Two Big Projects. No New Taxes.

City Council Considering Ballot Question to Issue Debt

The Arvada City Council will be voting in late August as to whether to place an issue on the November 2018 ballot to authorize the issuance of debt without ANY increase in taxes.

The Colorado Constitutional provision known as TABOR (Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights) requires that voters must approve whether local government can issue debt—essentially, borrow money. In Arvada’s case, the City Council may be asking voters to approve issuing debt in order to complete two major transportation projects which otherwise could take decades to complete and would be more costly due to inflation.

Issuing debt will NOT increase taxes. Rather, it is like getting a mortgage to purchase a home which is paid off over time.

The two transportation projects being considered are:
- Improvements to Ralston Road between Garrison St. and Yukon St.: $15.3 million.
- Improvements to W. 72nd Ave. west of Kipling St., including an underpass at the railroad tracks near Oak St.: $53 - $64.5 million (total project scope not determined at time of publication).

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New Police Chief Selected

Link Strate, who has served his entire 30-year law enforcement career with the Arvada Police Department, is Arvada’s new Chief of Police.

A national search was conducted for the recruitment of the new Chief; however, the top two candidates were both members of the Arvada Police Department—Deputy Chiefs Ed Brady and Link Strate. Ed Brady served as the interim Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Don Wick in December 2017.

“Between Link and Ed, it was impossible to make a bad choice,” stated City Manager Mark Deven. “We are blessed to have amazing leadership in the Arvada Police Department.”

Both finalists expressed their unwavering support for the other during the process.

Chief Strate holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Northern Arizona University and a Master of Science in Organization Leadership from Regis University. He has trained with the FBI National Academy, the School of Police Staff and Command through Northwestern University, and the Senior Management Institute for Police with Boston University. His community involvement includes serving on the Family Justice Center Executive Committee and the Boards of the Jefferson County Regional Lab, Jeffercom, and Ralston House.

Speak Up Arvada

Local governments are changing the way they manage, with a growing emphasis on including citizen input in their decision-making processes. The Arvada City Council is excited to embark on that journey with Arvadans by inviting them to SPEAK UP ARVADA! For more information, see page 3.
City Government Phone Numbers

Emergency
9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch
City Hall Main Line
Accounts Payable
Accounts Receivable
Animal Control
Arvada Center Box Office
Arvada Economic Development
Arvada Urban Renewal
Building Inspections
Building Permits
City Clerk’s Office
City Manager’s Office
Code Enforcement
Communications Manager
Fingerprinting Services
Housing
Lake Arbor Golf Club
Liquor Licenses
Majestic View Nature Center Municipal Court
Park Pavilion Reservations
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Planning and Zoning
Police Records
Sales Tax
School Resource Officers - Contact Individual Schools
Special Event Permits
Streets
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Victim Outreach Line
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Water Quality
West Woods Golf Club

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.)

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City of Arvada – City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO, 80002
720-898-7000 - www.arvada.org

24/7 Inquiries - ASK ARVADA at www.arvada.org. To sign up for alerts about City Council Meetings or Community Events, register for Arvadanews. Go to www.arvada.org/arvadanews

For more information, please contact Cindy Javelet, Communications Coordinator, at 720-898-7834 or cjavelet@arvada.org.

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Help Us Plan Arvada’s Future!

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SPEAK UP ARVADA is an engagement platform designed to allow community input on a range of topics/projects that will help shape the future of Arvada.

• We will be utilizing various tools including mapping, story-telling, polls, surveys, and open-ended discussions to gather feedback.
• Each project will run for a particular time period, and results will be analyzed and shared with the public.
• Once decisions regarding that topic have been made, we will let residents know how their contribution affected the outcome.

A Shared Vision
The Arvada City Council is in the process of updating their strategic goals through 2026. The launch of Speak Up Arvada and the initial phase of projects are designed for citizens to share their vision with City Council on matters such as:

• Attainable Housing
• Arts and Culture
• Growth and Development
• Parks/Open Space

What to Look For
• Community Connectors in public places, neighborhood parks, festivals, etc. asking for your input!
• Social media posts inviting you to the SPEAK UP ARVADA platform.
• Informational articles in various publications.
• An easy-to-see, easy-to-find link to SPEAK UP ARVADA on the Arvada.org homepage.
• Other creative community engagement strategies as we become energized by your input!

Visit speakup.arvada.org for more information.

Bike Friendly Arvada Rides
Bicycle Friendly Arvada leads fun, organized bike rides all around the City from April into November each year. These rides are geared for cyclists of all levels with a focus on children, families, and casual/recreational riders. Two different ride types are offered:

• a Family Ride of approximately 5-7 miles traveling mostly on trails
• a Rec Ride of approximately 12-25 miles on a mix of trails and on street bike facilities

All riders are required to wear a helmet, follow bike safety and traffic laws, and sign a waiver. Our ride leaders will give a briefing 10 minutes before the ride begins and outline the route and other specifics for the day. Bring water, your helmet, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, and a sense of adventure! Upcoming rides:

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The City of Arvada is in the process of evaluating and updating school zones for all elementary and middle schools. The purpose is to improve the effectiveness of warranted school zones by reducing extraneous school zones and flashers. The remaining school zones will be fine-tuned to meet the latest standards noted in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and follow recommendations from Safe Routes to School experts.

During the initial inventory of signs and school zone flashers, Arvada’s Traffic Engineering Division noticed that many of the school zones exceeded the recommended length or were located outside of a school frontage. School zones with 20 MPH speed limits and flashers need to be used in designated areas in front of the school, and the flashers should not extend into the adjacent neighborhoods. A large school zone area is difficult to enforce by Arvada Police and results in frustrated drivers, neighbors, and parents. Overuse of school zone signage can desensitize drivers and cause them to disregard the signage when children are present, creating a dangerous environment for children who are expecting slower speeds.

Staff from the Traffic Engineering Division has coordinated the information with school staff and School Resource Officers to ensure that parents of children attending elementary and middle schools are aware of the changes. The school flashers will be removed during late summer/early fall of 2018. Outside of the school frontage along walking routes, crews will install neon colored warning signs and other traffic devices to support pedestrian and bicyclist safety within Arvada neighborhoods. Pedestrians are also responsible for safety and need to be on-guard while walking. This combination of efforts in addition to enhanced equipment and coordination with the Arvada Police is intended to support proper roadway operations and safety. For questions or more information, please contact the Traffic Division of Arvada Public Works at 720-898-7740.

City Adopts Cultural Master Plan

In June, the Arvada City Council unanimously approved the inaugural Arvada Cultural Master Plan, setting a vision and charting a course for future, long-term investments in arts and culture.

In 2016, the City Council appointed members to the newly established Arvada Arts and Culture Commission (AACC). The immediate focus of the AACC was to create a Cultural Master Plan to broaden arts and culture beyond the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities and out to the larger community. The AACC hired consultant 23.4 Degrees, a business that specializes in engaging communities in art and culture planning, to lead the effort in drafting the Cultural Master Plan. Through the work of the AACC and a stakeholder committee representing many community organizations, as well as the input of hundreds of residents, a Master Plan took shape, driven by the vision statement: Arvada, Where Arts and Culture Live.

The Mission of the Plan states, “The future we intend to create will not materialize without hard work. Realizing the vision will take thousands of individual actions . . . and the resources and dedication of community leaders . . . Arvada can create opportunities for artists, arts organization, and cultural institutions to thrive.”

There are four things that the City of Arvada can do to move the City in the direction of the Master Plan Vision:

- Make Places that Deepen Community Attachment
- Invest in the Future of Arts and Culture
- Create Events for Every Generation
- Make a Home for Artists and Arts and Culture

For more information visit arvada.org/arvada-culture-and-arts-commission.
Do you want to feel more connected to your neighbors and have access to City resources like the Block Party Trailer, Neighborhood Movie Equipment, and neighborhood grants?

It’s not too late to get involved in the City’s Neighbors Connected: Neighborhood Strong program! As block party season is winding down, the City’s Neighborhood Engagement team wants to highlight how strong, connected neighbors can be an asset to your community.

**September Is National Preparedness Month**

Follow along with the City’s social media campaign to learn more about important resources, trainings, and tools to be prepared in case of an emergency. One of those resources is a neighborhood Talent Bank, a tool to highlight how you and your neighbors are superheroes in disguise! Use the Talent Bank Toolkit to inventory what special skills and resources your neighborhood can use together in the event of an emergency. Is there someone in your neighborhood who speaks multiple languages? Do you live next door to an EMT or nurse? Does a neighbor own a backup generator or HAM radio?

Fill out a Talent Bank form for your neighborhood as part of National Preparedness Month. Talent Bank forms are available at arvada.org/prepare. Keep these forms up on your fridge so you have easy access to neighborhood resources!

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**Neighbors Connected: Neighborhood Strong**

Arvada CERT is a volunteer emergency response team that was started in partnership with the City of Arvada, Arvada Police, and the Arvada Fire Protection District. Since its inception, the CERT Academy has held two Basic Academies and has graduated 41 Arvada residents.

Arvada CERT Members are trained to be ready for disasters. Basic Academy attendees will learn about utility controls (gas, water, and electric), small fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster medical triage and operations, terrorism, disaster psychology, and the incident command system. Graduates will be better able to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors respond and recover from emergencies. CERT Members are also part of a specialized team of volunteers that can help local first responders on special projects related to emergencies and disasters.

The CERT Basic Academy consists of 24 hours of training time and is open to anyone at least 16 years of age, regardless of physical ability. All classes will be held at the Arvada Fire Protection District Training Center. Students must attend all classes in order to graduate. Classes take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, August 22 and 29 and September 5 and 12; 6 – 10 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 15; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

For more information and to register for the next Arvada CERT Academy, please visit arvada.org/arvadacert.
In June, the Arvada City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Golden Triangle Construction, Inc. to build the Arvada Police Department’s latest community station: the Whisper Creek Community Station, located at 14360 W. 89th Dr. in the Whisper Creek neighborhood.

This new station, which will open in mid 2019, will serve Arvada’s northwest area which is currently served by the West Woods Community Station.

City leaders broke ground on the project on June 25.

The new station is designed by Barker, Rinker, Seacat Architects and will utilize a similar layout and materials as the West Woods and Lake Arbor substations. Construction costs are $4,260,190.

Completion of the Whisper Creek Community Station is associated with the Arvada Police Department’s Sector Based Policing philosophy. Under this model, Arvada police officers are assigned to, and responsible for, specific areas of the City. This type of deployment results in a higher quality of police service because officers are intimately familiar with their assigned sectors and with the citizens who live there. Arvada currently has four sectors operating out of three locations: Lake Arbor serving Adams Sector, headquarters at Arvada City Hall serving Baker Sector, and West Woods serving both Charlie and Delta Sectors. The Delta Sector will move to the Whisper Creek Community Station upon completion of construction.
Attention: All Rental Property Owners and Managers!

A Crime-Free Housing Class is Coming Soon

During the course of any given year, the Arvada Police Department handles almost 30,000 calls for service. The Arvada Police Department is interested in the quality of service it delivers to its citizens. If you recently had contact with our Department, we value your impression and input. Please take the time to visit: ArvadaPDPerformanceSurvey.com. This short survey will help us evaluate the service we are providing and become more efficient in the future. The information will influence everything from how we answer a phone call to the type of training we provide officers.

This is your chance to speak up and be heard. We do not collect data from such places as social media; we rely on the input of citizens who have had substantial interaction with us. We don’t want you to be a number . . . we want to hear from you!

Thursday, August 9, 1 – 5 p.m.
Arvada Fire Training Facility, 6551 Indiana St.

Learn ways to make your rental property safer at a very informative Crime-Free Housing class offered by members of the Arvada Police Department. The class is geared toward those who own or manage rental properties as well as real estate agents who work with rental property. Members of the Arvada Police Department’s Community Response Impact Team will discuss methods to create landscaping and other design methods to help keep criminals and criminal activity away from rental properties. Other topics that will be discussed include: gang activity, graffiti, narcotics, and ways to work with police to make your property safer.

Special Guest Speaker:
Attorney Deborah Wilson from the law firm of Springman, Braden, Wilson & Pontius P.C. will join us to cover landlord-tenant laws, lease, and civil laws pertaining to landlords/tenants. She will also review proper forms to use and strategies to implement to reduce crime in your communities.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a solution-oriented crime prevention initiative. It is designed to help rental property owners, managers, residents, police and other governmental agencies work together to keep illegal and nuisance activity off rental properties.

Registration is Required
If you are interested in attending this free four-hour class you must call 720-898-6883 or sign up at arvada.org/public-safety-classes.
The Arvada Report August/September 2018

2018 Shred-a-Thon
Saturday, October 13
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Arvada High School
7951 W. 65th Ave.

The Shred-a-Thon is held annually on the second Saturday of October. Arvada Police partners with Shred-it to safely destroy documents containing personal information. Residents and businesses can bring up to three boxes or three bags of documents. Items recommended for shredding are:

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

The event is free, but donations are welcomed. Proceeds from the Shred-a-Thon will benefit the W. Michael Northey Foundation which provides scholarships to local high school students. This is one of only two fundraising events held each year for the Northey Foundation. Area high school students and Arvada Police Explorers will be on hand to assist with unloading items.

Crime Prevention Class for Your Business
Thursday August 23, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Arvada Police Department
8101 Ralston Rd.

Join members of the Arvada Police Department’s Community Response Impact Team to learn important crime tips to keep you and your business safe! Topics include:

- Crime prevention for your business (burglaries, theft, fraud, robbery)
- Protecting your business (suspicious persons and vehicles)
- Reporting a crime
- How police respond to calls
- How to be a good witness
- Good habits
- Q/A session

This class is a great opportunity to address specific concerns about crime prevention for your business and to gain a better understanding about crime trends and activity in your area.

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One Day. One Race.
12th Annual .5K Endurance Challenge
Saturday, August 4
in Olde Town Arvada
Registration and pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Race begins at 10 a.m.

Make a difference for a child who was helped by Ralston House by racing 1,640 feet!

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.

Join us for live music, chair massages, face painting, and other free fun activities! 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.
The Arvada Police Department recently welcomed six new Arvada Police Officers who graduated from the Jefferson County Law Enforcement Academy. The Academy’s rigorous 22-week program is designed to prepare graduates for a career as a certified law enforcement officer. The curriculum covers all State of Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training requirements. Congratulations to all 38 graduates who are now starting their careers with Arvada, Lakewood, Westminster, Wheat Ridge, Littleton, Golden, and Jefferson County!

A grateful owner wrote the following to the Arvada Police Department Animal Management Division: “Wednesday afternoon a friend tagged me to Arvada Police Department’s Facebook page and there was a post with pics of Tiki on it! We couldn’t believe she’d survived three days of high heat, predators, and a decent wind storm. A Good Samaritan found her in a pot of flowers at a local garden center, Arvada Animal Management came to help her out, and long story short she is home with us again, cuddled up with her bird-hubby, pegging out on bird seed, and downright exhausted from her adventure! Thank you to everyone involved in Tiki’s rescue and care. Our family is thrilled to have her back with us and seeing Tiki and Yoshi so happily reunited melts our hearts!”

Thanks also go to Suzanne and Lisa, employee and manager at Malara Gardens, 7190 Kipling St. who found Tiki in their perennial greenhouse and called Arvada Animal Management. Officer Scofield, with her vast knowledge from the veterinary world, knew who to call and the best way to find the owner. She also transported the bird to the vet to be examined.

Citizen’s Police Academy

Learn more about your Arvada Police Department by attending the Arvada Police Department’s Citizens Police Academy (CPA). CPA instructors include police officers and other Department employees who lecture, teach, and provide hands-on participation in such areas as traffic stops, crime scene investigation, building searches, officer survival, 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 next Academy runs from August 7 through October 16. If you’re interested in attending, visit www.arvadapd.org and search for Citizen’s Police Academy for an online application. For more information, contact Alicia Montero at 720-898-6660 or amontero@arvada.org. Class size is limited, so complete your application early.

Citizens to New Arvada Police Officers

From left to right: Officer Ian Stodghill, Officer Tyler Hunt, Officer Kelsey Schwartz, Deputy Chief Edward Brady, Officer Melinda Rommerek, Officer Samantha Zehner, Officer Anthony Daniel, and Commander Eric Kellogg.
Sylvia Lopo – Service to the Organization

Sylvia Lopo, Engineer in the Public Works Department, takes on every challenge handed to her with grace and integrity. Her coordination on projects in the Candelas development as well as with outside agencies such as CDOT has made her a highly valued member of an already great team. Her role and duties often become a point of contention for developers; however, she is not willing to sacrifice the City’s core values to provide the easy answer. Rather, she upholds the integrity of the community, not by being inflexible or stubborn but with the intent of enhancing the lives of all community members—not just developers.

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Employees of the Quarter

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Public Works Director Retiring

Bob Manwaring, Director of Public Works since 2011, announced that he will retire in early August of 2018. At the time of the printing of The Arvada Report, his successor had yet to be announced.

A dedicated public servant and professional engineer with more than 30 years of service in the public sector, Bob was recently recognized by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) with a Distinguished Service Award.

As Director of Public Works, Bob manages transportation, engineering, streets maintenance, facilities, and geodata services.

Arvada’s Cable Channel Now Available in HD!

After over 20 years on the air, Arvada’s cable channel is now available in high definition. Channel 8, the City’s original channel, still airs, but if you tune to Channel 880 you can now watch City Council meetings and other programming in high definition.
Curious about what is being built at the top of the hill on Kipling Pkwy.? It’s a new connection for W. 55th Ave./Lee St. at Kipling Pkwy, linking Red Rocks Community College (RRCC), the new Gateway at Arvada Ridge community, and the RTD G-Line station. This project is part of Phase 3 of the Arvada Ridge development, an Arvada Urban Renewal project that is transforming the former Ridge Home Hospital into another vibrant residential community. Just north of the Arvada Ridge commuter rail station, the Gateway at Arvada Ridge is being developed, offering 296 apartment homes with a contemporary Prairie-style architecture that complements the architecture of the RRCC expansion and the new commuter rail station. Leasing for the new residences is expected to begin in November of 2018. Also in the vicinity, the City and RRCC are collaborating on a Holistic Health and Fitness Park which will provide a unique public park space within a dense, transit-oriented neighborhood. The park will offer a welcoming place to exercise the body and mind with a variety of holistic health and fitness techniques, as well as spaces for public recreation. The park will also act as an outdoor classroom and research laboratory for RRCC students, enhancing practical educational opportunities for the students enrolled in the various degrees and certificates in the Holistic Health program. Visit arvadaurbanrenewal.org/projects/arvada-station-ii for additional information about the project.

Gateway Project Connects Kipling, Red Rocks Community College

Quick Facts:

- **Gateway at Arvada Ridge**
  - 296 units
  - Clubhouse & Pool
  - $3,550,000 in City of Arvada Use Taxes and Water & Sewer Fees

- **Lee Street/55th Ave Improvements**
  - $2,000,000
  - 150,000 yards of dirt
  - 8,000 yards of dirt removed or 470 Large Truck Loads

- **Public Park and Art Walk**
  - $600,000+ in Park Fees
  - $1,200,000 plazas and art
  - 6 Art Sculptures

Advance Arvada – Help Us Update the Land Development Code

Attend an Open House to learn about the Land Development Code Update and Code Module 2.

**Wednesday, August 29, 6-8 p.m.**
Arvada City Hall
8101 Ralston Road

This is the second in a series of Open Houses to obtain community input for the LDC update. The LDC affects all development and helps shape where you live, work, and play.

For more information, visit AdvanceArvada.org.
The Arvada City Council is considering a ballot measure for November that would authorize the issuance of debt to pay for two major transportation projects. Not only were these projects considered top priorities by two Citizen Capital Improvement Committees as well as the Arvada Citizens’ Transportation Committee, they also address concerns reflected in recent Arvada Citizen Surveys.

**W. 72nd Ave. Project**

Improvements to W. 72nd Ave. --Arvada's central east-west corridor—are needed between State Highway 72 (Indiana St.) and Kipling St. The project has been broken into four segments at a projected total of $98.5 million dollars (at the time of printing, the City Council was analyzing whether to fund just Segment 1, or Segments 1 and 2, in the proposed ballot question):

- **Segment 1:** Kipling St. to Oak St. (including the underpass at the railroad crossing): $53 million
- **Segment 2:** Oak St. to Simms St.: $11.5 million
- **Segment 3:** Simms St. to Ward Rd.: $11 million
- **Segment 4:** Ward Rd. to Indiana St.: $23 million

The total project will match the widened portion of W. 72nd Ave. east of Kipling St. and create an underpass at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing near Oak St. In addition to adding capacity, the project will also add bike lanes for cyclists and sidewalks for pedestrians to safely travel along the corridor. The project will also provide an opportunity to upgrade signalized intersections with the latest traffic signal equipment and technology to better coordinate the movement of people and goods.

Segment 1, with the grade separation, will require the taking of several properties. City staff has been open and transparent with these property owners and, should the project move forward, will negotiate fair acquisitions of the properties and assist in relocating the owners.

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**Questions? Join the Telephone Town Hall!**

On **Wednesday, August 8 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**, the Arvada City Council will host a Telephone Town Hall to answer questions about issuing debt and why these two transportation projects are so critical. Join the conversation! Beginning at 6:30 p.m., residents will be called through an automated system and invited to participate. After answering the phone, the caller will be automatically connected to the meeting.

If you do not receive a call, simply dial toll-free **1-877-229-8493**, and enter PIN 117601.

Arvada is also offering residents a text-to-register option for anyone wanting to join the call from a mobile phone. To preregister and receive a call on your mobile device, text **ARVADA** to 828282. 📞
Ralston Road Project

Ralston Road is classified as an arterial roadway, serving nearly 23,000 vehicle trips per day. Located on the W. 58th Ave. alignment, it is the most continuous east-west corridor in southern Arvada. It provides connectivity to major north-south corridors including three State Highways (SH 95/Sheridan Blvd., SH121 Wadsworth Blvd., and SH72/ Ward Rd.)

The Regional Transportation District operates a number of bus lines along portions of Ralston Road. However, unsafe pedestrian and bicycling conditions hinder access to transit and destinations along the roadway.

Both in 2008 and 2015, a Council-appointed Citizen’s Capital Improvement Project Committee rated improvements along Ralston Road as the number one priority.

An extensive planning process has been undertaken to establish a vision for improvements to Ralston Road between Wadsworth Bypass and Kipling St. Transportation, land-use, and transit issues were studied in a public process. All property owners along the corridor were interviewed. Ultimately, a conceptual engineering plan was developed.

Several sections of the project have already been completed or are in progress:
- Wadsworth Bypass to Yukon St. will be completed with grant funds.
- Garrison St. to Kipling St. are completed through the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority’s redevelopment of the Ralston Creek North area (formerly the Arvada Plaza).

The remaining section from Yukon to Garrison would be funded through the proposed debt issuance for a total of $15.3 million.

In total, the Ralston Road Project will improve this historic thoroughfare for pedestrians, drivers, and transit. Between Olde Town and the new Ralston Creek shopping areas, the project will widen Ralston Road travel lanes and rebuild sidewalks to standard widths to improve driver and pedestrian safety. It also provides some additional space for drivers needing to use the center turn lane to access businesses. The project will add aesthetic improvements, enhance pedestrian crossing locations, add medians and landscaping, and improve neighborhood connectivity to businesses and services along Ralston Road.
This year marked the tenth consecutive year the Arvada Fire Department hosted Auto X, a technical extrication class. The course, held May 17 – 19, 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. 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 cement truck had rolled on top of another vehicle. This year we offered a new scenario — a vehicle crushed under a school bus with children (mannequins) inside the bus. Two Arvada Fire Paramedics shared their expertise on mass-casualty incidents and offered hands-on instruction. We received positive feedback from the students and look forward to offering this training next year.

The course was very successful this year with 105 students attending. Every year, ten of your Arvada Firefighters participate in this training, resulting in 100 firefighters from Arvada Fire attending the class over the last ten years. Our goal is to have every Arvada Firefighter attend this class at least once. Arvada looks forward to hosting the event in years to come. Citizens are welcome to stop by our Training Center to watch how Arvada firefighters are training to protect you!

Auto X Command Staff Cadre
Training Chief Charlie Johlgren
Captain Donny Varra
Training Lieutenant Robb Roome
Lieutenant Mike Kulp

Arvada Fire Auto X Instructors
Captain Jeramie Greer
Captain Matt Osier
Captain Jamie Dension
Captain Robert Purfark
Lieutenant Matt Berland
Engineer Ryan Weir
Engineer Seth Smith
Engineer Todd Sassen
Engineer Jeremy Gaccetta
Firefighter Jacob Eldridge
Firefighter/Paramedic Brooke Elder
Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Faes
Letter from the Chief

CHIEF JON GREER

As I write this article, I have just finished a day of classes at a chief’s conference on the delivery of Emergency Medical Services. While there is always something to learn, I am struck by the fact that the Arvada Fire Department is among the best of the best. We stay abreast of changes and implement the ones we deem beneficial to our citizens and firefighters earlier than most. We never live in the past but continually evaluate our services and look for ways to improve.

One conference topic that was especially relevant to me was how agencies address the increasing demand for services as their communities experience a rise in population, an aging population, and other growth factors. With that as context, in the June/July 2018 issue of The Arvada Report my letter focused on the Gallagher Amendment and its impact on our Department. I would like to follow up with the impact the Gallagher Amendment will have on our future budgets. Given that the full impact may not be felt for the next few years, you may wonder why I am bringing it up now. The reason is that the Arvada Fire Protection District Board of Directors must decide by the end of August if they are going to ask District voters for a permanent extension of the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) at the current rate of 7.2%. Our mill levy would fluctuate up and down depending on what happens with the housing market if this endeavor were to be successful.

The Fire Department works very hard to be good stewards of your money. For example, instead of buying new apparatus, we refurbished a fire engine last year and doubled its life for half the cost of a new one. We are using the same process with an aerial ladder and ambulance this year—again, for half the cost of a new one. That is not a small chunk of change, as the aerial is worth over a million dollars when purchased new.

In closing, while this is a confusing issue and our ability to communicate to District residents is limited, as Fire Chief I want to make sure you are aware that if we do not take action, the impact on our Department will be significant. I appreciate the time you take to read the information we provide, and as always, thank you for allowing us to be your fire department.
Preparing the Community For Wildfires

A dry winter has already resulted in some devastating wildfires in Colorado. The City of Durango, for example, made national news as the flames tore through nearby forests in the 416 Fire. As that fire grew, several Arvada firefighters were deployed for assistance. Arvada Fire has a Wildland Team that works both locally and nationally. These firefighters have specialized training in techniques and tactics for fighting a wildland fire. This assistance program generates a lot of value to the Arvada Fire Protection District as it brings in revenue while also providing valuable training for the Wildland Team.

While we often send members of Arvada Fire to assist with fires around the country, the risk of a wildland fire in our own community is very real.

Arvada Fire is launching a new program in the western side of the District designed to teach individuals who live in areas at risk of wildland fires how to best prepare themselves and their properties against wildland fire threats. The Ready, Set, Go! Program works collaboratively with defensible space education tools and provides the tools for the fire service to educate individuals on preparedness, situational awareness when a fire starts, and to act early for the safety of your family and emergency responders.

The Ready, Set, Go! Program is the result of a nation-wide discussion on how to protect homes and lives in what the fire service calls the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). WUI is where development meets natural vegetation and the ember zone. An ember zone is an area where the wind-driven ember fall-out from a wildland fire can threaten property and lives. The combination of high grasses, dry open space, and heavy wind in the western portion of the District make this threat a real concern. Our Community Risk Reduction Team, members of the Wildland Team, Station 8 and 7, and individuals from the City of Arvada are already working with local HOAs to help spread this information.

The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to share information with residents on what you can do to successfully prepare for a wildland fire. Fire season is an increasing threat and a year-round reality in many areas. Do your part to be prepared. Follow the simple steps of the program below:

- **Ready** – Be ready. Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Create your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan.

- **Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place.**

- **Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action and practice it regularly.**

- **Set** – Situational awareness. Pack your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department, and public safety.

- **Go** – Act early! Follow your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan. Doing so will not only support your safety but will allow emergency responders to best maneuver resources to combat the fire. Don’t let the first time you educate yourself on wildland fire be in the aftermath of one. Join with us and be a part of the wildland fire solution today! Contact the Arvada Fire Department if you are interested in us coming out and speaking with your organization about Wildfire Preparedness.

Go to [www.wildlandfireRSG.org](http://www.wildlandfireRSG.org) for more information on the Ready, Set, Go! Program.

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**Defensible Space - Increase Your Safety and Reduce Fire Damage!**

Defensible space is a buffer zone created by removing weeds, brush, and other natural vegetation between structures and the wildland urban interface (WUI). Creating defensible space can decrease fire damage to structures and allow space for firefighting operations.

Landscaping plans that include non-combustible materials or fire-resistant plants and regular maintenance can contribute to the creation of defensible space. Special consideration should be given to wind-driven embers which can travel up to a mile ahead of the flame front. Take care to regularly inspect or replace outside screens and ventilation points.
SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, September 29
10 AM - 2 PM
@ 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 IMMUNIZATIONS & FREE FOOD!

Jefferson County Public Health will provide immunizations to uninsured, Medicaid and CHIP patients. Ask about other insurance. If you would like immunization services, you MUST bring your immunization records.
West Woods Clubhouse Renovation Honored by *Golf Inc.* Magazine

*Golf Inc.* Magazine’s July/August 2018 highlights the Clubhouses of the Year, honorees that are “great example of how members are embracing stylish, modern venues for socializing and family activities. And the ‘wow’ factor is a big part of the package.” Arvada’s West Woods Clubhouse, which underwent a complete renovation in 2017 and re-opened to the public in April, was awarded 2nd place in the category of Public Renovation.

The magazine states, “There was one big problem with the old West Woods Clubhouse: It only had two bathrooms. And it’s not as if West Woods Golf Club is some sort of 9-hole muni. It sports 27 holes. One other factor drove the decision-making. The club is popular both with golfers and with nearby residents, because the area is not exactly hopping with other local amenities. So the city of Arvada deemed an upgrade to be not a luxury but a necessity. And it’s been a win-win for all involved.”

The West Woods Clubhouse remodel was the result of a City Council goal to create an upgraded facility in keeping with the activity levels of a 27-hole golf course. The 20,000 square foot building is “Refined Colorado Mountain” style with large areas of glass to provide panoramic views of the golf course and the mountains from the bar and restaurant. Guests can experience a new bar, a covered outdoor dining area, a golfers porch, and an overlook patio with a fire pit. The clubhouse also features a golf simulator room with state-of-the-art technology.

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**Toby’s Pet Parade & Fair**

**Presented by Credit Union of Denver**

**Saturday, September 8**

**Downtown Golden**

Pet Costume Parade & Contests
Food & Drinks • Vendors • Flyball
Family-Friendly Fun & Games!

Registration Opens August 6

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**Benefiting Foothills Animal Shelter**

TobysPetParade.org
Horses and Naay-ture at The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center
Friday-Tuesday, August 10-14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ages 5-8, $415.
Get hands-on with horses. Call 720-394-0191 to register.

Nature Movie Afternoon
Wednesday, August 15, 2-3:30 p.m.
Ages 4-12, Free

Garden Xeriscaping 101 & Tour
Friday, August 17, 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 12 and up, $5

LIVE Animal Meet and Greet
Saturday, September 15, 10:30-11 a.m.
All ages, $5/person, $15/family

Magic Science Saturday
Saturday, September 15, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12, $5
Is it magic or science?

Walking in Nature—“Arvada in the 50s”
Tuesday, September 18, 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 14 & up, $5 per person/$15 per family
Meet at Olde Town Square, W. 57th Ave. and Olde Wadsworth
Cancelled if inclement weather.

Discover New Zealand:
Majestic View Travel Series
Thursday, September 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Ages 8+, $5

International Bird Day
Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 – 8 p.m. All ages, Free.

Putting Your Garden to Bed
Saturday, September 29, 11 a.m. – noon
Ages 12 and up, $5
Get your garden prepared for winter.

Tai Chi at Majestic View
Mondays, October 1 – 29. Adults, $50 for 5-week session.
Beginning 6:15-7:15 p.m., Continuing 5-6 p.m

After Nappers or After School Club
Wednesday, October 3-24, 4-5 p.m.
After Nappers-Ages 2-4 w/Adult
After School-Ages 5-10, $15 for 4 week session
King Soopers Opens Newest Location in West Arvada!

King Soopers Marketplace opened at Candelas, located at W. 90th Ave. and Indiana St. It is the 11th Marketplace in Colorado. The 124,000 square foot location offers a one-stop shopping experience that meets the needs of today’s busy, health-conscious shopper.

“We can’t think of a better location to open our 153rd store than in Arvada where it all started for us in 1947 with our first King Soopers,” said Dennis Gibson, President of King Soopers. “As a Colorado company we are very excited about serving this community as a solution for much of what their family needs.”

Traditional grocery offerings have been expanded in this location and feature locally grown produce and organic selections as well as beautiful outdoor floral; fresh prepared meals; and specialty food bars including sushi, Murray’s cheese, Pan Asian, The Chicken Company and Pizza Romano. Boars Head meat is available in the deli, as well as more than 5,000 natural and organic items throughout the store. The bakery department offers fresh Artisan bread, delicious gourmet cakes, and a gluten free section. The Meat and Seafood Department feature “Gourmet Easy for You” options that will help customers prepare family meals in minutes. In addition to food items, the Marketplace sells quality general merchandise including apparel, home goods, dinnerware, small appliances, and much more.

The location also features a Starbucks with an outdoor seating area, a drive-through pharmacy, and 18 fuel pumps as well as home delivery within two hours. The store employs 250 people.

Arvada Visitors Center: A Resource for All Things Arvada

The Arvada Visitors Center is THE resource to assist residents, future residents, and guests in exploring Arvada to its fullest. The Center increases awareness of Arvada and inspires people to visit through their marketing programs. The goal is that our City is a destination for guests and a home for those considering relocation to the area. The Arvada Visitors Center brings more visitors and potential residents to this community than any other Arvada organization, striving to be the first step to a memorable experience in Arvada.

The Arvada Visitors Center was created in the fall of 2012. We have personally greeted thousands of guests, and answered just as many questions about our amazing city. 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 the Visitors Center offers:

**Arvada Visitors Guide**

This 20-page guide highlights key attractions, businesses, events, and outdoor activities in our community. The Visitors Center prints nearly 25,000 guides annually and distributes them to nearly 300 locations along the Front Range. Distribution locations included 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. This Guide is also in every room of Arvada’s only full-service hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn.

**Arvada Relocation Guide**

This 28 page marketing piece for Arvada includes 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, transportation, outdoors, healthcare, education, and economic development. This piece is designed as a self-mailer and we are able to easily fulfill requests that come from around the country via email or a phone call.

**Events Calendar**

We work diligently to have a robust and current events calendar. Whether you are 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. More than 500 events are listed on our site each year. The best way to stay “in-the-know” is to receive our bi-monthly eblasts - get the inside scoop on upcoming events, festivals, live music and Arvada happenings. Email jean@visitarvada.org to get signed up.

Also, don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – a great way to keep up in real time. The Arvada Visitors Center is located in Historic Olde Town Arvada at 7305 Grandview Ave.; head to visitarvada.org to learn more.

**Arvada Chamber Hosting Variety of Events**

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce creates a thriving business community through meaningful connections, business growth opportunities, customized engagement, and advocacy for a strong business climate. We believe every business has a unique story and we will work with each business to set a path to help them reach new heights! As part of our vision we offer a variety of opportunities to connect with your community. Check out a few upcoming opportunities below:

- **August 17, 7:15 a.m.**: State Candidates Election Forum
- **September 5, 11:30 a.m.**: Creating The Perfect Culture for ALL Your Employees Membership Luncheon
- **September 21, 7:15 a.m.**: Gubernatorial Election Forum
- **October 19, 7:15 a.m.**: County Election Forum
- **October 25, 6 p.m.**: Taste of Arvada

Learn more today at www.arvada chamber.org or call 303-424-0313.

**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.

- **7-Eleven**
  7190 Simms St.

- **Black Hound Design Company**
  4935 Allison St.

- **Bentley’s Pet Stuff**
  12393 W. 64th Ave.

- **Burncraft Fitness**
  8410 Wadsworth Blvd.

- **Corns Appliance**
  6520 Wadsworth Blvd.

- **Crisp Barber Shop**
  5760 Wadsworth Blvd.

- **Destination Dance Studio**
  9820 W. 59th Pl.

- **Flying Pig Bacon Company**
  5777 Wadsworth Blvd.

- **Infinity Ramen**
  5725 Yukon St.

- **Loma Eyecare**
  5097 W. 64th Ave.

- **Martial Arts Reforged LLC**
  9860 W. 59th Pl.

- **SafeSplash**
  5101 Kipling St.
Arvada Days Returns in September!

Saturday, September 22
9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Clear Creek Valley Park
W. 58th Ave. and Tennyson St.
ArvadaFestivals.com

Take a walk back in time to the 1800s and celebrate Arvada’s pioneering heritage during the 2nd Annual Arvada Days, produced by the Arvada Festivals Commission and Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District.

Arvada has a rich history and played a key role in Colorado’s gold mining history and agricultural heritage. Experience some of the “golden days” activities such as historical re-enactments, pony rides, and gold panning while learning first-hand what it was like to live in Arvada in the mid-1800s.

Arvada Days kicks off with an authentic “Chuck Wagon” breakfast of biscuits and gravy or scrambled eggs and biscuits (reservations required, $10 adults, $6 for children 10 and under).

New this year will be a catch and release fishing derby for kids ages 5 – 15 with ribbon prizes. Don’t miss the 11 a.m. baseball game with the Colorado Vintage Baseball players! A Farm to Table dinner will round out the day!

Meals and some activities require reservations; purchase your tickets at ArvadaFestivals.com.

Arvada Historical Society Events

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For more information about Historical Society events, call 303-424-4557.
### August

**3** First Fridays Artwalk – Olde Town Arvada  
6 – 8 p.m.  
Variety of Olde Town businesses participating  
[visitarvada.org](http://visitarvada.org)

**11** Arts & Ales at the Arvada Center  
12 – 7 p.m.  
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.  
720-898-7200

**12**“Second Saturdays” in Olde Town Arvada  
3 – 7 p.m.  
303-420-6100

### September

**7** First Fridays Artwalk – Olde Town Arvada  
6 – 8 p.m.  
Variety of Olde Town businesses participating  
[visitarvada.org](http://visitarvada.org)

**9** 93rd Annual Harvest Festival  
Parade on Saturday the 8th  
Olde Town Arvada  
303-335-0775

**8** Apex Community Garage Sale  
7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
13150 W. 72nd Ave.  
303-424-2739

**22** Arvada Days  
Clear Creek Valley Park  
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
58th and Tennyson St.

**29** Arvada Housing Resource Fair  
10 a.m. - noon  
APEX Community Recreation Center  
6842 Wadsworth Blvd.  
A variety of community organizations and agencies will be available to answer questions about affordable housing, financial assistance, home-sharing, Accessory Dwelling Units, and more.

### Ongoing

**Arvada Farmers Market**  
Every Sunday in the summer through September 30  
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Olde Town Square  
57th and Olde Wadsworth Blvd.  
[arvadafarmersmarket.com](http://arvadafarmersmarket.com)

**ArvadaFestivals.com**

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Friday, November 30**  
6 – 8 p.m.

**ArvadaFestivals.com**

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
5454 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.  
Includes Hors D’oeuvres and Wine Tasting  
If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Brenda at 720-898-7403 or brenda@arvada.org.
Play
Grow
Giggle
Hope
Imagine
Dare
Love

Experience the emotion of live theatre!

FOR INFORMATION OR TICKETS CALL 720-898-7200 OR VISIT ARVADACENTER.ORG

Fall Gallery Exhibitions

laRRA MARTIN: VIRGINIA MAIN AND RETROSPECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 12, 2018

Laura Martin, Virginia Main (back), left: Virginia Martin, 2016. Photo by Max Magleby.

LAURA MERAGE: HAUSY HAUSY SEPTEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 23, 2018

UPPER GALLERY
CONNECTED BY COLOR SEPTEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 15, 2018

Children’s Theatre

SEUSSICAL Made by Stephen Flaherty
Directed by Lynn Maves
Tom Yegian, Chris Hoadley, and Matthew Flaherty
Co-Created by Jurgen Meyer, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle
Based on Dr. Seuss’ books
Directed by Dan and Julia Payne
OCTOBER 8 - DECEMBER 29, 2018
WINDLEATHERS THEATER BY-514 - ON SALE AUGUST 1

Fall Classes!
EDUCATION IN THE ARTS FOR ALL AGES!
Fall Session: September 19 - November 17, 2018