A Focus on Neighborhood Resilience

We must work together to be a resilient community, one that is able to survive, recover and thrive after shocks and stresses like natural disasters or economic downturns. Communities withstand challenges and recover more quickly when people know their neighbors. When you connect with your neighbors, you help create a more resilient community by learning about the special skills and knowledge they possess that could help in an emergency. You may even discover that your neighbors are superheroes in disguise. For more information, visit pages 12 and 13.
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24/7 Inquiries – ASK ARVADA at www.arvada.org. To sign up for regular updates about what is happening in your local government, go to www.arvada.org/arvadanews.

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

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Did you know the City of Arvada is an Acceptance Facility for U.S. Passports? We are one of only a few facilities in the Denver area that does not require appointments! For details regarding when, where and how to apply, along with information on the required forms, fees and documents needed to do so, visit www.arvada.org/passports; call our general passport information line at 720-898-7552; or visit our passport office on the first floor of Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd.) between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City staff and City Council continue to explore a potential organized waste hauling system for Arvada. Four companies responded to the City’s Request for Proposal. At the time this publication went to print, Council was scheduled to discuss next steps. Updates regarding the project will be posted on the City’s website at www.arvada.org/waste-hauling and all social media channels: www.arvada.org/find-us-online.

The Arvada Community Survey is an opportunity to rate your satisfaction with quality of life, community amenities and your local government. It’s a chance to share with us what is and is not working well and to provide feedback about City priorities. This time around the survey will have two parts:

1. A statistically valid survey - if randomly selected to participate, you’ll receive a postcard with a code that you can use to complete the survey online or over the phone.

2. Speak Up Arvada - after the statistically valid period of the survey is over, we will offer it on Speak Up Arvada, so all residents can provide feedback.

For more information, visit www.arvada.org/community-survey.
Cone Zones
The following are two highlighted City construction projects. For more information about these and other projects, visit www.arvada.org/my-commute-major-routes.

① Concrete Replacement Program

Description: As part of an ongoing effort to provide safe, well-maintained neighborhood streets to the community, the City’s 2019 Concrete Replacement Program continues. This work, which occurs every year during warmer months, includes the replacement of sections of concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk in specific neighborhoods.

Duration: This project began in April 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in October 2019. Each neighborhood section takes approximately four to five weeks to complete.

Impact: During the construction, temporary traffic control devices will be in place to direct traffic in the work zone; access will be provided to all residences during the construction; there will be open street cuts at times, and caution should be used in the vicinity of the construction operations. To see if your neighborhood is scheduled for concrete replacement and for more information about the program, visit www.arvada.org/concrete-replacement-program.

② Ralston Road Project (Upham to Yukon streets)

Description: This section of the Ralston Road Improvement Project is grant-funded and will reconstruct the roadway pavement, widen the traffic lanes and provide 8-foot-wide detached or 10-foot-wide attached sidewalks to improve traffic flow and safety for drivers and pedestrians.

Duration: Traffic impacts are expected to begin in the fall of 2019 and be completed by the fall of 2020. Work is then anticipated to start on the 3F Ballot Issue-funded portion of Ralston Road from Yukon Street to Garrison Street.

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 for periodic updates, visit www.arvada.org/ralston-road-project.
Flushing Water Mains

Each year, City Utilities Department staff flush water mains around the city in order to help maintain Arvada’s high level of water quality, ensuring the water remains fresh and to prevent mineral buildup. It takes three years to flush the entire water system, with approximately one third of the City’s water mains flushed each year, usually during the warm-weather months. During 2019, the City is flushing water mains/hydrants east of Simms Street.

Only about 0.1 percent of Arvada’s total annual consumption is flushed, but the City does take steps to conserve water during the process by performing “unidirectional” flushing. This approach isolates flush runs, increasing water velocity and using significantly less water than conventional flushing. Additionally, it is important to note that during flushing, released water goes back into the stormwater drain system.

To learn more about the water flushing program including more about why flushing is necessary and what to do if crews are flushing in your area and your water becomes discolored, visit www.arvada.org/flushing-water-mains.

Employees of the Quarter

Service to the Organization: Mike Moon
Innovation and Technology Management

Mike Moon was nominated by his colleagues for his unwavering commitment to building a robust and state-of-the-art computer network to accommodate the exponential increase of data that a city the size of Arvada needs and produces. In addition to daytime work hours, Mike often works nights, adjusting his schedule to accommodate network issues that occur beyond normal business hours. When an unexpected emergency occurs, such as a fiber cable being cut during a construction project, Mike is the one who gets the network back to normal as quickly as possible. His technology contributions to large projects in the community are far reaching, including projects such as the West Woods Golf Club remodel, the new Whisper Creek Community Station and the forthcoming new Parks Maintenance facility. “It’s inspiring to work with a person so skilled, energetic and passionate about his work,” stated one of Mike’s colleagues.

Service to the Community: Jesse Hutchens
Innovation and Technology Management

Jesse Hutchens was nominated by his colleagues for his participation in an employee process improvement course that involved the pet adoption process at Foothills Animal Shelter. Following the completion of the course, Jesse reached out to his fellow class participants and encouraged them to donate to the Shelter. Jesse and colleagues presented the Shelter with a $240 donation. Additionally, Jesse’s commitment to the Arvada community has helped nurture an ongoing working relationship between the City of Arvada Process Improvement Team and the Foothills Animal Shelter, the City’s very important partner in rescuing and caring for runaway, lost or neglected animals.
Ask Arvada: Find answers to questions quickly or submit a service request by accessing City Hall 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of your home through Ask Arvada at www.arvada.org/browse-ask-arvada or use the GORequest mobile app. Your request will receive a response during our normal business hours (Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
The historic Arvada Harvest Festival will be back for its 94th year! Mark your calendars for Arvada’s oldest and biggest community event, which will be Sept. 6 - 8 in Olde Town. Inspired, organized and operated by community volunteers (folks just like you) and The Arvada Jaycees for nearly a century, the Arvada Harvest Festival continues to be a fun annual event where families gather and old classmates, coworkers, neighbors and friends run into each other year after year. Come on down, make some memories and enjoy:

Delicious food and drink: Corn on the cob, turkey legs, funnel cake, caramel corn, shaved ice, spiral spuds, homemade lemonade and a variety of other fun festival food. There will also be a beer and margarita garden.

Great shopping: 100 booths filled with unique fashions, services, products and more. Discover one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts!

Free entertainment: Concerts, such as the Air Force Wild Blue Country Band, belly dancers and a free movie-in-the-park.

Fun for kids and families: Don’t miss the Kids Parade, the Teddy Bear Picnic, Food Fair, Garden Harvest Fair, Spelling Bee, Talent Show, Bingo and a FREE Kids Zone.

The Parade: The Harvest Festival Parade is the biggest parade in the region with about 6,000 individuals marching in the parade. This year’s parade theme is “Arvada Frontier Days!” Parade starts Saturday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m.

Please note that the parade route has changed. See map at www.arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com.

Don’t miss the chance to see why the Arvada Harvest Festival is consistently voted “BEST OF THE BEST” by the community via the Colorado Community Media and the Arvada Press. For a detailed schedule and important updates, visit www.arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com. You can also follow along on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArvadaHarvestFestival. For questions, or if you would be interested in volunteering or being a sponsor, call the Arvada Harvest Festival at 303-335-0775.
Open Year Round
Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Located in 80-acre Majestic View Park, offering public, school, scout, home school and community group programs, and rentals.

Pre-registration required for all classes
Full class descriptions and program registration available at www.arvada.org/nature

Olde Town Telescope Night
Fridays, August 2 and September 6, 8 - 10 p.m. All ages, free. Meet in Olde Town Square.

Nature Walk Along Interurban Trolley Trail
Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. All ages, free. Meet at West 51st Avenue and Carr Street. This walk is wheelchair/stroller accessible. Walks cancelled if there is lightning in the area.

Pitch, Play and Stay – Family Camp Out in the Park
Saturday and Sunday, August 10, 4:30 p.m. through August 11, 9 a.m. Ages 5+ yrs., $30 NR/$25/RES. Register at www.apexprd.org/register.
Have fun at the inaugural, family-oriented event to have the opportunity to camp in the heart of Arvada overnight and enjoy park after dark.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet - Outdoor Nature Play Dates
Tuesday, August 13, 9:30 - 11 a.m. and Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 a.m. - noon. All ages, free.

Xeriscape Garden Tour and Q & A
Saturday, August 17, 6 - 7 p.m. Ages 13+, $5/person.
CSU Master Gardeners take you for an evening walk through the Majestic View Xeriscaped gardens. See the beauty, and money savings, of this water conserving landscape.

Tea Time in the Garden
Wednesday, August 21, 11 a.m. - noon. Ages 10 or under, free.
Have some tea in the garden as we listen to nature stories.

Electuaries - Sweet Snack or Herbal Medicine?
Saturday, August 24, 9 - 11 a.m. All ages, $30 (limited scholarships available). Register with abbi@frontlinefarming.org
An interactive workshop to discover how to make Electuaries, a healthy, easy and delicious snack for you or your kiddos. Learn and taste two easy, no-bake recipes for snack balls filled with a powerful punch of herbal medicine.

Preschool Fun with Animals
Wednesdays, September 4 - 25, 10 - 10:45 a.m. Ages 3 - 6, $15 for 4 weeks. Bring your little one into the worlds of foxes, raccoons, bugs and frogs.

Nature Tai Chi at Majestic View
Mondays, September 30 - October 28
Beginning 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Continuing 5 - 6 p.m. Adults, $50 for 5 weeks.

After School Nature Treks
Tuesdays, September 10 - October 1, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Ages 2 - 8 yrs., $15 for 4 weeks. A naturalist guides this after school series on nature treks through the park.

Growing up in Arvada in the ‘50s Nature Walk
Tuesday, September 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m. All ages, free. Meet at the Olde Town Plaza, 5726 Olde Wadsworth Blvd. This walk is wheelchair/stroller accessible.

Adventures in the Rainforest - Art Club
Wednesdays, September 11 - November 13, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Ages 6 - 14 yrs., $90 for 10 weeks. Take a journey through tropical rain forests for some creative drawing, sculptures and paintings.

Cosmic Campfire
Saturday, September 14, 8 - 10 p.m. All ages, free. Jupiter and Saturn will be visible, so come out and roast a marshmallow with us.

Sculpting Nature Art
Wednesdays, September 18 - October 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Adults, $45 for 3 weeks. Explore your creativity using different sculpting techniques with artist Dave Sullivan in this simple workshop series. Use polymer clay to create animals from nature to decorate your home or garden.

Campfire at Autumn Equinox
Friday, September 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. All ages, free.
Enjoy the upcoming autumn equinox by roasting a marshmallow over our campfire and hear stories about local wildlife.

International Migratory Bird Day Celebration
Saturday, September 21, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All ages, free. See pg. 19.

School Field Trips:
Elementary Exploration
Topics are science standards based, specific to grade level. Call for information.
Celebrate the Birds with Majestic View!

Join us Saturday, Sept. 21, as we celebrate International Migratory Bird Day in Arvada with a bird walk, kids’ activities, live raptors, storytime readings and other feathered fun.

Stop by early for the 8 a.m. bird walk or drop in for more festivities between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Majestic View Nature Center, with our friends from Standley Lake, Two Ponds, Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance, Evergreen Audubon, Jeffco Libraries and more. Join us for hands-on activities as we celebrate the birds that pass through Colorado in the fall, like the Bufflehead Duck, Mountain Bluebird, Common Nighthawk or even the Sage Thrasher.

Bring the whole family to learn about birds, and maybe see a few, as you enjoy this celebration of migratory birds. For more information, visit www.arvda.org/nature or call 720-898-7405.

Join Us for Arvada Days, Aug. 24!

With the hustle and bustle of modern life in Arvada, it can be easy to forget the proud heritage that is the foundation of our community. Arvada Days is a chance to travel back in time. Imagine riding your pony to the local pond, catching some fish and cooking them in a Dutch-oven. While everything's stewing, perhaps you look to the west and wonder what those new train tracks through the mountains will bring. Perhaps you’ll look forward to the carnival coming to town, with games and a chance to gather with friends and family.

Arvada Days is a free festival dedicated to old-fashioned family fun, featuring a Dutch-oven cook-off, fishing derby and a live performance from Hilltop Harvest. Enjoy the sunshine as your kids play carnival games, visit the petting zoo or ride a train or pony. Quench your thirst at the beer garden, knowing that proceeds go to the Hope House. Visit www.arvadafestivals.com to learn more about entertainment and activities planned for the event.

Arvada Days
Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Clear Creek Valley Park
(W. 58th Avenue and Tennyson Street)
Ralston House Announces Re-accreditation; Thanks Community for Support

Ralston House Child Advocacy Center has just completed its rigorous re-accreditation with the National Children’s Alliance, a process that happens every five years. The site reviewers recommended Ralston House for re-accreditation and expressed admiration for the teamwork and collaborative process in all four counties that Ralston House serves: Jefferson, Adams, Broomfield and Gilpin. The re-accreditation is a reflection of the whole Arvada community and its generous support that Ralston House is able to provide such professional, compassionate services for children and families.

Ralston House Child Advocacy Center works with the Arvada Police Department and other municipal police, district attorneys and social services departments to investigate child abuse and help children and families heal from trauma and violence. The Center provides forensic interviews, pediatric forensic sex assault medical exams, victim advocacy and crisis intervention. These services are run by community volunteers and are funded through both individual and collective community donations.

Your continued support is essential to making the Center a welcoming environment where families can begin their path to healing. If you would like to contribute to this important work by hosting a fundraiser, a snack drive or by donating items on our wish list, please visit www.ralstonhouse.org/wish-list.

Thank you to our Ralston House volunteers for their tireless work to help children heal from abuse.
Thank you to our community for supporting Ralston House.
New Police Department Resources Dedicates to Quality of Life Issues

Over the past several years, the City of Arvada’s population has increased, along with the rest of the metropolitan area. Arvada has been fortunate to experience several years of continuous, steady growth, welcoming many new businesses and the opening of the G Line commuter rail, the Olde Town Transit Hub and the Arvada Ridge and Gold Strike G Line stations. The increase in Arvada’s population, along with the increased number of visitors to the area, means the Police Department receives more calls for services, especially in the concentrated geographical areas where people naturally congregate, such as Olde Town Arvada.

To accommodate the increase in service calls, and to maintain the pleasant atmosphere in our Historic Olde Town District, the Arvada Police Department has developed a new response team: the Community, Outreach, Resource and Enforcement (CORE) team. This new team is dedicated to ensuring public safety and a high quality of life throughout the entire city.

The CORE team will begin by focusing its efforts in the area south of W. 58th Avenue and east of Allison Street. They will be working closely with all members of the community to develop an appropriate response to any issues that may arise. Officers will open lines of communication with residents, visitors, business owners and the homeless population with the goal to find resource-based solutions. This team will also deploy strategic enforcement efforts when providing resources becomes ineffective.

The team will consist of three officers who were selected through an application process:

Officer Sara Horan is already in a special assignment as the Police Department’s Olde Town Liaison Officer.

Officer Michael Hall is a field training officer in the patrol division and has a varied back-ground to include many years as a detective.

Officer Kraig Brownlow is also a field training officer in patrol where he has worked for four years.

National Night Out, Aug. 6

National Night Out is a community-based program encouraging people to go out into their neighborhoods and get to know their neighbors. The Arvada Police Department encourages community members and groups to host block parties, plan cookouts or just get together to meet people on your block. Enjoy a summer evening and invite Arvada Police Officers to stop by. To add your neighborhood to the list, please contact Officer David Curtice (dcurtice@arvada.org) of the Community Response Impact Team. For more information, visit www.arvada.org/national-night-out.
Steps to Help Make Your Neighborhood More Resilient

Reveal the superheroes in your neighborhood

1. Get to know your neighbors. It all starts with a smile and a wave. Then get your neighbors together for a block party! For more information on available resources to help you get to know your neighbors, visit www.arvada.org/neighborhoods.

2. Take an inventory. Think about your neighborhood. Does it have central gathering spaces? What skills or knowledge do your neighbors have that make your community stronger? Fill out a Neighborhood Talent Bank together. Learn more: www.arvada.org/resilience

3. Make a plan. Now that you and your neighbors know each other and what resources exist, work together to create a neighborhood emergency plan and home emergency kits. Find links to emergency preparedness resources at: www.arvada.org/prepare.

Develop a Neighborhood Talent Bank

Do you live next door to a doctor or nurse? Is there someone in your neighborhood who speaks multiple languages? Does someone own a gas generator? During times of emergency, special skills and tools can save lives! In fact, you and your neighbors may be superheroes in disguise! Filling out a Talent Bank is a first step in identifying special skills and tools, and doing so with your neighbors is a fun and easy way to make your neighborhood more resilient.

Complete your Neighborhood Talent Bank and win a prize!

Through September, the Neighbors Connected and Resilient Neighborhoods teams are challenging neighborhoods to become more resilient by filling out a Neighborhood Talent Bank! For more information on the challenge and to download a Talent Bank form, visit www.arvada.org/resilience.

Build a home emergency kit

Building a home emergency kit to have on hand in case of an emergency can be lifesaving. Here are the top six items to have in your kit. For more resources, visit www.arvada.org/prepare.

- Water - (one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days)
- Food - (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Extra medications and a first aid kit
- Personal sanitation items (moist towelettes, garbage bags, diapers, etc.)
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Academy is a course for community volunteers to be trained in disaster preparedness, fire safety and utility control, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, incident command, and terrorism and disaster psychology. CERT members are able to help their community respond in emergencies and recover from disasters. A specialized team that is local and based in your area to projects related to emergencies and disasters. Since the first Arvada CERT Academy was held in 2017, 75 Arvada residents have graduated from the program with 60 team members currently active.

The next CERT Academy will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 21 and 28; Sept. 4, 11 and 18; and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 21. For more information and to register for the academy, visit www.arvada.org/ArvadaCERT. Follow Arvada CERT on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArvadaCERT.
Chief’s Report
By Chief Jon Greer

As we continue through the renewal process for accreditation, I want to provide you with an update. The strategic plan was approved by the district board at the June meeting. We are proud of this document and feel it will allow us to meet the expectations of our citizens and employees. It is designed to be a road map for the next five years, and in conjunction with our accreditation efforts, will ensure the department is continually seeking ways to improve and plan for the future while focusing on:

• Growing and changing community, demographics, population
• Gap in community expectations versus services the district can realistically provide
• Human resource programs to standardize recruitment and new hire processes
• Opportunities to communicate with personnel and citizens
• Collaboration with partner agencies

Throughout the duration of this strategic plan, we will provide an annual update, including a plan of action for the following year. This plan will summarize the strategic goals and objectives scheduled for the next target year. In addition, a section of this plan will include a progress report summarizing accomplishments and the status of goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan from the current year.

I encourage you to read this document; an electronic copy is available on the public website at www.arvadafire.com. I would have put the direct address to the strategic plan, but you would have to type it out, and if you are like me, would mess it up.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions to this process, which is much more than production of a document.

In response to questions from the citizen survey conducted in January 2019:

Can stations look for more localized ways to communicate with their neighborhood?
As you read the strategic plan, you will see communication, both internal and external, is a major focus over the next five years.

Can you provide something for our Wheat Ridge customers?
We have a newsletter that we send to our Wheat Ridge customers three times a year. Additionally, you will find more information on our website: www.arvadafire.com.

Can you provide notice of board meetings?
The district board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 7903 Allison Way. Information is posted on the website: www.arvadafire.com.

Are you building a new station in the Candelas area?
Our new substation opened June 3, 2019 to provide additional support to the area while the new station is being built. Anticipated completion date of the new station is July 2020. Please check the website for future updates as we progress through the construction of both new stations.
What Makes a Successful Fire Drill?

The National Fire Protection Association reports there are an average of 3,340 fires per year in U.S. office properties and an average of 150,000 home fires per year. Fire drills are very important both where you work and where you live. Here are some questions to help you evaluate if the fire drill was right on target or missed the mark:

**Notification:**
- Was the actual alarm activated?
- Were there adequate egress lights?
- Was the alarm audible and visual throughout the building?

**Egress:**
- Did people use the nearest fire escape routes as opposed to the frequently used ones? (You can block some exits with some fake smoke or fire signs indicating where to find the next nearest exit.)
- Were fire escape routes blocked or was it difficult to open doors?
- Were doors closed behind people as they left to prevent the spread of fire and smoke?
- Were elevators used?

**Accountability:**
- Did everyone go to the meeting place outside?
- Was it a safe distance from the building?
- How did the roll call go?
- How quickly was everyone accounted for?
- Were electronic devices used to assist with communication?
- Were individuals with special needs accommodated?

**Efficiency:**
- Did everyone evacuate swiftly and safely?
- Did they carry out personal items with them?

**Fire Drill Observers Should Provide Feedback**

**Look for the following:**
- Large groups moving slowly or talking to each other.
- People on cell phones or using other mobile devices.
- Unhelpful behavior such as grabbing coats, purses and bags.
- Difficulties for people with disabilities such as hard-to-open doors or slippery stairs.
- People who chose a different exit rather than the one closest to their work station or room.

**Some metrics to measure:**
- Time to evacuate.
- Time to report completion of the drill.
- Successful shutdown of building equipment (where appropriate.)

At the conclusion of the drill, conduct a debrief and review your observations with all participants. The meeting place location is a convenient spot for this to take place. Discuss what happened and what can be done to improve for next time.

**Questions for discussion:**
- Did everyone close the doors upon exiting rooms?
- Were participants calm and confident?
- Did everyone meet at their assigned meeting spot?
- Was the fire alarm reset after the drill (if applicable)?
- Was the alarm company notified before the drill (if applicable)?
- Was everyone alerted from your emergency notification system?
- Did the building facilities (doors, alarms, automated voice commands) work correctly?
Back to School Safety!

A new school year is an exciting time, another year for students to learn, grow and imagine new possibilities. Unfortunately, too many kids are not getting to school and back safely. In fact, every day in the U.S. more than 40 kids are hit by a vehicle while walking. That’s more than 15,000 children injured each year. So let’s work together to do something about these preventable tragedies. As you talk to your children about their return to school, from teachers to friends to homework, please also talk to them about how to walk there safely.

This goes double for those of you with teenagers, because they are now the most at-risk youth for pedestrian injuries. In fact, every hour of every day a teen is killed or injured after being hit by a car. A common distraction for older children and teens is technology. We know that teens have been told over and over again how dangerous it is to walk or drive while being distracted. But the statistics prove that they still do it. Check out the infographic to see seven ways that children are getting hit paired with seven tips to prevent this from happening.

If you are interested in working on this issue, consider joining Jeffco Safe Routes to School. Jeffco Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) uses a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to school. As part of the Healthy Jeffco School Wellness Coalition, Jefferson County partners are meeting to coordinate county-wide efforts to encourage safe walking and biking to Jeffco Schools, including collaborating on coordinated grant proposals to fund infrastructure and educational programs.

SRTS programs can improve safety, not just for children, but for the entire community. It provides opportunities for people to increase their physical activity and improve their health. It also reduces congestion and pollution around our schools and encourages partnerships.

To learn more about Jeffco Safe Routes to Schools and how you can get involved, visit www.healthyjeffco.com/school-wellness.
SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, September 28th
10:00AM-2:00PM

@ Arvada Fire Training Center
6651 Indiana St.

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

Jefferson County Public Health will provide immunizations to uninsured, Medicaid and CHP+ patients. Ask about other insurances. If you would like immunization services you MUST bring your immunization records.
Advance Arvada – The Land Development Code Update

In the summer of 2017, the City of Arvada started a new project to comprehensively update the Land Development Code (LDC). The LDC is the most influential City document because it shapes the character and appearance of Arvada through zoning rules and regulations. Zoning regulations determine how property can be used (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) and what density is allowed on a site. The code includes development standards such as setbacks that determine the position of a building on a lot, building height, size of garages and accessory structures, parking and landscaping requirements, signs and more.

Purpose of the LDC Update

In July 2017, the City began the process to review the development regulations and to revise and update the LDC. The key objectives were to:

• Implement the Arvada Comprehensive Plan and other City plans;
• Update, simplify and modernize the zoning districts and standards;
• Streamline the development review process; and
• Make the LDC easier to understand and use.

Arvada residents are proud of their neighborhoods and the livable character found in our community. One of the questions that guided the update to the LDC was “How can we plan and prepare for immediate and longer-term housing, transportation, utilities, recreation and commercial needs while also protecting what residents value most about Arvada?” Using this question as a touchstone guided the City team’s approach in revising the zoning districts, modifying development standards and creating new mixed-use districts with an emphasis on pedestrian-oriented character.

To date, we have had:

• Four Open Houses: More than 150 people attended, and we would like to thank everyone who participated and provided feedback. The input we received has informed the draft LDC.
• Eleven Advisory Committee Meetings: The advisory committee members contributed comments and their expertise to various standards as they were being developed.
• Eight City Council and Planning Commission Workshops: As key elements of the new LDC were developed, such as the zoning districts and parking requirements, these were presented to City Council and the Planning Commission for their comments and direction.

LDC Update Open House, Sept. 12

We need your comments and feedback on the Draft LDC! Come to the open house on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Arvada City Hall (8101 Ralston Rd.).

The approval process for the Draft LDC will occur in early 2020. For more information visit www.arvada.org/advancearvada.
Arvada Visitors Center: A resource for all things Arvada

The Arvada Visitors Center is THE resource for residents, future residents and guests looking to explore Arvada to its fullest. The Center’s goal is to increase awareness of what our community has to offer and to use marketing to inspire individuals, families and groups to visit. The overarching goal is to ensure Arvada becomes a destination of choice for guests and a home for those considering relocation to the area. The Visitors Center brings more visitors and potential residents to the community than any other Arvada organization; the organization strives to be the first step to a memorable experience in Arvada.

“Since its creation in 2012, the Arvada Visitors Center has greeted thousands of guests and answered many questions about the City,” said Jean Gordon, Executive Director of the Arvada Visitors Center. “It is an exciting time to be talking about why Arvada is the best place to live, work and play!”

Don’t forget to follow the Visitors Center 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 www.visitarvada.org to learn more.

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce: Our community, thriving together

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce’s goal is to promote, engage and advocate for a thriving community by convening businesses around key local issues and opportunities to create success for all. The Chamber is committed to serving Arvada in impactful ways including by being a problem solver for Arvada, supporting a healthy community and thriving businesses. The ecosystem that makes up a community is complicated. With so many moving pieces, it is crucial for the Chamber to understand where business and community issues intersect with the opportunity to make an impact. By engaging local stakeholders in regular summits and action committees the Arvada Chamber is tackling the topics that will lead to greater local success including healthcare costs, workforce, homelessness and more.

A place to build YOUR community. Whether you have lived or worked in Arvada for a minute or a lifetime - we are all Arvada. Building a network that allows you to grow personally and professionally will lead to a community that thrives collectively. By offering hundreds of opportunities for people to come together each year the Arvada Chamber is committed to building business and community success through meaningful relationships.

A home for leaders. Change is inevitable, but the most successful communities are poised for the necessary shifts by developing leaders who understand the thoughtful and civil approach to advancement. Members of the Chamber are part of a network of strong leaders focused on businesses and community success. Chamber programs dedicated to encouraging leadership include Leadership Bootcamp, Community Immersion, Business Summit and more.

Visit www.arvadachamber.org or call 303-424-0313 to learn more about how you can make a difference in the Arvada business community.

New Arvada Businesses

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

- Able Wellness Center - 8333 Ralston Rd.
- Animal Urgent Care - 12520 W. 64th Ave.
- Bennetts Bar B Que - 7490 W. 52nd Ave.
- Big O Tires - 6510 Indiana St.
- Chuck & Don’s Pet Food & Supplies - 14947 Candelas Pkwy.
- Five Parks Chiropractic - 13825 W. 85th Dr.
- Great Harvest Bread Company - 7745 Wadsworth Blvd.
- King Buffet - 5220 Wadsworth Blvd.
- Lady Janes Haircuts for Men - 9515 Ralston Rd.
- The Seamless Gutter Company - 5685 Gray St.

For a complete listing of Arvada businesses, go to www.ArvadaEconomicDevelopment.org and select “Business Directory.”
We cherish our community’s proud history, stretching back well before the turn of the 20th century when the Town of Arvada was formally incorporated in 1904. Over the years, as Arvada has transformed into a suburban city, our community has made Arvada’s past an important part of our future by preserving and revitalizing historic buildings and neighborhoods.

Much of Arvada’s historic-preservation work has been undertaken by the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA). With a mission of remediating blight and revitalizing aging areas of the city, AURA has ensured that historic buildings become a cornerstone of its projects and that Arvada’s most treasured landmarks are saved.

For example, AURA partnered with the Arvada Historical Society to place the McIlvoy House on the National Register of Historic Places and helped restore the home through a state historical grant. AURA also assisted in the designation of Reno Park and Stocke-Walter as historic districts.

AURA helped revitalize Arvada’s most visible and iconic asset, when it restored the water tower after years of decay. AURA then created a cherished park near Olde Town beneath the tower and painted and lit the tower as a visible beacon for “Olde Town Arvada.”

Even though Arvada was once called the “Celery Capital of the World,” the Flour Mill along the G Line tracks in Olde Town houses much of the City’s agricultural heritage. Now owned and operated by the Arvada Historical Society, this National Historic landmark was purchased and donated to the City by AURA.

Built in 1882, the Arvada School House was long-forgotten and concealed by a secondary storefront. The schoolhouse was rediscovered during AURA’s façade restorations. AURA then helped obtain a $100,000 historical grant from the State of Colorado and even tracked down the original 1882 keystone, returning it to the building’s central archway.

Arvada’s history is not just in Olde Town. A portion of the Ridge Home Hospital, located off Kipling, has also been preserved. The blighted former state hospital now features a vibrant residential and retail hub along the G Line. The original cornerstones and plaques from the hospital’s construction and dedications have been memorialized on the staircase leading from the Arvada Ridge Marketplace to the Arvada Station residential community. This is just a small snippet of our community’s history and historic buildings. To learn more about AURA’s work, please visit www.arvadaurbanrenewal.org/aura-development-areas.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Arvada is full of history, and our community has done a great job of preserving historic buildings and neighborhoods. Arvada Urban Renewal Authority works to ensure that Arvada’s most treasured landmarks are saved and preserved for current and future generations. AURA recently asked community members to rank their favorite before/after projects, and here are the results.

32% Water Tower
27% Rheinlander Bakery
22% McIlvoy House
19% Grandview Plaza

Learn more at ArvadaUrbanRenewal.org facebook and twitter: @ArvadaRenewal
Arvada Report Survey Results

In the June/July 2019 edition of the Arvada Report, we invited you to take a survey about ways to improve the publication. Thanks to everyone who mailed paper surveys to the City or completed the survey online at Speak Up Arvada. The good news is that people are already very happy with the Arvada Report, with more than 90 percent of respondents rating the overall content and look as “excellent” or “satisfactory.” We also learned there is room for improvement. A majority of respondents said they would like to see more articles that are shorter in length. Readers want more images and photos; more news about City projects, community and economic development, and traffic impacts; and a more robust calendar of events. Based on the survey results and other feedback received, we will refresh aspects of the publication beginning with the October/November issue. To read current or past issues of the Arvada Report, visit www.arvada.org/the-arvada-report.

Water Tower Gets Its Shine On

The Olde Town Water Tower is Arvada’s most recognizable landmark, both during daylight hours where it can be seen towering 150 feet above the ground, and after nightfall, serving as a beacon in the heart of Arvada. When the Tower’s lighting system failed in the fall of 2018, identifying a replacement that could meet all of the tower’s lighting requirements (such as conforming to the City’s lighting ordinance, accommodating the curved surface of the tower tank and using the latest generation of LED lights) proved a challenge. It took until early summer 2019 for all the necessary components to be in one place, ready to be assembled, installed and tested. In late June, the lights on the Tower again shone brightly above Olde Town Arvada. Not only do they look beautiful, but they are energy efficient, using just 16 lights at only 50 watts per fixture for a total average usage of just 240 kWh per month. Additionally, the new system is equipped with themed lighting for special events, which residents were able to experience over the 4th of July when the system displayed a red, white and blue patriotic theme! For more information on the Water Tower and its new lighting system, visit www.arvada.org/water-tower.

Speak Up Arvada

As part of the City’s Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan, we are seeking community input from those who use our trails to identify types of trail features and locations that should be added to our trail system. You know the trail systems best! Go to Speak Up Arvada, the City’s community engagement platform, place a pin on the map where you would like to see special features and take our survey! Visit www.speakup.arvada.org/trail-features.
West Woods and Lake Arbor Golf Clubs Celebrate BIG Anniversaries in 2019

This year, West Woods Golf Club celebrates its 25th anniversary, and Lake Arbor Golf Club celebrates its 45th anniversary! The City of Arvada and Parks, Golf and Hospitality staff invite you to help celebrate with special events.

Four-day celebrations will be held:

Aug. 1 - 4, West Woods Golf Club (6655 Quaker St.)

Sept. 19 - 22, Lake Arbor Golf Club (8600 Wadsworth Blvd.)

Thursday
Roll back on green fees.

Friday
Commemorative glasses and merchandise giveaways with beverage purchase.

Saturday
Grill day value deal:
hot dogs, chips and a soda.
Range ball special $2.50.

Sunday
Family celebration,
(4 to 7 p.m. Price TBD.)
Contests at the practice area and in the simulator.

Check out the video for information about the golf club histories and the anniversary celebrations at www.arvada.org/lake-arbor-golf-club and www.arvada.org/west-woods-golf-club.

Feeding the Future - Weekend Food for Hungry Kids

One in six children in Jefferson County lives in a family that struggles with hunger. School lunch programs are available to kids from families in need during the week, but weekends can be tough when there is not enough food in the house. That’s where you can help. By supporting the Feeding the Future Program, you can help ensure that all children in Northern Jefferson County have enough to eat. You can make the difference between students being hungry, fatigued and possibly even dropping out of school or being well-nourished and ready to learn. It’s back-to-school time, and we need your support to Feed the Future. Visit www.cotable.org/donate today!
August

2  First Fridays Artwalk – Olde Town Arvada
   6 to 8 p.m.
   Variety of Olde Town businesses participating
   www.oldetownarvada.org

4  Firefighters Car Fest
   9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
   Stenger Soccer Complex
   11200 W. 58th Ave.
   www.fafpd.org

6  National Night Out
   Neighborhoods across Arvada
   www.arvada.org

10 Second Saturday Street Festival
    4:30 to 9:30 p.m.
    Olde Town Arvada
    www.oldetownarvada.org

17 Annual Doggie Dip
    11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
    Lake Arbor,
    7451 W. 83rd Way
    Secrest Pool,
    6820 W. 66th Ave.
    www.apexprd.org

19 The Community Table Fundraiser: Charity Golf Classic
    8 a.m. or 2 p.m.
    Fossil Trace Golf Course, Golden
    www.cotable.org/event/charitygolfclassic.
    Contact Leanne Cadman at leadman@cotable.org.

24 Arts & Ales at the Arvada Center
    10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
    6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
    arvadacenter.org/events/artsandales

24 Arvada Days
    11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
    Clear Creek Valley Park
    58th Avenue and Tennyson Street
    www.arvadafestivals.com/arvada-days

25 Bike Friendly Arvada
    3 to 5 p.m.
    Van Bibber Park
    5575 Ward Rd.
    www.bikefriendlyarvada.org

6-8 94th Annual Harvest Festival
    Parade on Saturday, Sept. 7
    Olde Town Arvada
    www.arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com

7 Bike Friendly Arvada
    2 to 5 p.m.
    Odyssey Beerwerks
    5535 W. 56th Ave. #107
    www.bikefriendlyarvada.org

21 Arvada Car Care Festival and Car Show
    10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
    5630 Ward Rd.
    www.arvadacarcarefest.com

28 The Arvada Historical Society Cemetery Tour
    7 to 9 p.m.
    www.arvadahistory.org
    303-431-1261 or
    303-424-4557

September

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   6 to 8 p.m.
   Variety of Olde Town businesses participating
   www.oldetownarvada.org

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For more information, go to www.visitarvada.org or contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org.
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Edie Brickell
Directed by
Rod A. Lansberry

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10:00am - 6:00pm
Handmade Arts, Handcrafted Beer,
Homegrown Entertainment,
and Family Fun!

For more information on these and other upcoming
events, visit arvadacenter.org or call the Box Office
at 720.898.7200