Homelessness a Growing Concern

Homelessness, and the problems arising from homelessness, is becoming more prevalent in Arvada, particularly the Olde Town area. The issue causes many people to be torn between compassion and the desire to push the problem to some other community. What once seemed like a “big city” problem has entered suburban communities, many of which are ill-equipped to deal with it. Arvada, for example, has no homeless shelter or even severe weather shelter.

Homelessness is a difficult issue to quantify; however, one trend is clear: homelessness is affecting an increasing number of families in our community. Recent data has shown that families experiencing homelessness are increasing in number faster than any other group. In Jefferson County, 77% of all homeless are families with children. Additionally, the number of homeless students in Jeffco Public Schools has been rising steadily since 2001.

The number of complaints about the homeless population have increased as well. But the fact is, it is not illegal to be homeless. Those experiencing homelessness have the same rights as all other citizens.

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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.

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

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Homelessness

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It is important to note that when it comes to enforcing upon some of the more egregious impacts and/or behaviors associated with the homeless population, the City of Arvada has many enforcement tools—but they must be applied in a fair and unbiased manner. The fact that there are ordinances that prohibit certain behaviors does not stop the behavior from occurring. Many people who are ticketed will not change their behavior, and courts are not always capable of responding to all the needs of those experiencing homelessness.

Applicable rules on public property make the following behaviors illegal, for example:

- Erection of tents or buildings
- Littering
- Urination and defecation in public
- Disorderly conduct
- Obstruction of sidewalks and crosswalks

The Arvada City Council has adopted several “strategic results” to address issues surrounding homelessness, including:

- Present Jefferson County elected officials with recommendations for developing a regional approach to address homelessness through intervention services, establishment of emergency shelters, and a regional approach to developing additional attainable housing.
- In partnership with existing regional partners and the local faith based community, establish and implement a severe weather sheltering network in Arvada by the winter of 2018.

Other initiatives include partnering with the Arvada Community Food Bank on a program called Bridges to Opportunity which connects the homeless with needed resources; creating outreach teams with social workers, mental health workers, and City staff; and exploring grant funding to construct “tiny homes” or other types of attainable housing.

The methods of dealing with people experiencing homelessness are as complex as the causes of homelessness. Some of the homeless have mental health issues or addictions; others are families who have been forced out of their homes due to rising rents and the lack of attainable housing.

Most policymakers agree that the problem of homelessness will continue to grow in the Denver metropolitan area. As such, the public, private, and non-profit communities must work together to contribute to solutions that consider the rights and concerns of ALL citizens—homeless or not.

You are Invited to Majestic View Nature Center’s 15th Birthday Bash!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. ALL AGES, FREE!

Help us celebrate our 15th year of serving Arvada’s residents, human and otherwise, at our Birthday Bash! Bring a blanket and a picnic to enjoy the entire day! No need to sign up. For more information, call 720-898-7405 or check out www.arvada.org/nature. Don’t forget to go green: Ride your bike or walk to the party!

- Bike Friendly Arvada Bicycle Ride: meet at 9 a.m. at parking area on W. 72nd Ave. just west of Carr Street. Visit bikefriendlyarvada.org
- Slackline performance over Oberon Lake! Slackline Industries features Taylor VanAllen.
- Live music from your kid’s favorite local musicians, Jeff and Paige, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Interactive fun with Majestic View’s fellow nature education organizations.
- Free birthday treats.
- Your attendance automatically enters you into fabulous prize drawings, including gift cards from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Bass Pro Shop, Greenspot Nursery, Echters Greenhouse, gardening gift basket from Home Depot, and more.
- See the full list of 15th Birthday Grand Tour Events at arvada.org/nature.
Stormspotter Program Established

The National Weather Service (NWS) and the City of Arvada recently hosted two Storm Spotter Training sessions for Arvada residents. Over 100 Arvada residents and families attended the training at Arvada City Hall.

The NWS Storm Spotter Training prepares citizens to identify severe weather situations, enabling them to provide early warning notifications to family, friends, businesses, and the National Weather Service of incoming storm danger. Training participants were taught severe weather safety techniques, how topography affects atmospheric conditions, cloud types and features, thunderstorm structure, how to identify potential tornado conditions, and severe weather warning systems and information flow.

Over 60 Arvada residents have now become official members of the Colorado All-Season Spotter Team (CAST). As official Spotter Team members, participants received personal weather spotter identification numbers and can now provide real-time weather reports and information to the NWS meteorologists in Boulder, CO.

NWS and the City of Arvada look forward to hosting additional Storm Spotter Training classes next spring.

Help Us Take Care of the Sewer System

Disposable Wipes Bad for Sewer System

Over the past several years, the use of disposable wipes has become commonplace. However, despite labels that say “flushable,” these wipes do not dissolve in the sewer as toilet paper would. As a result, they increase the chances for a sewer main line blockage as well as becoming trapped in the impellers of our sewer pumps.

Please help us protect our sewer system as well as our environment by placing all such wipes, paper towels, and other similar items in the trash and not down the sewer system.

Discharge of Sump Pumps Into Sewer System is Illegal

Per Arvada City code, it is illegal to discharge any ground water or sump pump into the sanitary sewer system. Such illegal discharges decrease the capacity in our system and add a considerable cost to what the City pays to properly treat and disinfect all sewage.

If you own a sump pump that is discharging to the sanitary sewer, please correct this immediately by discharging to a landscaped surface or other appropriate means of discharge.

For any questions, please contact the Wastewater Division at 720 898-7771.

Correct Installation
Common Ground Chronicles -
The Creation of Jack B. Tomlinson Park

BY MARK MILLER, ARVADA PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Have you ever been to one of Arvada’s many beautiful parks and wondered about how it came to be? Members of the Arvada Park Advisory Committee (APAC) have! We’ve decided to research and provide Arvada residents the backstories of some of our parks.

Our first installment is about Jack B. Tomlinson Park, located near the corner of W. 52nd Ave. and Garrison St., which was officially established as an Arvada park in 1974. We interviewed long-time Arvada resident Jan Eckhardt to learn how her family was instrumental in saving this property from development.

The Eckhardt family lived just north of what was a privately-owned, 12-acre pasture. The property became a playground to the Eckhardt children and other neighborhood children, and was affectionately known as “Bird Town.”

One day, in 1973, the kids came home quite distraught. Flags and real estate development signs were going up at Bird Town, and they implored their mom to do something. Jan, a professional biologist, had never contemplated city park development or the politics involved, but soon she found herself knocking on the doors of city and county officials, looking for a way to transform Bird Town into an official park. At first, her efforts led to dead ends and disappointment.

Jan, however, would not be swayed. Now on a mission, she acquired signatures from everyone in her neighborhood, and armed with a petition, she made a plea in front of City Council. They were impressed with her proposal and her tenacity, but had no money for purchasing and developing land for parks at the time. However, a few months later, a member of City Council called to tell Jan that a funding source had been identified through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In addition, sand and gravel could be excavated from the property and sold, which would pay for the park’s development and result in a lake for the park.

The rest, as they say, is history. Bird Town became Bird Land Park. A few years later, in 1987, the park underwent some improvements and was renamed Jack B. Tomlinson Park in honor of the former North Jeffco Board President, City Councilmember, Arvada Mayor, and Arvada Man of the Year who was known for his dedication to making Arvada a better place for children.

This experience sparked Jan Eckhardt’s interest in parks and led to many years of serving on numerous boards and committees. She served 32 years on the North Jeffco Parks and Recreation District Board of Directors and has been very active with the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), as well as the local Colorado chapter (CPRA).

Arvada has many parks with interesting historical backgrounds, and APAC would like to share these with our Arvada community. Look for these stories under “Common Ground Chronicles” in future editions of The Arvada Report.

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The Arvada Police Department is now accepting applications for its Fall 2017 Citizen’s Police Academy (CPA). This popular biannual academy offers residents a behind-the-scenes look at their police department, its staff, and the officers who serve Arvada.

The CPA meets on 12 consecutive Tuesdays between August 15 and October 24 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Classes are held in both classroom and field settings, and give participants insight into many aspects of police work.

CPA instructors include police officers and other police department employees who lecture, teach, and provide 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. One of the most exciting aspects of the CPA is an optional ride-along with a police officer.

The CPA also educates Academy participants about community problem solving, availability of police resources, law enforcement tools, and community programs.

Those who wish to participate in the CPA should visit arvada.org/residents/police-services/citizens-police-academy to complete an application form. The Arvada Police Department will conduct a criminal background investigation on each applicant. Classes tend to fill quickly, so apply early. For more information or questions, please call 720-898-6660.
Crime Reporting

Did you know that Arvada Police can take a crime report online? Online reporting is used for crimes where there is no suspect information, the crime is non-violent or a non-emergency, or when the crime happened more than 30 minutes ago.

Citizens can visit arvada.org/report-a-crime and choose from a variety of crime types – auto accident, property damage, trespassing, forgery, and more.

These online crime reports are useful, allowing residents to receive a Case Report number for insurance purposes (it will be received via email) while providing pertinent information to Arvada Police for follow up.

When “cold cases” are called into the police department, officers are dispatched as they are available. This can sometimes require a long wait – the online reporting tool allows residents to quickly start the reporting and claim process.

Reporting Non-Emergency Crimes

By Phone
For non-emergency issues, call 720-898-6900.
For emergencies, always call 911.

In Person
Visit your local Arvada Police Department Sector to report a crime in person. If you are not sure where your sector is located, visit arvada.org/sectors.

Online
You may complete a report online if (and only if):
- There is no suspect information
- The crime is non-emergency and NOT violent
- Crime is NOT in progress
- Crime happened more than 30 minutes ago

I Want to Report . . .

- Auto Accident (State of Colorado)
- Garage Burglary
- Damage to My Property
- Vehicle Damage (Not Accident)
- Car Break-in
- Forgery or Counterfeiting
- Theft (Property or Identity)
- Mail Tampering

Arvada Police Offer New Crime Prevention for Business Class

The Community Response Impact Team (CRIT) of the Arvada Police Department is offering an exciting new class: Crime Prevention for Business.

This free class will be Wednesday, August 9, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the West Woods Community Station, located at 6644 Kendrick Drive.

Members of the CRIT team will give general crime prevention tips, such as reporting a crime and how to be a good witness, but also delve into crime trends currently affecting businesses in Arvada, and crimes prevalent in certain areas of the City. The class will offer specific tools and ideas that business owners and managers can use to help mitigate their chances of being a victim of crime.

“While there is never a guarantee that you won’t be a crime victim, there are tips and tricks that you can use to minimize your risk,” said Sergeant DeAndrea. “We want to help our community be safer by sharing what we can to help businesses protect themselves.” Registration is required. Call 720-898-6883 or visit arvada.org/classes.
In July of 2016, Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman filed criminal charges against an auto theft ring known as the Bow Tie Crew (BTC), in connection with alleged violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (“COCCA”).

Members of the BTC were charged in Broomfield District Court after the Colorado Statewide Grand Jury returned a 122-count indictment.

The group and its associates stole cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, and trailers, and burglarized homes and small businesses. In addition, BTC members committed weapons offenses and engaged in identity theft – using stolen credit cards and fraudulent checks to feed their drug use and cover living expenses. In total, it is estimated the “crew” stole and burglarized well over $800,000 in cars, trucks, and other property.

“While not a well-organized street gang, the ‘Bow Tie Crew’ showed a brazen disregard for the law and inflicted significant damage to our community,” said Attorney General Coffman in a press release. “With car thefts and property crime rates on the rise, we should all be concerned because ultimately we each pay the price for these crimes in elevated insurance rates.”

The Office of the Attorney General, with funding from the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, worked in conjunction with the Colorado Metro Auto Theft Task Force, Broomfield Police Department, Weld County Sheriff’s Office, and the Arvada Police Department (represented by Detective William H. Johnson) to investigate the case and secure the 122-count indictment. Their work was recognized by the Colorado Auto Theft Investigators organization which awarded them the 2016 Investigation of the Year Award.

Fraud Prevention Tips

Over the next few issues of The Arvada Report, the Arvada Police Department will provide information regarding fraud and how to protect yourself. In this issue we feature Identity Theft and Telemarketing Fraud. (Reprinted with permission of the First Judicial District Elder Abuse Unit.)

Identity Theft
Warning Signs:
- Your purse or wallet is stolen.
- Your bank account is overdrawn or there is unusual activity on your credit card.
- Mail you are expecting doesn’t arrive, especially related to financial matters; bills you paid are still showing due.
- You apply for a credit card or loan and are denied.

Preventative Steps:
- Carry a close-fitting pouch instead of a purse or carry a wallet in your front pocket.
- Reduce the items you carry in public such as extra credit cards, Social Security card, and checkbooks.
- Shred, tear into small pieces, or cut up all mail and documents that contain social security, bank, and credit card numbers.
- Place mail with bills to be paid at the Post Office. Ask that new boxes of checks be held at your bank or credit union rather than mailed to you.

Telemarketing Fraud
Warning Signs:
- You live alone and enjoy talking to anyone calling.
- You believe it is rude to interrupt a caller or hang up.
- You must pay money up front for taxes or fees to participate.
- You must make an immediate decision, before the call ends, or the offer will be rescinded.
- You are called more and more frequently by a multiplying variety of telephone solicitors.

Preventative Steps:
- Never talk to strangers on the telephone – they are not calling to wish you a good day. They are invading your privacy – as though they have walked into your home.
- Use the answering machine, voicemail, or Caller ID to screen calls.
- Never, under any circumstances, give any portion of your credit card, bank account, or Social Security numbers to a caller.

For more information and tips on protecting yourself, visit www.arvada.org/seniors.
The annual Ralston House .5K Endurance Challenge is just around the corner. YOU can make a difference this August by registering and racing around the corner with us on Saturday, August 5! Only 1,640 feet long . . . we encourage racers of all ages and abilities to bring their friends and families and join us. The .5K Endurance Challenge was created to support the essential services of Ralston House where children who have been physically or sexually abused or who have witnessed a violent crime are able to tell their story in a safe, welcoming, and comfortable setting. Ralston House works in partnership with law enforcement and social services.

Over the past ten years, the .5K Endurance Challenge has raised $273,500 due to the community support from race participants and sponsors. Sponsors play an integral role in the production of the .5K Endurance Challenge, from donating giveaways for the racer goody bags to cash contributions. Each company, organization, and individual who sponsors this event makes a profound impact in the life of a child. It takes one dollar, one giveaway, one sponsor to make a difference!

If you are interested in sponsoring the .5K Endurance Challenge, please contact Tara Roesener, Development Officer at 720-898-6752. Sponsorship levels range from $250 to $10,000. The power of one sponsor is immeasurable.

To run, walk, or crawl in this year’s .5K Endurance Challenge, register online at www.RalstonHouse.net or contact Tara Roesener at 720-898-6752 or via email at troesener@arvada.org.

Thank you to our sponsors!

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2017 .5K Endurance Challenge Sponsors
City of Arvada, City of Lakewood, Belmar, Sportline Team Sports, Roy & Sue Jackson, Guaranty Bank, CASCI, Attache International, and Chapman Orthodontics
Matt Knight - Service to the Community

Matt Knight, Engineer in the Public Works Department, is the Employee of the Quarter for Service to the Community. He was nominated for his work on the Pomona Lake project in the Meadowglen community. Last August, due to years of erosion on the banks of Pomona Lake, the City began a bank stabilization project that required 40 years of lush landscaping—including all trees—be removed and 90% of the lake water drained. The entire north bank had to be bulldozed and rebuilt, the trail closed for use and torn out, and residents’ beautiful landscaping that bordered the bank eliminated. The project was extremely traumatic for residents as they endured eight months of heavy equipment traveling back and forth throughout the area. To add insult to injury, the community was told that the City would not allow any trees or shrubs to ever be planted again on the banks of the lake because of erosion issues.

Matt Knight was assigned as the project engineer. For many months prior to the start of the project, Matt prepared residents for what was coming. He provided ample and respectful communication to the residents, attended community meetings, met with lakefront homeowners, and sent out updates via email. During the eight month project, Matt made himself available to every resident, fielding hundreds of phone calls and emails. He did an excellent job of overseeing the contractor throughout the project, coming to Meadowglen for onsite visits at least weekly and making sure things went as planned. Today, the community is excited to create a new kind of beauty around Pomona Lake, sowing Colorado native wildflowers on the bare slopes.

Ben Zera - Service to the Organization

Ben Zera, Custodian with the Facilities Division, is the Employee of the Quarter for Service to the Organization. City employees LOVE to see Ben in their work place! Every single day, Ben has a smile on his face and a cheerful word for fellow workers as he makes his way throughout City facilities. He works hard to ensure that Arvada employees have a clean environment in which to work, and that visitors to City Hall and other buildings have a great experience as well.

West Woods Golf Club Still Open For Business

Despite a major renovation of the Club House and irrigation system, beautiful West Woods Golf Club is still open for business!

For more information, visit www.arvada.org and search "West Woods Golf Club."
811 5K Run/Walk Scheduled for August 12

The 811 5K raises public awareness about the importance to “Know What’s Below: Contact 811 before you dig.” The run/walk will take place Saturday, August 12 at 8:11 a.m. at the Apex Center, 13150 W. 72nd Ave.

The cost to participate is $8.11! Tech running shirts and breakfast are included with registration. Following the family friendly run/walk (four-legged family members welcome!) is a safety expo with utility companies, Arvada Fire, Arvada Police, safety demonstrations, music, prizes, and other giveaways.

Visit colorado811.org/2017run for more information and to register.

Pay Your Water Bill Online

Arvada water customers have the choice of paying their water bills by mail, in person, by direct debit, by phone, and of course, online!

The City of Arvada is excited to present a new online payment portal for water bills. The old online portal, UtilityBill.Arvalda.org, will remain active through October of 2017, but the new portal through Paymentus is now available.

Customers who currently pay online will need to change portals, which is easily done at arvada.org.

If You’re Not Paying Online, Why Not?

The City’s Utilities Department encourages Arvada residents to pay their water bills online. The new payment portal makes it easier and more convenient. Updates include:

- A “wallet feature” which enables users to save their choice of payment type for future payments.
- Easy payment by text and email links.

Visit www.arvada.org and search for “Pay My Water Bill” for easy instructions on setting up online billing.

Quiet Zones Along Union Pacific FINALLY Nearing Completion

In conjunction with Union Pacific Railroad (UP), the City has been working on constructing Quiet Zones at four at-grade crossings (Lamar St., Carr St., Olde Wadsworth Blvd., and W. 66th Ave.) since 2011 while residents in the vicinity anxiously await their completion. It has taken UP some time to install the necessary equipment and finally give the City the green light to proceed with new traffic signals and roadway improvements.

The construction is essentially completed and UP will begin a testing period. It is anticipated that the Quiet Zones will go into effect this fall.
Since 1968, a completed beltway has been envisioned for the Denver Metropolitan Region. The Jefferson Parkway is the last missing link, and important milestones are being achieved!

For more complete information including upcoming public meetings, visit: www.arvada.org/explore/transportation/completing-the-beltway or www.jppha.org.

**Jefferson Parkway Milestones and Next Steps**

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<td>Final approval from CDOT is received, and a permit to construct the Jefferson Parkway is issued.</td>
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When a wildland fire occurs, firefighters from across the country—with specialized training in techniques and tactics for fighting a wildland fire—travel to the site.

The Arvada Fire Protection District's firefighters have a Wildland Team that works both locally in our community, and across the nation. Beyond meeting the same standards as other firefighters, Team members are also trained to fight wildland fires, and are ready and able to go elsewhere when their assistance is needed. So far in 2017, Arvada’s Wildland Team has assisted with fires in Georgia, Kansas, and here in Colorado. In 2016, they assisted with fires in California, Idaho, Texas, South Dakota, Wyoming, and other parts of Colorado. Frequently, they may go to several fires in the same state.

How do firefighters and equipment from the Arvada Fire Protection District end up working in other states? When a large fire occurs that overwhelms the available resources from a local area or region, fire officials request additional resources from other regions using national dispatch centers. As a participating agency, Arvada Fire will receive a call from the regional interagency dispatch center in Pueblo. They may request individual personnel for specialized positions, equipment, or both.

Before we allow personnel and equipment to respond outside the Fire District, we first ensure that the service in our community will not be compromised while they are away.

Rest assured, your local tax dollars are not used to fight fires outside of the Arvada Fire Protection District while in other states. The region where our firefighters go to assist, pays for the personnel and the equipment via an agreement that is made through the State of Colorado. The impacted region also pays overtime costs to fill roster holes created by the firefighters who are elsewhere fighting the wildland fire. In 2016, Arvada Fire reduced the community tax burden by bringing in approximately $145,000 in revenue, not including the savings from salaries and overtime. In addition to the revenue and savings, help was provided in many states across the country. Finally, our Wildland Team gain critical training and experience that increases the level of service provided here in Arvada.

The men and women of the Arvada Wildland Team have a passion for protecting communities both locally and across the country. If you would like to learn more about the Arvada Fire Protection District Wildland Team, stop by Station 8 at 6385 Quaker Street.
To Swaddle or Not to Swaddle

Swaddling is a practice where an infant is wrapped in a length of cloth, thin blanket, or sleep sack, providing warmth and security. Many cultures encourage swaddling of infants.

So, is swaddling safe? There are many studies looking at swaddling and SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). Some studies claim to find a link, while others claim swaddling protects against SIDS. It is important to note that the risks associated with swaddling come about when other factors come into play:

- A swaddled infant placed prone (belly) is at a much higher risk of SIDS death than if placed supine (face up). Interestingly enough, studies have shown that swaddled infants are more likely to be placed supine by a caregiver.
- Swaddling an infant older than two months carries a risk that the infant will roll over during sleep, therefore increasing the risk of SIDS. Therefore, the practice of swaddling should be discontinued at eight weeks, or earlier if an infant is showing signs of rolling over.
- There is some concern that tight swaddling can lead to hip dysplasia. Therefore, infants’ legs should not be swaddled tightly.
- Loose swaddles (with blankets) can become more loose during sleep, posing a suffocation hazard. Many caregivers choose to use a wearable blanket or swaddle sack for the baby. These come in styles that have a swaddle attached (for use in infants younger than two months) and without swaddles (for use in infants older than two months). Most hospitals choose sleep sacks with a swaddle.

Regardless of the choice to swaddle, safe sleep guidelines should always be followed:

- Place your baby on her back to sleep. Do not have any loose blankets in your baby’s crib. A loose blanket, including a swaddling blanket that comes unwrapped, could cover your baby’s face and increase the risk of suffocation.
- Use caution when buying products that claim to reduce the risk of SIDS. Wedges, positioners, special mattresses, and specialized sleep surfaces have not been shown to reduce the risk of SIDS, according to the AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics).
- Your baby is safest in her own crib or bassinet, not in your bed.
- Swaddling can increase the chance your baby will overheat, so avoid letting your baby get too hot. The baby could be too hot if you notice sweating, damp hair, flushed cheeks, heat rash, and rapid breathing.
- Consider using a pacifier for naps and bedtime.
- Place the crib in an area that is always smoke-free.

Source: Amber Kroeker, Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel (Portland, Ore.); Emily Lee, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, Ohio); and Lindsay Pollok, Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas (Austin, Tex.)
Arvada Fire Auto X

BY CHIEF CHARLIE JOHLCREN AND LIEUTENANT ROBB ROOME

2017 marked the ninth consecutive year Arvada Fire hosted Auto X, a technical extrication class. The course is designed to train firefighters from our community and across the country in advanced techniques for rescuing individuals involved in vehicle collisions. The course lasts three days and incorporates industry-leading instructors from around the nation. The students complete 24 hours of training in a physically intense and demanding environment.

The students were presented with various rescue scenarios ranging from cars that had collided with utility poles to a scenario where a school bus had rolled on top of another vehicle. This year we offered a new training with a vehicle crushed under a semi-truck trailer.

The 2017 course was very successful, with 102 students. Every year ten Arvada Firefighters attend, meaning now 90 firefighters from Arvada Fire have attended the class over the last nine years. Our goal is that every Arvada Firefighter attends this class at least once. Arvada looks forward to hosting the event in the years to come, with the 10th Annual Arvada Auto X scheduled for May 17 – 19, 2018.
SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, September 30th
10:00AM-2:00PM
@ Arvada Fire Training Center
6651 Indiana St.

Join us for this FREE event with emergency preparedness information, a fire truck pull, lots of fun & interactive booths, a chance to meet your local emergency response personnel & LOW-COST & FREE IMMUNIZATIONS!

Jefferson County Public Health will provide immunizations to uninsured, Medicaid and CHP+ patients. Ask about other insurances. If you would like immunization services you MUST bring your immunization records.
Annual Dog Swim Returns to Apex
PRD Outdoor Pools August 19

Don’t miss this late-summer classic!
The two locations are Secrest Outdoor Pool, 6820 W. 66th Ave., and Lake Arbor Outdoor Pool, 7451 W. 83rd Way.
It’s $5 per dog and free for humans, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at both locations.
The last day for regular summer hours at the outdoor pools is Friday, August 18.

The Simms Street Recreation Center at W. 82nd Ave. and Simms St. is in the final phase of its transformation into a multi-use magnet facility with a full range of activities for everyone: toddlers to seniors, gymnasts to artists, indoors and out. Beginning in mid-August, the public can see all the exciting new features; visit apexprd.org for details on the opening event.

The latest additions include a gymnasium, an art/craft room, and a health and fitness room. “The gym was a big priority,” said Carrie Gomer, Apex Simms Street Center manager. “For leagues, teams and all sorts of sports gatherings, finding a gym is one of the hardest things to do.” Some of its many uses will be housing adult and youth programs, acting as a resource for rentals by the community, and enabling the facility to host regional C.A.R.A. gymnastics meets.

The new art/craft room will offer opportunities for many other types of classes besides the popular pottery and fused glass programs. The health and fitness room will host a variety of drop-in and scheduled classes for ages 16 and up.

The Simms Street Rec Center build-out began over a decade ago, when the District began offering a limited number of programs there. In November 2011, the gymnastics, dance, cheerleading, and art programs were relocated from the former Garrison St. Center at W. 58th Ave. and Ralston Road, and the Apex PRD Simms Street Center celebrated its first grand opening.

The next phase began when the first set of eight outdoor pickleball courts opened in November 2013. Now there are 24 courts to serve the area’s thriving pickleball community, plus outdoor restrooms, a gazebo, and extensive landscaping that emphasizes xeriscape plantings.

More new features were added to the building in 2015 and 2016: an expanded party room, upgrades to the dance studio, a gymnastics area specially designed for young children, and a spacious, inviting lobby area.

With all four phases complete, the center will be a “multipurpose facility catering to every age and interest,” Gomer said. “The fact that this was a project phased in over time actually gave us the opportunity to grow with the community and anticipate needs.”

For more information on the exciting new additions, and the programs now offered at the Simms Street Recreation Center, visit apexprd.org.
Open Year Round
Current Public Hours
Monday through Thursday, and Saturday
June-September 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
October-May: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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.

Trees for Threes
Wednesday, August 2, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2 – 5, Free.
Share in the fun of tree songs, crafts, and learning.

Majestic View Nature Center’s 15th Birthday Bash 🎉
Saturday, August 5, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. All ages, Free.
See more info on page 3

Hands Dirty Feet Wet - Outdoor Nature Playdates
Tuesday, August 8, 10 – 11:30 a.m. All ages, Free.

Walking With Nature
2nd Wednesday of the summer months. Gather at 6:15 p.m., start at 6:30 p.m. All ages, $3/person, $9/family.

August 9, Ralston Creek Trail/Shadow Mountain Park
Meet at the Arvada Skate Park, 12920 W. 72nd Ave.

September 13, Growing up in Arvada in the 50s
Meet at the Olde Town Plaza, 5726 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.

Night Moves:
Night with a Naturalist Series
Tuesday, August 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m. All ages, $5/person, $15/family.
Bats, owls and cats, oh my!

Majestic Melodies - Live Music and Campfire
Tuesday, August 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Family program, all ages, $5/person, $15/family.
Live acoustic music from the eclectic strings band “Gone Before They Got Here.”

Monarch Warrior Workshop 🦋
Saturday, September 2, — 10:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
All ages, Free.
Help this dwindling species. Join Majestic View, the Butterfly Pavilion, and CSU Master Gardeners for fun and learning for the whole family.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet - Outdoor Nature Playdates
Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. All ages, Free.

Explore the Ocean through Art
Wednesdays, September 13 – November 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12, $90 for 10-week session.
Instructor: David Sullivan.

Preschool Fun with Animals
Wednesdays, September 13-October 4, 10-10:45 a.m. Ages 3-6, $18 for four-week session.

Growing Great Garlic
Tuesday, September 19, 7-8:30 p.m. Adults, $10.
Taught by Pioneer Farmsteaders.

Cosmos Campfire:
MVNC Campfire Series
Wednesday, September 20, 7-8:30 p.m. All ages, $5/person, $15/family.
Taught by Lookout Mountain Nature Center

Treasure Hunting - Gold Panning for Beginners
Saturday, September 23, 9 – 11 a.m. Ages 6 – adult, $12. 3291 Youngfield Sservice Road, Denny’s parking lot.

Arvada’s History, Then and Now 📖
Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 – 8 p.m. All ages, Free.

Now I See You, Now I Don’t
Saturday, September 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 3-6, $5.
Explore one of nature’s greatest defenses - camouflage!

Tai Chi at Majestic View
Mondays, October 2 – 30. Adults, $50 for 5-week session.

Telescope Nights
Stop by Historic Arvada Olde Town Square after dark to discover the night sky as you peer through a telescope with a naturalist from Majestic View and Lookout Mountain Nature Center. Fridays, August 4 and September 1 (W. 57th Ave and Olde Wadsworth).

Drop in Discovery
First Thursday and Third Monday at 10 a.m. All ages, Free. No registration necessary.
New Image Brewing Company was founded in 2014. Founding partners and longtime friends Brandon Capps and Sean Fisher dreamed of moving to Colorado to start a business. They spent a lot of time researching locations in the Metro Denver area. “We traveled as far north as Loveland and as far south as Centennial,” said Brandon Capps.

In mid-2015, Sean and Brandon decided on Olde Town Arvada and signed a lease at 5622 Yukon Street. They planned to open New Image with the primary goal of supplying small beer along with a brewpub (brewery/restaurant) location with limited outside sales, while creating a unique space for locals to enjoy.

New Image opened in March of 2016. “The first year has been pretty unbelievable. Our brewpub has become an essential locale in Olde Town for many Arvadans as well as a destination for beer aficionados across Colorado,” said Sean Fisher. In January of 2017, New Image was named as a top ten brewery to open in Colorado by The Denver Post as well as a top 30 brewery to open in the US by Beer Advocate. The brewery’s production of beers has grown by 400% in the last 12 months to include over 150 bars and liquor stores in the Metro Denver area. Brandon and Sean expect that number to double within the year. With all of the growth the production side of the business is experiencing, they are working hard to make sure that the Olde Town Arvada brewpub remains a special place with the first and best access to everything that New Image has to offer. Along with its extensive menu of beers, New Image also offers cocktails, wine, and a creative food menu.

To watch the video to learn more about New Image, visit www.YouTube.com/investinarvada or www.nibrewing.com.

Arvada Visitors Center: A Resource for All Things Arvada!

The Arvada Visitors Center is THE resource to assist residents, future residents, and guests explore Arvada to its fullest. We increase the awareness of this community and inspire travel by marketing to individuals, families, and groups. We want to ensure our City becomes a destination for guests and a home for those considering relocation to the area. We bring more visitors and potential residents to this community than any other Arvada organization.

The Arvada Visitors Center was created in the fall of 2012. In just over four years, we have personally greeted thousands of guests and handed out hundreds of visitor and relocation guides. It is an exciting time to be talking about why Arvada is the best place to live, work, and play!
Here are a few resources we can offer:

• **Arvada Visitors Guide**—20 pages highlighting key attractions, businesses, events, and outdoor activities in our community. The Visitors Center prints 25,000 guides annually and distributes them to 300 locations along the front range, including DIA, the Visit Denver Welcome Center on the 16th St. Mall, and other statewide locations such as visitor centers, hotels, airports, military bases, restaurants, and Chambers of Commerce.

• **Arvada Relocation Guide**—28 pages including a pull-out map – a great way for newcomers to get the lay of the land. It provides an overview on topics such as shopping/dining, real estate, outdoors, healthcare, education, and economic development.

• **New Resident Welcome Bags**—complimentary for new (or soon to be new!) residents of Arvada. The bags are full of fun goodies from more than 50 area business. We deliver these bags to HOAs, real estate agents, apartment complexes, and new housing developments in the area. And, of course, they are available to anyone who stops in to see us at the Visitors Center.

• **Events Calendar**—Whether you’re looking for something fun to do on a Friday night or need the music line-up for a summer festival in Arvada, check out visitarvada.org. Nearly 500 events are listed on our site each year. Visitarvada.org averages 4,000 visitors per month.

Interested in receiving either of our guides or a few of the Welcome Bags for new residents you might know? Simply email Jean Gordon at jean@visitarvada.org.

**New Arvada Businesses**

The following new businesses have either opened, are under new ownership, or plan to open soon in Arvada. For a complete listing of products and services offered by Arvada businesses, go to [arvada economicdevelopment.org – Business Directory.](http://www.arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org)

**Bad Daddy’s Burger Bar**
7450 W. 52nd Ave.

**Beltone Audiology & Hearing Aids**
5225 W. 80th Ave.

**Cobb Home Team LLC**
8795 Ralston Road

**Colorado Tan**
12320 W. 64th Ave.

**Denver Beer Company**
5768 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.

**Geneva Financial LLC**
5690 Webster St.

**Golden Heating and Air Inc.**
12335 W. 53rd Ave.

**Jewel Fire Diamonds**
7674 Grandview Ave.

**Menchies, Frozen Yogurt Shop**
7450 W. 52nd Ave.

**Pavco Construction**
8910 Ralston Road

**R Taco**
12368 W. 64th Ave.

**Rock Creek Medi Spa**
8280 Lamar Place

**UC Health ER**
9505 Ralston Road

**Walmart**
9400 Ralston Road

Jean Gordon, Director of the Arvada Visitors Center
The Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) has a mission to remediate blight in Arvada, revitalizing designated urban areas by creating successful high-quality projects that create vibrancy and enhance the quality of life for Arvada residents.

AURA worked with Reylenn Properties to develop Solana Olde Town Station, the latest multi-family development to take shape within a quarter mile of Olde Town Arvada. Composed of 15 acres south of W. 56th Ave. and east of Wadsworth Bypass, Solana Olde Town Station will offer 352 market-rate, garden-style apartments ranging from 660 to 1,345 square feet with ten floor plans.

This is the third Colorado development for Reylenn Properties who also developed Solana 3100 Pearl in Boulder and Solana Cherry Creek in Glendale. This project required the assembly of six parcels of land to create the development site. Sitting underutilized in the core of the City, the site consisted of vacant parcels, low-density industrial, and rental housing. The site posed many challenges including environmental contamination stemming from prior industrial uses, and a 30-foot drop in elevation from the north to the south requiring significant retaining walls. AURA participated in the remediation and clean-up of the environmental contamination. Jason Smith with Reylenn Properties credits the partnership among residents, the City, and AURA: “This was only able to happen when the homeowners, city leadership, and urban renewal put their trust in us and ours in them. With everyone’s hard work and help, the finished product is finally unfolding.”

Reylenn Properties also constructed a 1.4 acre public park at the north end of the site, and landscaped W. 56th Ave. to allow for a more pedestrian-friendly corridor between the adjacent neighborhood, the transit station, and Olde Town. “Solana Olde Town Station is proud to join the community of Stocke Walter, Columbine Park, and Olde Town Arvada. We have recently opened the first residential building, the clubhouse, and Stocke Walter Park,” said Smith.

New residents started to move into Solana Olde Town Station in mid-June.

Visit AURA’s website at www.arvadaurbanrenewal.org to learn more about AURA’s history and find current information on new developments around town.
Around Town

August

1 National Night Out
5 – 7:30 p.m.
Olde Town Square
Potluck BBQ and safety demonstrations
303-420-6100

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

5 Majestic View Nature Center’s 15th Birthday
7030 Garrison St.
720-898-7405

6 Fire Fighters Car Fest
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Stenger Soccer Complex
11200 W. 58th Ave.
visitarvada.org

12 Summer Hike
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Hike details visitarvada.org or 303-423-5258

12 Olde Town Summer Sounds on Second Saturdays
3 – 9 p.m.
Olde Town Square
303-420-6100

19 Arvada Community Garden Jubilee
50 Year Celebration
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
9195 W. 57th Ave.
303-425-8962

25-26 Arvada Days
Full event details at visitarvada.org

27 Arvada Historical Society Old Timers/Class Reunion Picnic
12:30 p.m.
Memorial Park Pavilion behind City Hall
303-421-4401

September

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

8-10 92nd Annual Harvest Festival
September 8 - 10
Olde Town Arvada
303-335-0775
arvadaharvestfestival parade.com

16 Community Bike Ride
Bike Friendly Arvada
Meet at Arvada Community Food Bank
9 a.m.
visitarvada.org

23 Cemetery Tour
Presented by the Arvada Historical Society
12 – 2:30 p.m.
Tours every 30 minutes
Arvada Cemetery,
5581 Independence St.
$8 per person, children under 6, free
303-431-1261

Ongoing

Arvada Farmers Market
Every Sunday, through October 1
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Olde Town Square
57th and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
arvadafarmersmarket.com

Flicks in the Square
Friday evenings in August
August 4: Wizard of Oz
August 11: Moana
August 18: Hook
Olde Town Square
Movies begin at dusk
303-420-6100

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.
Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities presents

**A CHORUS LINE**

**CONCEIVED AND ORIGINALLY DIRECTED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY MICHAEL BENNETT**

Book by James Kirkwood & Nicholas Dante
Music by Marvin Hamlish
Lyrics by Edward Kleban

Co-Choreographed by Bob Avian
Directed by Reid A. Landberry

Underwritten by Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Patt and The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation

**SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**MAIN STAGE THEATRE**

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**Handmade Arts & Ales Festival**

• Local artists exhibiting and selling their work
• Beer tents sampling some of the best local brews
• Live music and performance art on stage
• Food trucks
• People’s choice awards
• Hands-on arts activities for children

**SEPTEMBER 16, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Tickets $5 - Children 12 and Under are FREE!

Souvenir Arts & Ales Festival mug for sampling beers: $25 Advance Online, $30 at the Gate

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**Fall Gallery Exhibitions**

**MAIN GALLERY**

**ART & CONFLICT**

**UPPER AND THEATRE GALLERIES**

**THE GREAT WAR: VISIONS OF A WORLD CONFLICT**

by Blair-Murrah Exhibitions

**SEPTEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

Opening Reception
September 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Free and open to the public

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**Fall Classes!**

Education in the Arts for All Ages

Fall Session:
**SEPTEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 13, 2017**