they were in elementary school. Seeing students work with a venue that influenced their early lives and continues to do so into their future careers has been amazing to witness,” says Warren Tech staff member Scott Odendahl.

This year’s Art of the State poster designed by a Warren Tech student depicts Colorado’s beautiful state flower, the columbine. State of Art is on display at the Arvada Center through March 21.
Daniel Ryley Earns Economic Developer Certification

Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) is pleased to announce that Executive Director Daniel Ryley has recently earned the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The CEcD is the leading industry designation for economic development professionals and affirms a mastery of skills across the breadth of topics necessary to being a well-rounded and successful economic developer.

IEDC is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 5,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base.

In addition to the Certification of its Executive Director, AEDA, as an organization, is also fully accredited by the IEDC, making it the only organization in the State of Colorado to have the distinction of both. “Daniel has worked incredibly hard to not only pass the CEcD exam, but also to be a leader of our economic development efforts for the community,” said Ryan Stachelski, Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Arvada. “Arvada economic development efforts are in great hands behind Daniel and his team.”

Arvada Business Toolkit

A consortium of Arvada organizations including: the Arvada Economic Development Association, the Arvada Chamber, the City of Arvada, Arvada Urban Renewal Authority, the Arvada Visitors Center, and the Olde Town Arvada Business Improvement District collaborated on a new resource for Arvada businesses – the Arvada Business Toolkit. This 10 page toolkit is designed to help businesses understand the various opportunities that Arvada has to offer to assist their business growth, challenges, questions and more. A toolkit was mailed to every business in Arvada. If you would like a toolkit, email bizinfo@arvada.org your address and one will be mailed to you.

The Arvada Chamber - New Heights in 2019

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce is committed to being an organization that serves as a champion for Arvada. Through the Chamber, more can be achieved by working together to solve community and business challenges, creating opportunities for catalytic leadership and promoting Arvada as a great place to live, work, and play. The Chamber is
pleased to announce that in 2019, the following new initiatives will be added to its existing programs and events:

**Problem Solving Councils:**
As part of our strategy to be responsive to our businesses most crucial pain points, we are pleased to launch our new Problem Solving Councils with topics including Workforce Improvements and Capital Funding for businesses. Additional topics coming soon!

**2019 Business Summit:**
The 2019 Business Summit will bring our community together in a way that has never been done before. With over 250 business leaders from across Arvada attending, we will tackle business and community issues, discuss trends, and prove that together we can accomplish more.

**New and Improved Leadership Programs:**
The Chamber will run two leadership programs in 2019 focused on community immersion and leadership development. Participants in each program will receive a deep dive through a half-day experience once per month. Additional details to be announced Spring of 2019.

Additionally, there will be changes to Taste of Arvada in 2019. The event will be held in June at a new location to be announced soon.

For more information about the upcoming calendar of events and services, please visit arvadachamber.org or call 303-424-0313.

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**New Arvada Businesses**

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

- **Best Philly Steaks**
  6350 Sheridan Boulevard

- **Conundrum Escape Rooms**
  6350 Wadsworth Boulevard

- **Core Progression Elite Personal Training**
  5790 Yukon Street

- **Cuppa Colorado**
  9830 W. 59th Place

- **Westwoods Wine & Spirits**
  16255 W. 64th Avenue

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**Check. Change. Control.**

The mission of the Apex Park and Recreation District (Apex PRD) is to enhance the health of the community – socially, emotionally and physically – by being a gathering place and trusted resource for a variety of activities and programs that connect people and improve their quality of life. With that goal in mind, Apex PRD is partnering with Lutheran Hospital and the American Heart Association (AHA) on the Blood Pressure Kiosk and “Check. Change. Control.” evidence-based blood pressure control program. This kiosk will measure key health indicators including blood pressure, pulse, weight, and body mass index, and will give participants the opportunity to know their numbers and track their blood pressure frequently. It will also include AHA educational messages and instructions for those with high readings including information on normal blood pressure levels and how to control high blood pressure. It will be located at the new Secrest Recreation Center, but the program will be implemented throughout the district in all recreation centers. Education classes will be offered once a month on various topics that will encourage members of the community to take control of their health.

Each Apex facility has Staff Ambassadors volunteering their time to answer questions and educate visitors on the importance of being informed and proactive about heart health. Visit any Apex facility to begin your “Check. Change. Control.” journey. For questions, contact Hillary Roemersberger at HillaryR@ApexPRD.org.
GARDEN IN A BOX AND WATER-WISE SEMINARS FOR A GREENER FUTURE!

Resource Central’s Garden In A Box and Water-Wise Seminar programs will be available soon. Be the first to know when these great water-saving programs become available!

Learn more about the programs and sign up for Resource Central’s wait lists today!

**Garden In A Box:**
[resourcecentral.org/gardens](http://resourcecentral.org/gardens)

**Water-Wise Seminars:**
[resourcecentral.org/water-wise-seminars](http://resourcecentral.org/water-wise-seminars)
February

1 First Fridays Art Walk
   presented by Olde Town
   Arvada Business Improvement District
   Variety of Olde Town Arvada businesses participating
   visitarvada.org

9 The Heart Throb 5 K
   10 a.m.
   Memorial Park
   8001 59th Avenue
   $5 Discount ARVREPORT19

23 Arvada WinterFest
   presented by the Arvada Festivals Commission
   11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
   McIlvoy Park
   58th Avenue and Upham Street
   arvadafestivals.com

March

1 First Fridays Art Walk
   presented by Olde Town
   Arvada Business Improvement District
   Variety of Olde Town Arvada businesses participating
   visitarvada.org

16 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
   presented by Olde Town
   Arvada Business Improvement District
   12 – 6 p.m.
   Olde Town Arvada
   303-420-4769
   oldetownarvada.org

23-24 Arvada Reservoir Boat Inspections

April

1 Arvada Reservoir Opens
   arvada.org/arvada-blunn-reservoir

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, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jeang@visitarvada.org. Online at visitarvada.org.
BLACK BOX
2019 BLACK BOX REPERTORY SEASON

720.898.7200
arvadacenter.org

Tickets for plays start at $40

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK
February 1 - May 17*
Original dramatization by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett
Adapted by Wendy Kesselman

THE MOORS
February 22 - May 18*
By Jon Silverman

SIN STREET SOCIAL CLUB
March 15 - May 19*
Written by Aphra Behn / Adapted by Jessica Austgen
*In repertory - select dates. Visit arvadacenter.org for specific dates and showtimes.

ART OF THE STATE 2019
A Juried Exhibition of Colorado
January 17 - March 31