Celebrate 100 Years of Arvada Parks

In 1919, Mrs. Clemency McIlvoy deeded her home and the three acres that surround it to the Town of Arvada with the understanding that it would become our first park, now McIlvoy Park. This was an early contribution to what has been sustained community support of outdoor spaces as cultural, recreational and civic centers.

Since Mrs. McIlvoy’s gift, the City’s parks system has grown to include regional, community, neighborhood and urban parks. There are special purpose parks, like the Arvada Skate Park, that are top venue destinations and nationally recognized. Arvada historic sites, such as Gold Strike Park, Moore Farm and Churches Ranch, preserve the mining, farming and ranching heritage that helped settle Colorado’s Front Range. The system also includes sports recreational facilities, the largest of which are the Harold D. Lutz and Stenger Sports Complexes.

As part of the 100th anniversary of Arvada Parks, this edition of the Arvada Report features information about the May 4 centennial celebration at McIlvoy Park as well as other events occurring at Arvada parks over the next few months.
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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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9-1-1

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City Hall Main Line 720-898-7000

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Accounts Receivable 720-898-7128

Animal Control 720-898-6850

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Arvada Economic Development 720-898-7010

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Special Event Permits 720-898-7435

Streets 720-898-7720

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 Victim Outreach Line 720-898-6770

Voter Registration 720-898-7550

Water Bills 720-898-7070

Water Quality 720-898-7800

West Woods Golf Club 720-898-7820

(Note: Times and dates subject to change. To confirm meetings go to arvada.org or call 720-898-7550.)
Parks 100 Year Celebration

Please come celebrate the centennial anniversary of Clemency McIlvoy’s generous gift to the community at an old fashioned picnic. The afternoon will be filled with live music, lawn games, bike rides, hikes, tours, family bike parade contest and May pole fun. Prizes and ribbons to be awarded!

Ride your bikes to the park and use the Bike Friendly Arvada’s free bike valet! Visit city and local civic volunteer booths to learn more about Arvada’s parks system. For updated information visit arvada.org/100-years-of-parks.

When and Where:

May 4, 2019
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
McIlvoy Park
5750 Upham Street

Schedule:

• Bike Ride hosted by Bike Friendly Arvada (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
• Live music from local groups Crooked Cannon (11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and Olde Town Swing Band (1 to 2:30 p.m.)
• Walking tours of Historic Olde Town Arvada (12 to 2 p.m.)
• Pie Baking Contest (2:30 p.m.)

Bring a picnic lunch, buy a lunch from the food truck or pick one up at an Olde Town restaurant. We encourage you to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the day in Olde Town.

How Many Parks Are in the City of Arvada?

Over the past 100 years, the City of Arvada parks system has grown and diversified to provide a wide range of outdoor gathering and recreational spaces. Today, most Arvadans live within a comfortable walking distance of a city park, something that greatly contributes to the quality of life within our community.

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Watch for Upcoming Construction Projects

With warmer temperatures and more predictable weather, the late spring and summer months are the best time to start construction projects. Here are several upcoming infrastructure projects that may impact your travel:

**Simms Street Water Transmission Main Replacement (crossing 72nd Avenue)**

**Description:** This project involves installation of a 24” water transmission pipe along Simms Street (between 70th Place and 75th Avenue) to improve the distribution of water in this part of town.

**Duration:** Now through Fall 2019

**Impact:** Crews will work from south to north along Simms. Two-way traffic will be maintained. Flaggers will be present to assist traffic going through the construction area. To learn more about this project, visit arvada.org/utilities-project-updates.

**Ralston Road Improvement (Upham Street to Yukon Street)**

**Description:** This project will reconstruct the roadway pavement, widen the traffic lanes and provide 8-foot wide detached or 10-ft wide attached sidewalks to improve traffic flow and safety for drivers and pedestrians.

**Duration:** Traffic impacts are expected to begin mid-summer 2019, starting with the grant-funded project (Upham Street to Yukon Street), and be completed by summer 2020. Work is then anticipated to start on the 3F Ballot Issue-funded portion of Ralston Road, from Yukon Street to Garrison Street, and be completed by fall of 2022.

**Impact:** The project will require lane closures and periodic closures of roads that cross Ralston Road. During this project, travelers are encouraged to avoid Ralston Road when traveling to or through Olde Town. For more information about this project and periodic updates, visit arvada.org/ralston-road-project.

As a result of its strong financial position, the City of Arvada recently received a “AAA” bond rating from two of the leading credit-rating agencies (Fitch and Standard & Poor’s). This enabled the City to secure a lower-than-expected interest rate on bonds to fund improvements to Ralston Road from Yukon Street to Garrison Street and W. 72nd Avenue from Kipling Street to Simms Street, the 3F Bond projects approved by Arvada residents during the 2018 election. The City will save $4.5 million in interest over the next 20 years because of the bond rating!

Learn more about financing the Ralston Road and 72nd Avenue 3F Bond projects: arvada.org/financials-3f-projects.
Exploring Safer, Cleaner and Less Expensive Waste Hauling

In response to results from the Arvada Citizen Survey and recommendations from the City’s Sustainability Advisory Committee, the City of Arvada is exploring ways to organize waste hauling in our community. A project is underway to understand the different options, costs and impacts to the community.

The City expects to explore an organized system that would require fewer trucks on the road (and less often) in order to increase safety, reduce road damage, and decrease noise and air pollution. The City is also looking at ways to reduce costs to residents, increase recycling options and increase quality of customer service.

For more information on organized waste hauling in Arvada, please visit:

- SpeakUp.Arvida.org/waste-hauling
- arvada.org/waste-hauling

There will be many opportunities for you to get involved with this project throughout 2019.
In recognition of National Law Enforcement Week (May 13-17), the Arvada Police Department Honor Guard will pay tribute to their fallen colleagues with an honor watch and wreath ceremony on Thursday, May 16, at 8 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd.) in recognition of W. Michael Northey and Robert Beghtol, two Arvada Police officers who were killed in the line of duty. After the ceremony, the Honor Guard will conduct a ceremonial watch over the wreath until 12 p.m., with a changing of the guard every 20 minutes.

Arvada City Manager Mark Deven, Police Chief Link Strate, elected officials and other City leaders will be present to pay their respects. The community is invited to attend.

Officer Northey was killed after being struck by a car while making an arrest in 1979. Shortly after his death, the W. Michael Northey Foundation was established to assist officers in need and provide scholarships to students in Arvada pursuing their education after high school.

Officer Beghtol died in 1961 during Scuba Diving Unit practice at the lake near W. 60th Avenue and Tennyson Street. The Arvada Police training facility, the Beghtol Building, is named in his honor.

National Law Enforcement Week was established in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Events planned by law enforcement entities across the country honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.
Northey Drug Take-Back Event

The Northey Foundation is again partnering with the Arvada Police Department to offer metro area residents a Drug Take-Back Event on Saturday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Arvada Police Headquarters, (8101 Ralston Rd.).

This is a free event; however, donations are accepted and will benefit the Northey Foundation, which provides scholarships to Arvada high school seniors who want to further their education, as well as assistance to families of officers killed or injured in the line of duty. The generous underwriting of the Arvada Vitality Alliance, Custom Environmental Services, Inc. and Sooper Credit Union ensure that all donations will directly benefit the Foundation. In 2018, the Foundation awarded 15 scholarships totaling $25,500.

The Drug Take-Back event is a safe way for you to dispose of unused or expired medications. Simply bring your unused, unwanted, expired medications to the Arvada Police Headquarters parking lot, where you can drive up, hand off and drive away.

When over-the-counter or prescription medications are expired or no longer needed, they should be removed from the home. They pose a risk if obtained by young children and can potentially be dangerous if used. Many people believe that the best way to dispose of unused or expired medications is to flush them down the toilet; however, this pollutes our waterways and adversely affects wildlife and plant life along our streams and rivers.

W. Michael Northey was a police officer for the City of Arvada who was tragically killed after being struck by a car while making an arrest on Aug. 11, 1979. Northey was very active with the youth of the community and the Northey Foundation was created to award scholarships to those graduating Arvada seniors who wish to continue their education and for officers and/or their families in times of need. The W. Michael Northey Foundation is a 501(c)(3) (IRS#31-1771579) not-for-profit organization.

Thanks to Event Sponsors
Arvada Promotes a New Sergeant and Commander

Sergeant Ken Huff

Ken Huff was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. He attended the University of Arizona on a baseball scholarship and played minor league baseball with both the Minnesota Twins and Arizona Diamondbacks organizations. He graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Kinesiology.

Ken was hired with the Arvada Police Department in January 2012 and has served as a firearms instructor, lead instructor for the Lidar/Radar accident re-constructionist and team lead for the Critical Accident Response Team, and as a Field Training Officer. Most recently, Ken was assigned to the traffic unit as a motor officer where he won the 2016 Denver Metro Area Blue Knights Top Gun motorcycle event.

Commander Anthony Baros

Hired to the Arvada Police Department in 2004, Anthony Baros has also served in the U.S. Air Force for more than five years and the National Guard for five years. He has been deployed several times, including to Iraq, Turkey and Kuwait, and he has been awarded the Bronze Star. Anthony earned a Master’s Degree in Divinity from the Denver Seminary.

During his career with the Arvada Police Department, Anthony has been assigned to the Patrol Unit, the Investigations Bureau in the Crimes Against Children Unit, and most recently, in the Administration Bureau. He has also participated in Bicycle Patrol, the Critical Accident Response Team and Honor Guard. He currently serves as an instructor in Arrest Control, Emergency Vehicle Operation and Firearms programs.

Anthony has been awarded two Medals for Meritorious Service and one Chief’s Citation.
Five Questions: metroDPA

The Arvada City Council recently voted to participate in a metro-wide cooperative program, called metroDPA, to assist Arvada residents pursuing homeownership. MetroDPA provides special down payment assistance for low- and moderate-income individuals and families seeking to purchase a home. The program provides down payment and closing cost assistance (up to 5 percent of your loan) as a zero-interest, forgivable second mortgage. The metroDPA program is a partnership of the Metro Mayors Caucus and is being coordinated by the City and County of Denver. For general information about the program, visit arvada.org/metrodpa-arvada. You can also call Denver’s Affordable Housing Ownership Program at 720-913-1634.

1. How Do I Get Started?
Contact a participating lender, tell them that you’re interested in the “metroDPA program,” and begin the process today to become the metro area’s newest homeowner! Find a list of participating lenders at arvada.org/metrodpa-arvada.

2. How Do I Know if I Qualify?
Your lender will help you explore your specific income, debt and credit factors. Unlike previous mortgage assistance programs you may have heard of, there is no requirement that you be a first-time buyer. A few of the qualifications include that your income cannot exceed $134,850, and you will need to attend a free homebuyer counseling class that will better prepare you for and inform you about homeownership.

3. What Sorts of Homes or Properties Can I Purchase?
Single-family, detached houses; condominium or townhomes; and duplexes. You must occupy the home as your primary residence. There is no limit on the property price beyond what your lender believes you can qualify for. Note: This program does not include refinancing of properties you already own.

4. Where Should the Home I Buy be Located?
A large number of cities in the Denver metro area participate in this program, including Arvada. Other communities include Denver, Broomfield, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Thornton, Westminster, Wheat Ridge, and unincorporated Jefferson County. A full list of participating communities is at arvada.org/metrodpa-arvada.

5. Who are the Mortgage Lenders?
You can find a list of participating lenders at arvada.org/metrodpa-arvada or call Denver’s Affordable Housing Ownership Program at 720-913-1634.
Arvada Chamber of Commerce Announces Winners Recognized at 94th Annual Dinner Photo included

Mike Litzau with Arvada Chamber Staff

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce 2018 award recipients for Business of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, Chairman’s Choice, Ambassador of the Year and Behind the Scenes member. Recipients were honored at the Jan. 25, 2019, Arvada Chamber of Commerce 94th Annual Dinner at the Arvada Center.

The 2018 Business of the Year recipient is Steuben’s Arvada, located at 7355 Ralston Rd. The popular restaurant and bar opened in 2016 following the success of its original Denver location. Set in a renovated 25-year-old diner, Steuben’s quickly established itself as a staple of the revitalized area. Not only does Steuben’s excel internally, but it offers continuous support for the community with its weekly Dine Back program, which has raised over $75,000 for schools and charities across Arvada.

Rocky Mountain Children’s Health Foundation (RMCHF) of Colorado, located at 5394 Marshall St., was selected as the Chamber’s 2018 Non-Profit of the Year. Each year, this Arvada-based non-profit provides direct assistance to more than 5,500 pediatric patients and their families. RMCHF runs the world’s largest Mother’s Milk Bank to collect, test and provide donor human milk to babies in neonatal intensive care units. For children with serious medical conditions, RMCHF also provides financial support, loving companion dogs, nurses and medical support staff.

The 2018 Chairman’s Choice Awards went to Apex Park and Recreation and Early College of Arvada.

Apex offers an integrated, multi-faceted array of classes, events and activities supporting the vibrancy of Arvada. Apex also partners with nonprofit organizations in the community, including the Chamber, offering volunteers, sponsorship and meeting space. Early College of Arvada is a free public charter school offering 6th through 12th grade students a pathway to complete secondary and post-secondary courses. In 2017, the school hosted its first school-wide service day with projects at seven local non-profit organizations.

The selection committee named Kathryn Tighe and Joe Seehusen as Ambassadors of the Year. The newly-engaged couple joined the Chamber in 2016 and immediately began contributing as guests or volunteers at every event. Tighe and Seehusen also participate in Chamber leadership programs and write handwritten notes welcoming new members. While the Chamber has many outstanding ambassadors, these two exhibited incredible dedication over the past few years.

The selection committee awarded the Behind the Scenes award to Mike Litzau. Recognized as the Chamber’s Man of the Year in 2013, Litzau continues a passion for giving back to the Arvada community as a member of numerous boards, associations and Chamber committees.
Nominations for these awards were reviewed by a selection committee made up of Arvada Chamber leaders. Recipients for the Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year Awards were honored with a video of their accomplishments at the 94th Annual Dinner, which can be viewed on the Arvada Chamber YouTube channel. For more information, please call 303-424-0313 or visit www.arvadachamber.org.

Arvada Economic Development Association Announces 2019 Board Appointments

Ken Olsen, Alicia Svaldi, and Paul Duncan

The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) would like to introduce its 2019 Board Officers: Ken Olsen (B2B CFO), president; Dave Doherty (Piper Electric), past president; Alicia Svaldi (Faustson Tool), vice president; and Paul Duncan (Pie Consulting & Engineering), secretary/treasurer. Additionally, AEDA welcomes newly elected board members Julie Witecki (Swinerton Builders) and Mark Inboden (Utility Control & Equipment Corporation). Lastly, Jeremy Gregory (Wells Fargo Bank), Chairman of the Arvada Chamber Board of Directors will serve AEDA as the Arvada Chamber representative.

AEDA also elected its Retention Committee leadership: Michael Frie (PBS Wealth Management), chair and Andrew Heesacker (Arvada Rent-Alls), vice chair.

AEDA would like to thank outgoing board members Jodi Thomas and Mike VanderKolk for their years of service, along with outgoing Retention Committee members, Kayla Arnesen and Maggie Weakley. The organization appreciates the time and dedication each has invested toward AEDA’s success.

New Arvada Businesses

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

- Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado 7275 Kipling St.
- Flights Wine Café 7714 Grandview Ave.
- Hestra Gloves 12425 W. 54th Dr.
- Massage Envy 15530 W. 64th Ave.
- Sprint 5545 Wadsworth Blvd.
- Tacos El Panson 11601 64th Ave.

For a complete listing of Arvada businesses, go to ArvadaEconomicDevelopment.org and select “Business Directory.”

Annual Kite Festival

Sunday, April 7
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Stenger Soccer Field
11204 W. 58th Ave.
www.arvadafestivals.org
Chief’s Report
By Chief Jon Greer

As the Arvada Fire Protection district begins the re-accreditiation process, one of the documents we need to complete is a new Strategic Plan. This document will be our road map for the next five years. We have completed strategic plans before, so this process is not new to us. However, we always look for ways to make the process better, and this time we are gathering more input from stakeholders than ever before. This will be more of a community and stakeholder driven plan, as it should be. Here are the steps that will get us to the final document:

- Partner Agency Meeting - This meeting of representatives from our partners in the fire service, police and sheriff departments, cities, schools, hospitals, and the Chamber of Commerce was held in January. Participants provided valuable feedback on what we do well and areas that need improvement.

- Citizen Input - In February, we began collecting community feedback using an online survey. As of this writing, we have well over 100 responses and hope to get more than 200 overall to better understand expectations, what we do well and what we could do better.

- Employee Input - We will gather employee feedback in two ways: an online employee survey and a meeting to collect feedback in small groups from members of what we call the Advisory Board. This board is made up of all ranks of personnel and all divisions of the district are represented.

- District Board Goals - We will have a discussion with the District Board during their March board meeting to establish their goals for the strategic plan.

After all input is received, Arvada Fire employees will review the feedback to identify themes. The themes will be used to create goals and objectives that ensure we address opportunities for improvement while continuing what we do well. These goals will ensure that we continually work to achieve our mission: to preserve life, property and the environment.

Once the goals and objectives have been submitted and reviewed, the strategic plan will go to the District Board for their approval. Now remember I had to write this in February so if everything went according to plan, which it always does, we will submit this to the Fire District Board for their approval at their June meeting.

This is a lot of work, but the strategic plan should be the backbone for our future planning, budgeting, and actions going forward. As you can see, there will be a tremendous amount of input from all interested stakeholders. We will let you know when it is done. Should be good reading.
Arvada Fire Accreditation

In 2014, the Arvada Fire Protection District (AFPD) was designated as an accredited agency by the Center of Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). This accreditation means that the AFPD’s emergency response and service model have been verified and validated as following fire and emergency services best practices and that AFPD is community-focused, data-driven, outcome-driven, strategic-minded, well-organized, properly-equipped, and properly staffed and trained. Accreditation is awarded on a five-year cycle, and Arvada Fire is currently preparing for re-accreditation.

As part of the re-accreditation process, AFPD has updated its Community Risk Assessment/Standard of Cover (CRA/SOC) document. This document is one of three required elements for an agency to be considered for accredited status. The CRA/SOC document:

- Provides an all-hazard risk analysis for the community.
- Defines the levels of performance for all services provided by Arvada Fire.
- Establishes the performance measurements for distribution and concentration of fixed and mobile resources for emergency response.
- Defines the performance expectations for emergency response, including for alarm handling, response time, and arrival of all necessary resources to begin mitigation of the emergency.
- Provides details on current response performance and target goals.
- Is based upon a summary of five-year historical response performance for fire, emergency medical, hazardous material, and technical rescue incidents.
- Analyzes response unit availability and capacity; emergency incident workloads and demands on the system; incident distribution and concentration.

Our updated CRA/SOC can be found on our website at www.arvadafire.com in the “about us” section under “district documents.”

Cooking Fires in Residential Buildings (2014-2016)

Each year, from 2014 to 2016, fire departments in the United States responded to an estimated average of 188,800 cooking fires in residential buildings.

These fires caused an estimated:

- **195** deaths
- **3,800** injuries
- **$463 million** in property loss

Cooking was, by far, the leading cause of all residential building fires and injuries.

Confined fires, generally smaller fires, accounted for 91 percent of residential building cooking fires.

In 83 percent of nonconfined cooking fires in residential buildings, the fires were limited to the object or room of fire origin.

Smoke alarms and automatic extinguishing systems (AESs), 67 and 8 percent respectively, were present in nonconfined cooking fires in occupied residential buildings.

The leading specific factor contributing to ignition in nonconfined cooking fires in residential buildings was unattended equipment (40 percent).
Electrical Safety

Among the more than 15 thousand calls for service the Arvada Fire Protection District receives each year, a growing number are caused by electrical problems. Over the past six months there has been an increase in electricity-related fires. May is National Electrical Safety Month, and a good time to talk about electricity, how to use it properly, and some things you can do at home to prevent an electrical related emergency.

Failures of a residential electrical system that lead to fires are typically located at connections, terminations and junctions. With that in mind, here are some common causes of electrical related fires:

- If an outlet seems loose or does not hold a plug very well, it could result in excessive heating and potentially a fire, and it’s probably time to replace the outlet.
- Be aware of locations where the branch circuit wiring terminates. This is typically either at a receptacle or inside the main panel. An unsecured wire could lead to overheating and potentially a fire. A warning sign of this problem is a burning odor, smoke or warm outlet covers. If any of these conditions exist, contact a licensed electrician.
- Improper connections can occur virtually anywhere along an electrical circuit. Unfortunately, they may not be found until it is too late. If you have concerns or if you can see wire nuts exposed in any part of your home, consider contacting a licensed electrician.

The previous examples are associated with the wiring for the structure itself. However, how you use an electrical system often plays a much larger safety role. Here are some tips that you can use to reduce the potential for an electrical related emergency in your home or business:

- Do not use extension cords for permanent wiring. These devices should only be used for temporary use (like seasonal holiday lighting or power tools). Remember, the more connections you have, the more opportunities there are for failure and fire. If additional outlets are needed, contact a licensed electrician to provide the proper number and spacing of outlets.
- If you must use space heaters, make sure they are plugged directly into a wall receptacle. Never plug them in to an extension cord, power strip, multi-plug adapter or timer.
- Do not overload the electrical circuit. If you are concerned about a potentially overloaded circuit, contact a licensed electrician. Remember that although wattage may not have exceeded the circuit’s capacity, extension cords or power strips may still pose a risk. Be sure to check these devices for labels to ensure they are not being overloaded themselves.
- Check your appliance power cords and extension cords for damage. Any missing, damaged or compromised insulation can result in a fire or electrocution hazard.
- Make sure your circuits are properly labeled at the electrical panel. This will ensure that the power can be disconnected properly for the correct area of the building. Mislabeling or damaged circuits can cause you to think a circuit is turned off, when it really isn’t. And this can lead to significant injuries and death.
- If small children may be present, consider purchasing outlet guards. Newer homes may have “tamper-resistant” outlets. However, outlet guards are relatively inexpensive and can provide a secondary level of protection.

Electrical hazards aren’t only inside the home. Summer outdoor activities can increase the need for electricity outside. Outdoor pools, electric lawn mowers, electric trimmers, and outdoor entertaining can all present fire and electrocution hazards. The same tips apply: reduce the number of connection points and inspect your device’s wiring for damaged insulation.

We’ve all heard the saying that electricity and water don’t mix. It’s true! Be sure that any electrical devices used around water are properly protected with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). This device will detect problems that could lead to shock or electrocution. A relatively inexpensive tester can be purchased from your local home goods supplier that can test the functionality of the GFCI. The “test” button on these outlets does not always prove the device is operating properly. As always, contact a licensed electrician if you are unsure about the GFCI status at your residence.

While there are many hazards present in our lives today, the possibility of an electrical emergency can be reduced by following these safety tips. For additional information visit www.esfi.org or contact the Arvada Fire Protection District. We hope you have a safe and electrical emergency free summer!
Firefighter of the Year

Congratulations to Seth Smith for being recognized as the Firefighter of the Year! Seth has dedicated himself to making the Arvada Fire Protection District a better and more productive organization. As one of the Engineers on Truck 54 and Rescue 54, he has set the standard of expectations for all engineers. He is a subject matter expert on all the tools, equipment and vehicles out of Station 4. He meticulously checks and maintains all equipment and has worked hard on setting up various programs to enhance the district including our driver operator program, preventative maintenance program and truck and station inspection checklists. In addition, Seth is a premier Hazmat Technician and Technical Rescue Specialist and is one of the go-to people for Hazmat and Tech Rescue events. His knowledge of the equipment and its application on the emergency scene makes him an invaluable asset to the Station, the Specialty Teams and the Department.

Seth has also proven that he has great mechanical aptitude by consistently trouble shooting mechanical and equipment issues and is often able to fix the issue at the station level. He has also shown great leadership and mentoring skills and is willing to help everyone achieve a high standard of work. He constantly keeps everyone well informed and updated on all mechanical and equipment issues across all division. He helps everyone out of Station 4 work to be better. Congratulations, Seth! We are happy to recognize you for your efforts! Thank you for making Arvada a better, safer place to live!

Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Phil Trujillo for being recognized as the Employee of the Year! Phil joined the Business Information team in February 2017 as a Tech Support Analyst and has been an outstanding addition. In ways big and small, he demonstrates “doing things for the greater good.” Phil is willing to jump in and tackle what needs to be done, even if it means working longer hours or rearranging his day. He exemplifies what it means to be a team player and puts into practice our agency values: dedication, integrity, dependability, courage and respect. He has amazing enthusiasm for his job and even more so for the people of the organization, which he shows every day with one of the most positive attitudes that we see in the district, always smiling and asking how he can help.

In between all the daily tasks to be completed, Phil makes time to keep learning about the organization, study better ways to accomplish things, try new approaches and keep up on the latest technologies. Congratulations, Phil, and thank you for all you do for Arvada Fire!
CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

The academy is a 6 week course that is designed to introduce residents to the daily operations of Arvada Fire Protection

Topics Include:
*EMS  *Wildland  *Hazmat  *Tech Rescue  *Hose Operations  *Water/Ice Rescue  *Fire Prevention  *Fitness Test

Wednesdays
May 1-June 5

To Register go to ArvadaFire.com or call 303-424-3012
Applicants must be at least 18

The Academy will end with a fun hands-on day at our Training Center on

Saturday, June 8
8:00am-2:00pm

QUALITY OF LIFE BENEFITS

ARVADA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

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

The Shops at Ralston Creek: Once thriving shopping center became neglected and run down. AURA worked with developer to create a pedestrian-oriented development.

Grandview Plaza and Reno Place: AURA revitalized the premier corner in Olde Town with three, two-story, mixed-use buildings on the site.

Olde Town Square: AURA redeveloped the tired town square into a vibrant center for Olde Town, with an interactive fountain, picnic area, perennial gardens and space to host community events.

Learn more at ArvadaUrbanRenewal.org | facebook and twitter: @ArvadaRenewal
Continuing Arvada’s vision of maintaining a strong, resilient community of neighborhoods, the City invites neighborhood groups to submit grant proposals for the 2019 Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

This year’s project theme is Resilient Neighborhoods: From Porches to Parks. Neighborhood groups can apply for up to $3,000 in funding to support projects that invite and orient neighbors, celebrate a neighborhood’s unique character, or serve as a community asset for years to come. Neighborhood Improvement Grants are open to enrolled Neighbors Connected groups and applications are due on Friday, April 12.

The 2019 Porches to Parks grants are designed to support projects that:

- Activate or establish central gathering places for neighbors to meet and get to know each other.
- Build neighborhood character and identity by bringing positive, permanent assets into the neighborhood that encourage gathering.
- Offer venues for conversations and training about community health, emergency preparedness or volunteerism.
- Enhance community resilience by strengthening connections between neighbors.

Every neighborhood deserves a great community space, one that residents make their own. Your neighborhood may already have an informal place where “neighboring” happens: a front porch where you get together on warm evenings, a local park where pets greet each other, a neighborhood garden where information and “hellos” are shared. This grant is an opportunity to activate these places by providing resources to design, implement and maintain the most successful communal space possible.

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

- Neighborhood benches or a communal place to sit.
- A community message board or shared book library.
- A “Resilience Hub” with a cache of emergency supplies and a communication plan.
- A neighborhood-grown fruit tree orchard.
- Installation of multi-generational play or exercise equipment.
- Creative placemaking, such as neighborhood-commissioned “art wraps” on city-owned traffic control cabinets or a sculpture in a park.

No two neighborhoods are alike, and we encourage you to meet with your neighbors, dream big and be creative. For more information and to apply, please visit arvada.org/grants. If you have questions about your 2019 Neighborhood Improvement Grant application, please contact neighborhoods@arvada.org.
Arvada Arts and Culture Commission Calls for “Outdoor Art” Artists

The City of Arvada’s community-led Arts and Culture Commission’s mission is to support, cultivate and advocate for a variety of arts, culture and heritage opportunities throughout our community. The Commission is currently developing a list of artists interested in participating in a future art-on-loan, art-in-public-places program throughout the City. If you are an artist who creates art suitable for outdoor public display and would like to participate, please visit arvada.org/arvada-artists to complete the Public Art sign-up and for additional instructions.

The Arvada Art Studio Tour Call for Artists

The Arvada Art Studio Tour seeks artists at all stages of their careers to participate in the 18th annual studio tour. The tour is a juried event open to artists working in all media whose studios have an Arvada address. For additional information or to download the prospectus, visit www.arvadaart.org or call 303-421-9597. The deadline for entries is April 12. This year’s tour will be held on Sept. 21 and 22.

Advance Arvada – Land Development Code Update

First public open house of 2019 will be held Thursday, April 4, 6 - 8 p.m. at City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road. Presentation boards will be available, and City staff will be present to answer questions. Two additional open houses will be held in late 2019.

Arvada West Dog Park Community Meeting

Volunteers, Pet Parents, Donors are invited to attend!

April 25
7 p.m.
Susan M. Duncan YMCA
6350 Eldridge St.

For more information visit arvada.org/west-arvada-dog-park. For questions, email WestArvadaDogPark@gmail.com

Neighbors Connected 2019

The Neighbors Connected Program continues to strive to bring neighbors together. With block party season just around the corner, make sure your neighborhood is enrolled in order to take advantage of all the great tools like the Block Party Trailer and Neighborhood Movie Projector! Make the most of your neighborhood block party and enroll your neighborhood today! Learn more at arvada.org/neighborhoods.
If you think West Woods Golf Club (WWGC) is only about golf, think again. In April 2018, the West Woods opened a completely renovated clubhouse that quickly received local and national praise. *Golf Inc. Magazine* featured West Woods in its July/August 2018 issue, awarding the club 2nd place in the Clubhouses of the Year rankings, under Public Renovation. The 20,000 square foot building showcases panoramic views of the golf course and the mountains. The restaurant, which received the *Golf Inc. Magazine*’s Golden Fork Award, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week, offering classic lunch favorites along with dishes of a more imaginative flair. And for those who DO have golf on the mind, the clubhouse also features a golf simulator and training from onsite golf professionals!

West Woods, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, features 27 unique championship golf holes. Each of the three nines (the Sleeping Indian, the Cottonwood and the Silo) provides brilliant natural scenery along with challenges for golfers of all skill levels. Additionally, the club’s new practice area includes an expansive grass tee with a synthetic turf tee for off season use, a chipping green with sand bunker, and one of the biggest putting greens around. WWGC is continually recognized for environmental excellence as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary” for their efforts to create naturalized areas, thus providing a sanctuary for local and migratory wildlife on the golf course property.

West Woods Golf Club--Great Golf and a Whole Lot More

Think of WWGC for company tournaments, fundraisers, family reunions, anniversary and graduation parties. And don’t forget the many golf programs offered at the course, including: Junior and Family Golf, private lessons, as well as special events throughout the season!

Book a tee time, view the restaurant menu or learn more about West Woods Golf Club at [www.westwoodsgolf.com](http://www.westwoodsgolf.com). Make a reservation for dinner by calling 720-898-7350. For information on hosting a golf event/tournament at West Woods, contact Scott Weyer at 720-898-7370. For a large event, such as a wedding, contact Arvada Events at arvadaevents.com.

Volunteer Parks Rangers Out and About!

Beginning in April, trail users and visitors to Arvada parks along the Ralston Creek Trail from the Arvada Reservoir to Ward Road will see Arvada Volunteer Parks Rangers cruising in their golf carts as ambassadors of the City’s parks system. The goal of the Parks Rangers is to provide service information, education, emergency assistance, resource protection and an increased sense of safety for parks and trails users.

Interested in Joining a Mens/Womens Club?

West Woods has a variety of clubs for Men and Women that play fun, organized events throughout the season. Clubs are a great way to meet new people and engage in friendly competition for players of all abilities.

For Mens Club information please contact Greg Hand at gregory.hand@gmail.com

For Womens Club information please contact Leticia Overholt at wwwcwomen@hotmail.com

For 9-hole Ladies Club information please contact Cindy Collett at ccollett@bajabb.com
Open Year Round
Public Hours
Monday through Thursday & Saturday
October-May: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June-September: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed to the public Friday and Sunday

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

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

Dolphins, Sea Turtles and Other Ocean Creatures - Art Club
Wednesdays, April 3-May 22, 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-14 yrs. $72 for 8-weeks. Splash into this fun, artistic exploration of the deep blue sea to discover your creativity.

Kite Classes
Friday, April 5, 4 p.m. & Saturday April 6, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 2 p.m.
All ages. $5 (All materials included)
Get ready to soar in the free Arvada Kite Festival by making your own sled kite!

Majestic View’s Egg-tacular
Saturday, April 13, 9-10 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 4-10. $5.
Get egg-cited as we learn all about eggs and the animals that lay them. Sign up in advance as SPACE IS LIMITED.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Play Date
Tuesday, April 23 and Friday May 24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. All ages. Free.
No slides or swings, just nature and your imagination.

Researching Orcas In The Land Of Fire And Ice
Thursday, April 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Adults. $5.
Join Citizen Scientist Ed Talbot as he and a team of researchers tracked and documented Orca pods and Pilot Whales. See fascinating images of ocean wildlife and learn about their research conducted on both land and sea.

Build Your Own Birdhouse
Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ages 6-Adult. $15
(Includes all materials)
Learn about Western and Mountain Bluebirds, then build a Bluebird house and take it home with you.

Painting a Masterpiece in Spring
Saturday, May 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
All ages. $15 (per canvas).
Bring your tot for some parent one-on-one time as you together are walked through a nature painting both of you will treasure. Or let your little artist paint for you as an instructor leads this outdoor, step-by-step tutorial to create an acrylic-on-canvas masterpiece. No experience is necessary.

Nature Walk at Standley Lake & Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All ages. Free.
Meet at Standley Lake Library, 8485 Kipling Street. Stroll along one of Arvada’s 149+ miles of trails with Arvada native, Dean Bernard. Adults and children will enjoy learning about nature in and around Arvada. Walk at a casual pace for 1 to 1.5 hours. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Walks cancelled if there is lightning in the area.

Olde Town Telescope Night
Friday, May 10, 8-10 p.m. All ages. Free.
Stop by the Olde Town Square for some night sky viewing with telescopes and learn about nocturnal wildlife.

Tai Chi At Majestic View
Mondays, May 13-June 24 (no class May 27). Beginning 6:15-7:15 p.m. Continuing 5-6 p.m. Adults. $60 for 6-weeks.

Arvada Trails Day
Saturday, June 1. Various Times (See website for more details). All ages. Free.
Get on the trails for bike rides and walks; or even do yoga or a trail service project at Majestic View Park. Then enjoy family festivities at Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for activities, free refreshments, LIVE raptors and snakes and more. Visit arvada.org/trails-day for more details.

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

Drop in Discovery
First Thursday and third Monday at 10 a.m.
All ages. Free. No registration necessary.
Feeding Wildlife Hurts Wildlife

Arvada residents are lucky to have an abundant variety of wildlife to observe and enjoy; however, please observe from a distance and remember that feeding wildlife hurts our animal friends in several ways.

First, wild animals are fully capable of finding their own food, thanks to their own unique adaptations. Human food is typically not part of the animals’ normal, healthy diet, and some human food can even harm or kill animals. In addition, feeding wildlife trains animals to return to specific areas, which can cause an excessive amount of visiting animals, inordinate amounts of feces and potential conflicts with pets.

Wildlife can also find food in trash receptacles, unsecured pet food and bird feeders left out overnight, so it’s important to secure your trash, bird feeders, pet food and to clean up spills to reduce these unintended visits. Remember that it is illegal to feed or put any food out in public parks for waterfowl and wildlife (per City code Sec. 14-128).

Thank you for keeping Arvada’s wildlife wild!

Get On The Trails!

Celebrate Arvada’s Trails Day June 1

The City of Arvada’s Majestic View Nature Center (7030 Garrison St.) and the Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge (9210 W 80th Ave.) are celebrating Trails Day by encouraging everyone to get outdoors, move your feet, and meet new friends on many of Arvada Trails. On Saturday, June 1, visit Majestic View from 8 to 10:30 a.m. to enjoy a variety of free walks, bicycle rides, yoga and trail maintenance activities. Then visit Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for some family fun with face painting, Mr. Bones, kids’ games, live raptors and snakes, self-guided trail walks, environmental education booths and free refreshments. Bring sunscreen and walking shoes to explore nature on the trails at both of Arvada’s premier nature areas. For a full list of trail activities and things to do, visit arvada.org/trails-day.
Stamp Out Hunger

On Saturday, May 11, the National Association of Letter Carriers is sponsoring the 27th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. This important annual food drive helps Community Table (formerly Arvada Community Food Bank) collect much-needed food for the summer months when food donations are scarce and struggling families need more food to feed children who are not in school.

Donating is easy! Pick up some extra non-perishable groceries such as peanut butter, tuna, chicken, fruit and beans. Your postal carrier will leave a blue plastic bag with your mail. Fill the bag with your food donations and place it by your mailbox no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 11. Your donation will be picked up by volunteers or your postal carrier. Help us reach our goal of 100,000 pounds of donated food in a single day! Thank you for thinking of your neighbors in need.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now and save the dates to attend fundraising events for the Community Table. This year’s Top Hats & Ball Caps Gala features a pirate-themed gala and will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Arvada Center. The Golf event, an 18-hole shotgun scramble, will be held Monday, Aug. 19, at the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. For more information including sponsorship opportunities, contact Leanne Cadman at lcadman@cotable.org or 720-437-6394.

Bicycle Friendly Arvada Events

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:

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

All riders are required to where 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!

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The Arvada Visitor's Center is a one-stop-shop resource for the residents of Arvada and guests visiting the area. The Visitors Center is located in Historic Olde Town Arvada at 7305 Grandview Avenue. Summer Hours: June – August, Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Winter Hours: September – May, Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org. Online at visitarvada.org.

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First Fridays Art Walk
6 to 8 p.m.
Variety of Olde Town Arvada businesses participating
visitarvada.org

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9Health Fair
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
King of Glory Lutheran Church
10001 W. 58th Ave.
www.9HealthFair.org

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Apex Bunny Breakfast
9 a.m.
Community Recreation Center
6842 Wadsworth Blvd.
303-424-2739

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Arvada Kite Festival
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Stenger Sports Complex
58th Avenue and Quail Street
720-898-7403

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9Health Fair
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Arvada Covenant Church
5555 Ward Road
www.9HealthFair.org

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9Health Fair
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Spirit of Christ Catholic Church
77400 W. 80th Ave.
www.9HealthFair.org

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Apex Bike Rodeo
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Secrest Recreation Center
6820 W. 66th Ave.
303-403-2555

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5th Annual Arvada Car Care Fest and Car Show
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5630 Ward Rd.
303-736-1146

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9Health Fair
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Susan M Duncan YMCA
6350 Eldridge St.
www.9HealthFair.org

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The Spring Prairie Dog Half, 10K and 5K
Apex Center
$5 Discount: ARVREPORT19
www.PrairieDogHalf.com

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State of the City
Presented by Mayor Marc Williams and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
7:15 a.m. Check-In;
7:30 a.m. Program begins
Tickets are $20 each,
$15 for seniors, and $5 for no breakfast. RSVP required.
303-424-0313

Event Location:
Arvada Events at the Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities
6901 Wadsworth Blvd

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Arvada Historical Society
Mother’s Day Tea
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
McIlvoy House
7307 Grandview Ave.
$25 Advanced ticket purchase required.
303-431-1261

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303-736-1146

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Apex Center
13150 W 72nd Ave.
303-424-2739

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Apex “True” Senior Prom
Arvada Center for the Performing Arts and Humanities
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
303-424-2739