Arvada is a “Top Workplace”

The City of Arvada has been awarded a 2018 Top Workplaces honor by The Denver Post. It is the only local government organization awarded in the ‘large company’ category.

Arvada was also named a Denver Post Top Workplace in 2012 and 2015.

The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey conducted by Energage that measures several aspects of workplace culture.

“Top Workplaces is more than just recognition,” said Energage CEO Doug Claffey. “Our research shows organizations that earn the award attract better talent, experience lower turnover, and are better equipped to deliver bottom-line results. Their leaders prioritize and carefully craft a healthy workplace culture that supports employee engagement.”

Arvada City Manager Mark Deven states that the data from 2018 will serve as a critical tool in making continued improvements related to the performance of the organization. “Measuring results is imperative in delivering the most effective service possible,” said Deven.

Independence Day Celebration: Back to Our Roots

Since 1979, the City of Arvada has celebrated Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks display at the Stenger Sports Complex. Beginning in 2002, the Arvada Festivals Commission expanded the event to include vendors, live music, and other activities.

This year, Arvada’s Independence Day Celebration returns to its roots, focusing on the core of the holiday - fireworks! Gates to the Stenger Sports Complex will open at 7 p.m.

For more information on this year’s event, see page 3.

Advance Arvada – Help Us Update the Land Development Code

Attend an Open House to learn about the Land Development Code Update and Code Module 1.

Thursday, June 7, 6 – 8 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
8101 Ralston Road

The City of Arvada has embarked upon an update of the Land Development Code (LDC)—and community input is a critical component. See more information on page 3.
Get Connected with Arvada
City of Arvada – City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO, 80001-8101
720-898-7000 - www.arvada.org

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Citizen Input Sought for Land Development Code Update

The LDC is the key City document regulating land use, growth, and development, and ultimately impacts the character and appearance of our community. The existing Code, last rewritten in 2008, doesn’t adequately reflect the vision described in the Arvada Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a community-based document approved in 2014 which identifies the long-term vision for land development, transportation, and a vibrant community. Our goal with the LDC update—called “Advance Arvada”—is to update the zoning regulations so they better reflect the vision and policies of the Arvada Comprehensive Plan.

Three ‘modules’ will define the update process. Open houses have been scheduled:

- **Code Module 1**: Thursday, June 7, 2018, 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Code Module 2**: Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Code Module 3**: Thursday, November 29, 2018, 6 – 8 p.m.

**Code Module 1 addresses zoning districts and land use.** At the June 7 open house, there will be brief presentations at 6 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. that will provide an overview of the LDC update project and the zoning district proposals. You will have an opportunity to offer feedback at the open house and during a multi-week public comment period in June and July. If you are unable to attend the open house, survey and comment options will be available online.

Community input is important for the LDC update. Following the open house, the planning team will consolidate comments from the open house and the public comment period on Code Module 1 to refine the zoning districts and land uses. Moving forward, all three Code Modules will be consolidated into the draft Land Development Code and there will be another open house and comment period in early 2019.

Interested in more information? Visit AdvanceArvada.org and view the ‘Purpose,’ ‘Documents,’ and ‘Get Involved’ pages. Additionally, we invite you to comment throughout the project—whether by responding to the surveys, submitting comments, or contacting us directly.

Changes Coming for City’s Independence Day Celebration

Following July 4, 2017, the Festivals Commission, City staff including the Police Department, and City Council reviewed the event in terms of resource allocation, staffing, and volunteers. In recent years, organizing a day-long event has become increasingly difficult. Problems included:

- Insufficient volunteers.
- Police department staffing levels are impacted by the amount of resources needed to manage the event and surrounding neighborhoods adequately. The PD staffing schedule is compressed for the event, limiting available resources days prior to and after the event.

- Minimal community vendors and food vendors interested in participating.
- Limited parking.
- Conflicts with the surrounding neighborhood.
- Inability to secure sufficient traffic barricades and cones due to high level of construction in the metropolitan area.

After much conversation and based upon the recommendation of the Festivals Commission, the City has made the decision to return the 4th of July celebration to its original intent—a display of fireworks in the evening to celebrate America’s independence. Gates open at 7 p.m.

Community input is important for the Independence Day celebration.

**Independence Day**

**Wednesday, July 4**

Stenger Sports Complex (W. 58th Ave. and Oak St.)

- Gates open to vehicles at 7 p.m.
- Free parking on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Fireworks begin approximately 9 p.m.
- No Recreational Vehicles allowed.
- Handicap parking available in the Stenger northeast parking lot.
- W. 58th Ave. will shut down to traffic beginning 8 p.m.
- Only propane grills allowed.
- No alcohol, personal fireworks, or pets are allowed.
Colorado’s Premier Beach Party in the Heart of Arvada

Ralston Park Addition
W. 64th Ave. and Simms St.

Saturday, June 23
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 24
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SandintheCityArvada.org;
#GetSandyArvada

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce’s sixth annual Sand in the City Festival brings the beach to you!

• Ten giant sand sculptures constructed by local businesses and non-profits—vote for your favorite!
• Kids Zone with activities including face-painting, a giant sand box filled with buried treasure, interactive games, crafts, bounce castles, and climbing walls.
• Live entertainment including Hawaiian-style bands and an interactive Luau.
• Local breweries and food vendors.

Children 12 and under are FREE and 13 and over are just $5. A portion of proceeds go to benefit local non-profit organizations.

Help Us Break the Guinness World Record’s Largest Hula Dance at Sand in the City!

At the 2018 Sand in the City, the Arvada Chamber of Commerce will be attempting to break the Guinness World Records Largest Hula Dance. The current record is held by Miyakojima City in Okinawa, Japan with 1,599 participants. In order to break the record, the Arvada Chamber of Commerce must gather at least 1,510 people to participate in a five minute choreographed hula dance. Participants are asked to arrive at 3 p.m. on June 23 wearing traditional hula attire; the attempt will occur at 4 p.m. sharp. Instructors will lead the dance.

Participants are offered a two-for-one entry fee.

Arvada on Tap
July 21, 12 – 5 p.m.
Ralston Park Addition
W. 64th Ave. and Simms St.
Advance tickets are $30 for unlimited beer tastings (day-of entrance fee is $35)
Children 2 – 18 (and non-drinkers) $10
arvadafestivals.com/arvada-on-tap

Arvada’s Beer and BBQ Festival returns!

• Sample ales, lagers, cider and other beverages from 25+ breweries (valid ID required)
• BBQ samples • Live bands
• KidZone • Interactive BBQ and home-brew demonstrations.

This year’s event features an amateur BBQ competition; we are accepting the first 10 BBQ applications to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the winner of the Arvada People’s Choice BBQ award. Arvada on Tap is produced by the Arvada Festival Commission and our community partners: Arvada Vitality Alliance, Arvada-Jefferson Kiwanis and Arvada Sunrise Rotary. Sponsors include Applejack Wine & Spirits and Ace Hardware.
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** - approximately 5-7 miles traveling mostly on trails
- **Rec Ride** - approximately 12-25 miles on a mix of trails and on street bike facilities

All riders are required to wear a helmet, follow bike safety and traffic laws, and sign a waiver. Our ride leaders will give a briefing 10 minutes before the ride begins and outline the route and other specifics for the day. Bring water, your helmet, sunscreen, weather appropriate clothing, and a sense of adventure! For more information visit [bikefriendlyarvada.org](http://bikefriendlyarvada.org)

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Recycle Your Bike - June 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
City Street Maintenance Facility, 6161 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.
New State-of-the-Art Jeffcom 911 Communications Center Serves Jefferson County

In March, Arvada’s dispatch services switched over to the Jeffcom consolidation communications center. The center services eight agencies covering Jefferson County and surrounding districts:

- Arvada Fire
- Arvada Police
- Evergreen Fire
- Golden Police and Fire
- Jefferson County Sheriff
- Lakewood Police
- West Metro Fire
- Wheat Ridge Police

Utilizing the latest technology and best practices within the emergency services industry, Jeffcom 911 works with fire, police and emergency medical service providers to dispatch appropriate emergency responders, as well as provide support for public safety education.

“This new center serves as a vital link between emergency services and the community in Jefferson County and beyond,” said Jeff Streeter, executive director of Jeffcom 911. “Jeffcom 911 will enhance the emergency response process for residents, but they won’t have to do anything new or different when faced with an emergency situation. The same emergency (911) and non-emergency phone numbers will remain in effect and the same police, fire, and emergency medical services personnel will respond.”

Jeffcom 911 dispatchers will use real-time data on their screens to determine the most efficient and effective way to dispatch a response team to a specific location.

Jeffcom 911 will provide efficiencies for communities and residents but it does not replace important programs such as Smart911 and CodeRED that are already in place. These programs work together to provide maximum coverage to respond to those in need.

“We are excited to be a part of this new consolidated center that incorporates the latest in emergency services” said Arvada Police Deputy Chief Link Strate. “By consolidating our communications centers, our hope is to be able to offer the same high level of customer service that Arvada residents have come to expect while taking advantage of the latest technologies.”

While this consolidation takes a lot of planning on behalf of the agencies involved, residents won’t see any changes and don’t have to take any new action. When faced with an emergency situation that requires the police, fire department, or an ambulance, residents should continue to dial 911. Jeffcom 911 is conducting a public education campaign to address potential confusion and concern when residents call 911 or their local non-emergency number and hear a Jeffcom 911 dispatcher answer their call.

For more information, please visit www.jeffcom911.org
**Promotions**

**New Commander**

A.J. DeAndrea was promoted from Sergeant to Commander in February of 2018. DeAndrea joined the Arvada Police in 1993 after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He served on the Jefferson County Regional SWAT from 1996 to 2012, the last nine of which he served as team leader. DeAndrea responded to some of Colorado’s worst shootings as a member of SWAT, including Columbine High School, Platte Canyon High School shooting, and Youth With A Mission.

DeAndrea served as a Sergeant in Patrol, Internal Affairs, and the Community Response Impact Team (CRIT). He has been awarded six Medals of Valor, three Medals for Distinguished Service, two Medals for Meritorious Service, and two Unit Citations.

Additionally, he was the 2007 Honorable Mention “Police Officer of the Year” for Parade Magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). In 2014, he was the recipient of the Colorado Attorney General’s Excellence in Law Enforcement award.

DeAndrea is a renowned instructor/speaker both nationally and internationally regarding police tactics. He grew up in Arvada and is a graduate of Arvada High School.

**New Sergeants**

Tim Gideon began his Arvada Police career in 2007, attending the Jefferson County Regional Law Enforcement Academy. He was a patrol officer until 2015 when he was selected for a Crime Scene Investigator position in the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

He is a member of several professional organizations; including the Rocky Mountain Division of the Association for Identification and the Colorado Forensic Investigators Group.

Gideon has received much recognition for his work in Arvada, including Officer of the Year from both the Lake Arbor and Clear Creek Optimist Clubs. In 2015, he received a Life Saver Commendation. Gideon has a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Northern Colorado.

Cristal Norton joined the Arvada Police Department in 2007, after working at the Denver Sheriff’s Department. She has served as a patrol officer, recruiting officer, and mentored new recruits as a Field Training Officer. She is a Crisis Intervention Team coach and has served as a Crisis Negotiations Team Member for Jefferson County Regional SWAT.

She was named Officer of the Year in 2010 by the Lake Arbor Optimists and received a Life Saver Commendation in 2015. She attended the Jefferson County Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy and has a degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan State University.

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**Police Performance Survey**

The Arvada Police Department is constantly working to improve its quality of service. In addition to the biannual Citizen Survey, the Police Department invites feedback from people who have come into contact with the Arvada Police.

People interact with police for a variety of reasons—as a reporting party to a crime, as a witness, as a victim, and for many other reasons. We want to hear from each of you on your experience with the department.

We are asking citizens who have had contact with our Department to take a few moments to express their opinions, concerns, compliments or other issues. The survey can be found at ArvadaPDPerformanceSurvey.com.
Summer is a fun and busy time for us humans. And, it should be a safe and comfortable one for our animal companions to enjoy with us. Here are some common concerns and tips from the Animal Management team.

Weather

Animal Management responds to numerous calls for pets left in hot cars. A car with cracked windows can reach 100 degrees in 10 minutes on an 85-degree day. Dogs cool down by panting to circulate their hotter air for incoming cooler air. Their skin doesn’t sweat like humans—so even a warm breeze to us may feel good due to the moisture evaporating on our skin, but dogs won’t feel that. Cats cool down similarly. Arvada law states pets must be provided water and adequate shelter to prevent suffering. Leaving your pet in a hot car may result in them being impounded (or worse, getting sick or dying) and owners can be ticketed for animal cruelty. Also consider thunderstorms and extreme heat for pets outdoors, and ensure they have shelter or are kept inside if weather extremes are likely.

Parasites/disease vectors

Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can transmit Lyme disease, plague, heartworm, and other afflictions to pets (which can then be transmitted to humans!). Your vet can recommend safe, effective prevention for these pests. A rabies vaccine is also required even for indoor pets.

Travel safety

If your pet stays home while you travel, ensure they are properly identified with a tag or microchip. Pets react differently when their family is gone (such as with sitters), so they may try to escape out of stress, fear, or boredom. Ensure fencing and yards are secure before you leave. Consider including an email address or adding the sitter’s info to tags temporarily. If tags often fall off, get a microchip or write your info directly onto a collar with a marker. Make sure your voicemail is set up in case a pet goes missing and someone is trying to call you to reunite. If your pet travels with you, make sure leashes, collars/harnesses, and crates are adequate, and that ID and vaccines are current.

Fireworks

Keeping pets inside for Independence Day celebrations is safest. Aside from the noise from fireworks, the vibrations, traffic, and crowds can be stressful or exciting. Some pets benefit from having a TV/radio left on, natural calming supplements or vet-prescribed medications, or tools such as a Thundershirt. Nothing ruins a fun holiday celebration like a missing or injured pet.

Toxins

Insecticides, weed killers, and sunscreens are common in the summer. Prevent accidental poisoning by reading warning labels and storing chemicals out of pets’ reach. Aside from directly ingesting toxins by eating them, pets can be poisoned by licking their feet/fur after walking through treated areas (including indoor insecticides for things like bedbugs).

Follow these few tips and it will help make sure it is a happy summer for everyone.

SHARP Classes

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

S.H.A.R.P. is designed to provide women with the confidence and skills to defend themselves in situations ranging from sexual harassment to being approached or grabbed by a hostile or violent person. Each class consists of four evenings. Upcoming classes include:

- June 12, 14, 19, 21, 6 - 9 p.m.
- July 17, 19, 24, 26, 6 - 9 p.m.

To register, please call 720-898-7985. Classes fill quickly and there are no waiting lists.
Collaboration with Shield 616

Shield 616 is a non-profit organization that supplies protective equipment to law enforcement agencies. Safeway is a Shield 616 sponsor, asking for donations from customers during transactions. That money is donated to Shield 616 to pay for protective equipment for their local law enforcement agency. The Arvada Safeway located at W. 80th Ave. and Wadsworth Blvd. has been collecting donations.

The goal of Shield 616 is to outfit all 185 Arvada police officers with greater protective equipment consisting of rifle-rated ballistic plate carriers, helmets, and goggles that can be used in critical incidents. Each set of protective equipment costs approximately $1,400. The total cost to outfit Arvada’s officers is $259,000. To make up for the gap that Safeway is unable to pay for, Shield 616 will solicit donations from Arvada local businesses and churches.

The Arvada Police Department does not participate in any solicitation of dollars. APD’s only involvement may be confirming that Shield 616 is a legitimate organization.

Shield 616 has already outfitted the entire Colorado Springs Police Department. Donations from the New Life Church helped make up for the gap between the money collected by Safeway and the total cost. Recently, Arvada police officers attended a Fox 31 newscast where Shield 616 provided the APD officers with protective equipment.

It should be noted that the Arvada Police Department provides officers with the following items:

- Uniforms (Jacket, Boots, Cold Climate Gear, Traffic Vests)
- Ballistic Vest
- Gun Belt and Equipment
- Taser
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Tourniquet
- Go Bags
- Armor Plated Patrol Vehicle

The protective equipment provided by Shield 616 is really above and beyond what has been traditionally supplied by police agencies. This equipment will be an excellent addition to state of the art protective gear we already supply.

For more information or to donate, visit shield616.org or call 719-640-0799.

National Night Out is an annual community celebration and effort to reduce crime — and the fear of crime — in our neighborhoods. This year’s celebration is Tuesday, August 7. Residents of Arvada will join Americans across the country in various celebrations and in supporting law enforcement by turning on their porch lights to “turn off crime.”

Arvada’s biggest National Night Out celebration is in the Olde Town square (near Ralston Road/Olde Wadsworth) and will be in full swing by 5 p.m. Visitors will be treated to live music, hamburgers from the grill, and tasty treats.

Residents, HOAs, and community groups are encouraged to plan their own National Night Out events. Members of the Arvada Police Department will start their evening by visiting the Olde Town Square event at 5 p.m., and then travel to other scheduled block parties throughout the evening.

“We know from research that strong neighbor relations help reduce crime in those neighborhoods. National Night Out is an opportunity for us to help facilitate those relationships among neighbors and for us to get to know the community we serve.”

National Night Out is a National Association of Town Watch initiative, bringing communities together to fight crime.

For more information or to register your National Night Out block party, call 720-898-6848.
Employee Corner

Employee of the Quarter: Service to the Organization
Sergeant Ron Avila with the Neighborhood Services Division was the Employee of the Quarter for Service to the Organization. Sgt. Avila’s employees state that “he is an outstanding leader who cares a great deal about our development, safety, and how we serve our community. He constantly seeks our feedback and makes a positive difference within our unit. Most impressively, he leads by example.”

Recently, animal management staff were notified of a missing dog. There were numerous sightings, but the dog was skittish. Sgt. Avila tracked the dog’s footprints down to a canal. He showed compassion, care, and dedication to the task at hand, and the dog was eventually found and returned home. His employees conclude, “Sgt. Avila takes time out of his day every single day to check on his team, gets to know them, and pushes them to be the best they can be. No job is beneath him and he carries a positive attitude through any obstacle. It is impossible to quantify the positive impact he has every single day, and we are so proud of his efforts.”

Employee of the Quarter: Service to the Community
Kelley Hartman, Performance Budget Manager in the City Manager’s Office, was the Employee of the Quarter for Service to the Community. Kelley took the time to get to know a homeless man that was living in his truck in the employee parking lot with his dog.

The Police Department had been in contact with this gentleman on a regular basis to ensure his and his dog’s safety and make sure he was in compliance with the law. When the cold nights began to hit, Kelley took it one step further. She realized that his beloved pet was preventing him from taking advantage of services like the severe weather shelter. She did some networking and was able to help this gentleman take care of a court issue with his truck registration, found someone to foster his dog AND found someone who provided housing for this man with a part-time job! Kelley didn’t turn away from a neighbor in need but stepped in to help in a way that will change this man’s life.

Public Works Director Recognized by DRCOG
Director Bob Manwaring was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). A dedicated public servant and professional engineer with more than 30 years of service in the public sector, Bob has represented the City of Arvada on the DRCOG Transportation Advisory Committee for over ten years, including chairing the Committee from 2016 - 2017. As Arvada’s Director of Public Works, Bob manages transportation, engineering, streets maintenance, facilities, and geodata services. He has successfully implemented regional initiatives at the City of Arvada, such as multimodal transportation policies and support of transit-oriented development projects. Most recently, Bob managed the design and construction of Olde Town Arvada’s Transit Hub, which consolidates multiple land uses adjacent to the Olde Town G Line station platform and serves transit commuters and visitors. Bob was also involved with the Wadsworth Bypass/Grandview Avenue/BNSF and RTD G Line grade separation. His ability to balance local and regional transportation issues makes him a valuable representative of local jurisdictions at DRCOG and a great Public Works Director for the City of Arvada.
The Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation (CHAC) and the City of Arvada have partnered to offer a program that provides low-interest, flexible loans to low- and moderate-income first-time home buyers for down payment and closing cost assistance. Applicants for assistance must attend a CHFA/CHAC approved First Time Home Buyer class upon application. This requirement helps them to follow the important guidance that “Educated Buyers Are Better Buyers.”

The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing. The class provides a general overview of the entire home buying/mortgage process, including information about selecting a property, working with a real estate professional, finding and choosing a lender, different types of mortgage products, mortgage qualifications, assistance programs, and what to expect after closing.

Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail Public Input and Learning Opportunities

In May 2016, the City Council unanimously approved a partnership with Jefferson County Open Space to apply for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant. The grant application, which seeks funds for planning, design, and construction of two grade-separated trail crossings providing access to Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge at Indiana St. and Highway 128, has been approved. (Trails internal to Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on Federally owned land are a separate but related effort undertaken by US Fish & Wildlife Service, and envisioned to link into the grant-funded access points.)

Prior to design, and as a condition of City Council approval, soil sampling and analysis at proposed trail access point locations were required. An independent consultant has prepared a Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan outlining the protocol and methodology for collection and testing of soils for radionuclides. This Plan is available for public review and comment on the project website.

A public open house to review the Draft and to learn more about project-related topics has been scheduled:

Tuesday, July 17
6 - 8 p.m.
Westview Recreation Center
10747 W. 108th Ave. in Westminster
For more information visit the project website at www.jeffco.us/3639/Rocky-Mountain-Greenway

Arvada Named “High Performing City”

Governing Magazine announced that the City of Arvada has been named a high performer in the 2018 Equip to Innovate national survey of American cities.

Equip to Innovate is a joint initiative launched by Living Cities and Governing Magazine. It is an integrated, collaborative framework anchored in seven key characteristics of high-performance government — being dynamically planned, broadly partnered, resident-involved, race-informed, smartly resourced, employee-engaged and data-driven.

“Residents and businesses expect cities to provide nimble and robust responses to today’s challenges and opportunities,” says Mark Funkhouser, publisher of Governing. “The results of the second annual Equip to Innovate survey show that a critical mass of American cities – along with their diverse networks of public, private and civic institutions -- are investing in and building the many things that make communities good places to live.”

The high-performing cities, including Arvada, were recognized in May at the 2018 Summit on Government Performance and Innovation.

For more information visit www.governing.com/equipt.
The large amount of rain that Colorado received in September 2013 and May 2015 brought many drainage issues and problems to light. Unfortunately, many people learned that regular homeowner’s insurance does not cover flood damage.

Flood insurance can be obtained for any property, regardless of whether it is in a floodplain. Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a Federal program providing flood insurance to property owners in exchange for the careful management of flood-prone areas by local communities.

**Insurance Facts You Should Know:**

- If your property is within a 100-year floodplain, an Elevation Certificate completed by a licensed land surveyor will be required in order to receive flood insurance. Contact the Engineering Division at 720-898-7640 to see if an elevation certificate is available for your property.
- Due to the City’s participation in the Community Rating System (CRS), Arvada residents are eligible for a discount on insurance premiums.
- Generally, there is a 30-day waiting period for your policy to take effect, with the following exceptions: If you have an existing flood insurance policy and the coverage is increased; when flood insurance is required as a condition of a loan; and when an additional amount of flood insurance is required as a result of a flood map revision.
- For more information on flooding and flood insurance, go to www.floodsmart.gov

There are three sources of flooding in Arvada: overbank flooding when creeks overflow their banks, flooding from irrigation canals, and street flooding. The major creeks and irrigation canals in Arvada include: Ralston Creek, Leyden Creek, Van Bibber Creek, Clear Creek, Big Dry Creek, Little Dry Creek, Bates Lake Drainage way, Hidden Lake Drainage way, Moon Gulch, Farmer’s High Line Canal, Croke Canal, and the Church Ditch. The City has worked to reduce the threat and damage from flooding by maintaining and preserving the floodplains. Keeping floodplains open and natural helps reduce flood damage by allowing flood waters to spread over a large area.

In some instances, construction in the floodplain cannot be avoided, and the City has permitting process to address these situations. All types of construction on a property in a floodplain must have a Floodplain Development Permit, including minor residential improvements such as a deck or garage. If you live in a floodplain and are interested in making improvements to your property, there is a special requirement by NFIP. This requirement states that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building’s market value, the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. This requirement could be met by elevating the building to the required level above the 100-year water surface elevation. For more information on this requirement, contact the Engineering Division at 720-898-7640.

**Floodplain Questions and Map Information**

For questions regarding the City’s floodplains or to determine if your property is in a floodplain, contact the Engineering Division at 720-898-7640 or visit https://arvada.org/residents/being-prepared/floods to view the Arvada Interactive Floodplain Map. Homeowners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents can obtain copies of floodplain maps, elevation certificates, floodway information, and predicted flood depth data at the Engineering Division. Flood Hazard Area Delineation (FHAD) studies are available for Ralston and Leyden Creeks. Additional information can be obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website, www.floodsmart.gov.
Indiana St. and W. 72nd Ave. Intersection Upgrade Project Underway!

The City of Arvada and contractor partner, Jalisco International, have begun the project to widen the intersection of Indiana St. (Colorado Highway 72) and W. 72nd Ave. Planned intersection enhancements will improve the safety and functionality of the intersection. This project will raise the profile of the roadway to improve drainage, upgrade the traffic signal and provide additional capacity through the intersection. The new intersection layout has been designed to accommodate future traffic volumes. Two lanes in each direction will be provided through the intersection and Indiana St. will be widened to accommodate double left-turn lanes in both directions. Other project improvements include:

- New sidewalks and on-street bike lanes
- Undergrounding utilities
- Water line replacement
- Storm sewer upgrades
- Bridge expansion on W. 72nd Ave. over Croke Canal

Expect Traffic Delays This Summer

In order to minimize traffic impacts, the project will be constructed in phases. Through June, crews are primarily working east of the roadway clearing the site for future widening and undergrounding overhead utilities. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures with alternating traffic as work progresses. Lane closures will be limited to off-peak hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) when possible. One lane in each direction will be provided when work is not occurring and whenever possible during working hours. Occasional night and weekend work is expected. A speed limit reduction to 30 mph is anticipated and fines will be doubled within the work zone. The project is weather-dependent and the schedule is subject to change.

Project Background

Indiana St. is a major regional transportation facility through the City of Arvada. Continued growth in the northwest portion of the City and within surrounding communities will add more traffic to the congested Indiana St. and W. 72nd Ave. intersection. Plans to improve the intersection have been in development since 2013. This $7 million project is funded through the City’s Capital Improvement Project Fund. Project completion is expected in summer 2019.

Stay Informed

Additional project information is available by calling the project hotline at 720-900-8670, sending an email to indiana72nd@workzone.info, or visiting the project website at www.arvada.org (search 72nd and Indiana).

To be added to the project notification list for future project updates, send a request to the email address above.
As I write this, I am reminded of my pastor at church. He hates to talk about “tithing” or giving, but his parishioners know that when he mentions it, something is up. Similarly, there is something on the horizon that will adversely affect the Arvada Fire Protection District—and I believe residents need to know about it. It is called the Gallagher Amendment. This 35-year-old Colorado Constitutional Amendment attempts to maintain a 55%/45% statewide balance between non-residential (such as commercial) and residential property taxes.

Further, the Gallagher Amendment mandates that the assessment rate for commercial property is fixed at 29%. The residential rate, on the other hand, is annually evaluated and adjusted to hold the 45/55 split constant. Residential assessment rates have dropped by nearly two-thirds since Gallagher was introduced (see below):

### How are property taxes calculated?

To make this simple, let’s assume that, according to the county assessor, your home is worth $100,000. That $100,000 is then multiplied by the residential assessment rate, which in 1983 was 21%. You were then “taxed” on $21,000 in assessed value.

Today that residential assessment rate is 7.2%. On a home that is worth $400,000 you are taxed on $28,800 in assessed value. As shown in the above table, that rate is calculated to drop somewhere below 7% in 2019. Below is a table showing the change in property tax that you would have paid in 1983 and different years based upon the Fire District’s current mill levy of 14.71 mills. This is based upon a home with an assessed value of $400,000.

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The value of your home has skyrocketed in the last several years, so your property taxes have gone up. Nevertheless, in 2020 when this new rate will take effect, we will lose over $4 million that year alone and also in the years to follow.

The following is a comparison of the property tax you would have paid in 1983 and what is forecast in 2019. In 1983 you would have paid $309 on a home valued at $100,000. In 2019, if forecasts are correct, you would pay $359 on a home valued at $400,000. You can see the data below.

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A $50 increase in 35 years! By comparison, the District bought a 95’ aerial fire truck in 1990 for $450,000. Today that same truck would cost about $1.4 million.

I want to assure you that we are working now to be financially secure well into the future. The reality is that if this trend of skyrocketing residential property values continues or property values go down, either would be devastating to the Fire Department. One of the main reasons is that the assessment rate cannot go back up by law to compensate for a reduction in property values as Gallagher was initially designed. Even the author of the Gallagher Amendment has stated that this is not the way it was supposed to work.

This is a significant issue for the Fire Department—one which, as I stated before, all residents need to be aware of.

The onset of summer brings a rise in the number of questions received about the use of fireworks. The laws and rules that regulate the sales and use of fireworks can be confusing.

The simple fact is that under Arvada City ordinance section 62-43 sales, purchase and use of all fireworks in the City of Arvada is illegal. This includes sparklers. An adult who violates this ordinance is risking a fine of up to $999 and possible jail time up to 180 days. Juveniles in violation of the ordinance cannot be jailed but are still subject to the fine.

Although nearly all cities in the metro area have ordinances that prohibit sale and use of fireworks, why do we still see fireworks sales stands? This is where the confusion starts.

The Colorado Revised Statutes provide that the sale and use of “permissible fireworks” cannot be prohibited in unincorporated county areas. It is for this reason that you will see fireworks sale stands in certain areas that are outside the boundaries of a municipality. The Colorado Revised Statutes also provide that municipalities under home rule can adopt ordinances that are more restrictive than State statute; this is what the City of Arvada, as well as nearly all other cities in our area, have chosen to do by making the sale and use of all consumer fireworks illegal.

It is also important to point out that both State statutes and city ordinances allow the large public fireworks displays conducted by professionals such as the one that occurs at the Stenger Sports Fields. The fireworks used for these display are a different classification of fireworks. Due to the different classification and nature of these fireworks there are licensing and permitting requirements that the companies which produce these displays must comply with, in order to conduct a show.

What can you do if you see or hear fireworks being used in the City of Arvada? First, determine if you are dealing with simple use and noise, or if there is an actual fire or emergency. If there is a fire or an emergency dialing 9-1-1 is appropriate. If there is not an emergency and a person is just seeking to report a fireworks complaint, please do not call 9-1-1 as doing so may clog the 9-1-1 lines and delay notification when someone with an actual emergency is calling.

As the 4th of July approaches the call volume of fireworks complaints naturally increases. To help manage the call volume and keep the 9-1-1 system open for actual emergencies, the Arvada Police Department will activate a special fireworks complaint line. Unfortunately, the number for the fireworks hotline cannot be confirmed before the printing of this Arvada Report, but it will be published both on the City of Arvada website and the Arvada Fire Website as well as other methods prior to the 4th of July week.

The Arvada Fire Protection District recommends that for a legal and safe celebration of the 4th of July leave fireworks alone and see a professional display.
Recently, Division Chief Clay Steward received his Chief Fire Officer Designation and Fire Marshal Kevin Ferry received his Fire Marshal Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence and its Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC).

Designated officers are often described as being progressive and well-rounded. Part of the reason for this is the holistic scope of the CPC model. It looks at the “whole officer,” focusing on seven components that cover the span of an officer’s experience:

- Education
- Experience
- Professional Development (training and certifications)
- Professional Contributions and Recognitions
- Professional Memberships and Affiliations
- Technical Competence (depending on the credential, 7 to 20 different competencies)
- Community Involvement

Arvada Fire has some very dedicated individuals who have also achieved a designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Our other designees include Eric Berger, Scott Burns, Brendon Dougherty, Todd Gilgren, Deanna Harrington, Todd Hyatt, Steven Parker, and Robb Roome. We are so proud of the members of our team who go above and beyond to make sure they are providing our district with the best level of service!

Congratulations to Chief Steward and Chief Ferry

Congratulations to Chief Mitchell

The International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs (IAEMSC) announced the results of its 2018 election of officers. Arvada Fire’s EMS Chief Dave Mitchell was nominated and subsequently elected as President-elect. This is a prestigious position and we know Chief Mitchell will excel in this capacity.

The International Association of EMS Chiefs (IAEMSC) is a non-profit professional association established to support, promote, and advance the leadership of response entities and to advocate for the EMS profession. The IAEMSC membership consists of leaders from both career and volunteer EMS organizations, representing a diverse group of public and private EMS agencies that respond to over 6.2 million emergencies and transport nearly 3.3 million patients each year.
Lightning Safety Awareness Week

**WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!**

Lightning Safety Awareness Week is June 24 – 30.

Lightning kills over 50 people in the U.S. each year and inflicts life-long debilitating injuries on hundreds more. Florida is the “Thunderstorm Capital” of the U.S., but other parts of the country have lots of lightning too, especially in the Southeast, Midwest, and the front ranges of the Rocky Mountains. Colorado ranks third in the nation for lightning fatalities.

Fortunately, most lightning deaths and injuries are easily avoided. Remember, **NO PLACE OUTSIDE IS SAFE NEAR A THUNDERSTORM.**

The first step in lightning safety is to plan your outdoor activities to avoid as much of the lightning threat as you can. Watch the local weather forecasts and know your local weather patterns. The forecast from your local National Weather Service office can be found at www.nws.noaa.gov.

When outside, keep an eye on the sky. If you are planning an outdoor event, bring along a NOAA Weather Radio or AM radio or Internet Weather Alert system and check it regularly. Most people are struck by lightning before or just after a storm because they wait too long to seek shelter or go back outside too soon. If you hear thunder roar, go indoors—immediately. Don’t go outside until 30 minutes or more after hearing the last thunder.

The safest place from lightning is inside a large, fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing, e.g., a typical house. But stay away from any conducting path to the outside: corded telephones, electrical appliances, and plumbing. Don’t watch lightning from doorways or windows. If you can’t get to a house, a vehicle with a metal roof and metal sides is a good second choice. Roll-up the windows, lean away from the door, and don’t touch any conducting path going outside, e.g., radio, keys in the ignition, steering wheel, etc. Remember, it’s not the rubber tires insulating you from the ground that make vehicles safe, but rather the metal shell that conducts the electricity around you. Convertibles, motorcycles, cars made of fiberglass and plastic, and open shelled outdoor recreation vehicles are not safe.

If you can’t get to a house or vehicle, than at least avoid the most hazardous places and activities. Stay off elevated places, like mountains, buildings, high playground equipment, etc. Keep away from open areas, including sports fields and beaches. Get away from tall isolated objects like trees. Going under trees to keep dry persists in being the second leading cause of lightning casualties in the U.S. Don’t do it! Stop water-related activities, including swimming, boating, and fishing. Get out at the first hint of lightning. Get off open vehicles like cabin-less tractors, bulldozers, four-wheel recreational vehicles, etc. But remember, **NO PLACE OUTSIDE IS SAFE NEAR A THUNDERSTORM.** You are much safer going inside a house or car.

All lightning deaths result from cardiac arrest. If you’re with a victim, call 9-1-1 to get professional medical help and then apply CPR if possible. A common myth is that lightning victims are electrified and dangerous to approach. False! About 90% of lightning victims survive, so your first aid may save a life.

For more information on lightning safety, visit www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.
Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

1. Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
2. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
3. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
4. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
5. Never leave your grill unattended.
6. Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

1. There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
2. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
3. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
4. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
5. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA: Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

PROPAANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before relighting it.

FACTS

1. July is the peak month for grill fires.
2. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

Arvada Fire Protection District

www.ArvidaFire.com
Open Year Round
Current Public Hours
Monday through Thursday, and Saturday
October-May: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
June-September 10 a.m. – 5 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

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

Olde Town Telescope Night
Friday, June 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m., All ages, Free
Drop by in Olde Town Arvada Square, just west of the library.

2018 Arvada Trails Day
Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., All ages, Free
Celebrate National Trails Day in Arvada—come by to visit live animals, free refreshments, and more!

Horses and Naay-ture at The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center
Monday-Friday, June 4 – and 11 – 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ages 5-8, $45S
Get up close with horses while you gain experience on how to be safe and have fun with the Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center (7630 Indiana St.) Call 720-394-0191 to register.

Creature Feature: The Insect Invasion
Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m. to noon, All ages, $5
Discover how to protect your garden from insects or how to get rid of them with a CSU Master Gardener.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Playdates
Friday, June 15 and July 27, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
All ages, Free

Mad Science: Advanced Robotics
Monday-Friday, June 25-29 & July 16-20, 9 a.m.-noon
Ages K-5th Grade, $199 half/$289 full day.
Explore advanced fundamentals and practical applications of robotics—or build your very own robot, working robot to take home!

Your Lawn Care Rx
Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m.-noon, Ages 12 and up, $5
Discover how to water and care for a summer lawn with the help of a CSU Master Gardener.

Titanium: Space and Flight Academy
Monday, July 23, 9 a.m.-noon, Ages K-5th Grade, $199 half/$289 full day.
Explore the four forces of flight through an exciting series of demonstrations and activities involving kites, planes, rockets and more!

T’ai Chi at Majestic View
Monday, July 23, 5-6 p.m., All ages, $10
Learn about basic concepts of t’ai chi and how to do some of the t’ai chi moves.

Sharks - From Tooth to Tail: MVNC Campfire Series
Friday, July 20, 6:30-8 p.m., All ages $5/person, $15/family
Dive into shark biology, touch shark jaws, teeth and skin, play a few fishy games, and then spend some time roasting marshmallows!

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Harkins Arvada 14 is Open for Business!

Harkins Arvada 14, located near Olde Town Arvada at Olde Wadsworth Blvd. and W. 55th Ave. re-defines premiere luxury movie-going in Arvada. The brand new theatre, which opened in April, boasts Harkins Ultimate Lounger leather recliners in every auditorium; reserved seating and mobile paperless ticketing; an in-lobby bar featuring cocktails, wine and beer, including local favorites; state-of-the-art laser projection and digital sound; and wall-to-wall curved screens. Harkins Arvada 14 has a gourmet concession stand and tempting menu including house-made flatbreads, Angus burgers, artisan meat and cheese trays, award-winning popcorn, and more!

The new Harkins Arvada 14 offers programming for the whole family. This summer, keep the kids cool and entertained with Harkins Summer Movie Fun for kids, bringing back Hollywood’s best family films for less than $1 per movie! Visit Harkins.com/SMF for a full film schedule. Love classic movies? See them the way they were meant to be seen, on the BIG screen, every Tuesday night, for only $5! Visit Harkins.com/TNC for a list of upcoming films and to reserve your seat today.

Moviegoers are invited to become a part of the Harkins loyalty program: My Harkins Awards. My Harkins Awards Members earn points towards awards that can be used for tickets, concessions, and more. Members also receive exclusive movie news, screening invites, and offers. Popcorn lovers can upgrade their account with Popcorn Perks and receive a FREE medium popcorn with the purchase of a movie ticket on each visit. Download the Harkins mobile app today to track points, redeem Popcorn Awards, search show times, and reserve your seat.

Harkins Arvada 14 offers unique and exclusive private screening experiences. From business meetings to large social gatherings and birthday celebrations, Harkins Theatres has the space for a perfect event. Harkins Arvada 14 also has the first private event room reserved for exclusive events! Learn more at Harkins.com/group-events. Harkins also offers gaming theatre rentals for guests – a great opportunity for tournaments, birthday parties, or team building.

Learn more about all the theatre’s offerings at Harkins.com.
According to Kristi Pollard, Jeffco EDC President & CEO, the organization facilitated projects in 2017 that will create more than 2,100 primary jobs and $149 million in capital investment. “The companies we honor today have helped fuel this outstanding economic growth and are continuing to build Jefferson County’s future,” said Pollard.

At the event, representatives from Lockheed Martin recognized Jefferson County’s leadership, ongoing support, and commitment to the company and the region’s aerospace industry by presenting the Commissioners a U.S. flag flown on the Orion test flight. “Thanks to Lockheed Martin, Jefferson County is now one of the largest space manufacturing centers in the world and a center of excellence for aerospace,” said Casey Tighe, Chair of the Jefferson County Commissioners.

The event’s top recognition, the Pioneer Award, is given each year to a Jefferson County company that demonstrates a pioneering attitude within its industry and among businesses in the County. MillerCoors Brewing Company—founded nearly 145 years ago in Golden—received the honor for its unique brand mystique, generations of leadership and sustainable business practices.

Also, the event lauded multiple Jefferson County companies, organizations, and individuals for their unique contributions to the County’s growing economy:
- Chairman’s Choice Award – Denver West Partners/Greg Stevinson (Lakewood)
- Genesis Award – Bandimere Speedway (Morrison)
- Innovative Technology Award – Trimble (Westminster)
- Community Champion Award – SustainAbility (Arvada)
- Business Appreciation Awards – Zimmer Biomet Spine (Westminster), Pilatus Business Aircraft (Unincorporated Jefferson County), SAS Manufacturing (Arvada) and PICOCYL (Golden)
- Horizon Award – Wheat Ridge High School STEM Program

To learn more about Jeffco EDC and the event, visit jeffcoedc.org.

New Arvada Businesses

The following new businesses have either opened or plan to open soon in Arvada. For a complete listing of Arvada businesses, go to arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org/ Business Directory.

Alliance Insurance Agency LLC
7910 Ralston Road

Animal Urgent Care INC
12520 W. 64th Ave.

Archery Games Denver
5405 W. 56th Ave.

Christy Sports
7715 Wadsworth Blvd.

City Pizza
9959 W. 80th Ave.

Computer Works
5765 Wadsworth Blvd.

Deutsch Auto Tuning
5880 W. 59th Ave.

Deutsch Auto Collision
6725 W. 58th Pl.

Five Guys
9585 Ralston Road

House of J’s Coffee
12650 W. 64th Ave.

Tap It Tavern
5315 Wadsworth Blvd.

Ward Road Dental
5610 Ward Road

Westy’s Wine and Spirits
6318 Ward Rd.

Filing Taxes Online

The City of Arvada Revenue division has transitioned over to mandatory online tax filing and payment. Businesses are encouraged to get a login/password to ensure a smooth transition since pre-printed tax returns will no longer be mailed to businesses. More information as well as login details can be found at: arvada.org/business/sales-tax/sales-and-use-tax-resources or contact the Department at 720-898-7100.
The City applied for and received a grant of $1,647,265 from Adams County Open Space to fund bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Tennyson St. between W. 64th Ave. and the Clear Creek Trail. The project will add buffered bike lanes in wide sections of Tennyson St., standard bike lanes on W. 60th Ave. and narrow sections of Tennyson St., and ADA-compliant sidewalk segments on Tennyson St. connecting schools and parks.

In addition to the recreational benefits, the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure will serve the transportation needs of the community by connecting neighborhood and regional destinations along Tennyson St.:

• RTD G-Line Sheridan Station
• Early College of Arvada School (6-12)
• Clear Creek Trail
• Jim Baker Reservoir
• WANCO and other employers
• Clear Creek Valley Park
• Tennyson Knolls Park
• Tennyson Knolls Elementary School

Based on the grant requirements, Arvada will provide a local match of $823,155 (33%) towards the $2,470,420.00 project cost. The project will take about two years for design and construction.
June

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

1. First Fridays at the Farm
   Star Acre Farms
   5 – 8 p.m.
   Music by Michael Furry
   8412 Alkire St.
   303-882-0632

2. Arvada Trails Day
   10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
   Majestic View Nature Center and Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge
   720-898-7405

16. Community Hike with Mark McGoff
    9 a.m.
    Long Lake Regional Park, south parking lot
    303-423-5258

17. Father’s Day Car Show
    9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
    Apex Center
    13150 W. 72nd Ave.
    303-424-2739

23. Garden Tour
    Arvada Historical Society
    9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
    $15/person
    Starts at Arvada Center Amphitheater Plaza
    6901 Wadsworth Blvd.
    303-421-2032

23. 6th Annual Sand In The City
    Ralston Park
    64th and Simms
    Sat: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
    Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
    720-898-3380

23-24. 6th Annual Sand In The City
    Ralston Park
    64th and Simms
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    Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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July

4. Independence Day Celebration
   7 p.m. gates open
   9 p.m. fireworks
   Lutz/Stenger Sports Fields
   W. 58th Ave and Oak St.
   720-898-7507
   See page 3

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21. Arvada on Tap:
    A Craft Beer and BBQ Festival
    12 – 5 p.m.
    Ralston Park Addition
    64th and Simms
    720-898-7403
    See page 4

Ongoing

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

“Second Saturdays” in Historic Olde Town Arvada
Every 2nd Saturday evening,
June – August
June 9, July 14, August 11
3 – 6 p.m.
Olde Town Arvada
303-420-6100
JUNE 7  Squirrel Nut Zippers
JUNE 8  3rd Law Dance/Theater
  presents LOST RITUALS in the Main Stage Theatre
JUNE 21-22 Wonderbound
  presents ARVADA’S STRAND/COURT with CHUMBO CORB in the Main Stage Theatre
JUNE 26  Coloradno Symphony
         AUGUST 11 BROADWAY CAST
JULY 8 Hot Club of Cowtown & The Western Flyers
  ft. KURT KASKA
JULY 13 Michael Martin Murphey
         with JOHN CHAPMAN
JULY 19 Denver Brass
         with 17TH AVENUE ALL-STARR – CONCERT VARIATIONS 2012
JULY 21  Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra
  ft. STEVE LINDH – ROUGH IN THE SAND
JULY 22 The Wallin’ Jenny’s
JULY 28  Colorado Symphony
  A NIGHT VIVALDI with your COLORADO COMPANY
JULY 29 Los Lonely Boys
         with KILA MULLIN
AUGUST 11 Face Vocal Band
AUGUST 17 Kerry Pastine & the Crime Scene & Davina & the Vagabonds
AUGUST 23 Poco, Orleans & Pure Prairie League
AUGUST 26 Colorado Ballet
  AUGUST 11 BROADWAY CAST
  AUGUST 26,  WORKSHOPS, 10AM-1PM