The City of Arvada Community Visioning Project provided a structured outlet for community collaboration in identifying a common vision for the future of our city. A variety of tools and outreach methods were used to engage with our diverse community of residents, to capture both unique perspectives and common values, and to establish a positive forum for sharing new ideas and information. Ultimately, the visioning process — facilitated by the use of Speak Up Arvada, our new online community engagement platform, — has put into words a community consensus on what the city should be like in ten years.

This report presents the results of the Visioning Project, including four visioning statements. These visioning statements consist of broad, community wide aspirations based on the feedback and stories received from residents and business owners, and they reflect the community’s shared concept for a thriving Arvada over a ten year horizon. It is the stories we received that provide the most compelling vision for our city — stories told from a wide variety of demographic groups, thus providing a more comprehensive understanding of community values and our desired future. Ultimately, this project is about all of us — our community — this place we call home.
INTRODUCTION

The Arvada City Council is committed to engaging the community to chart a course for the future of Arvada. Speak Up Arvada is the first step in an overall “visioning process” for our community, identifying issues of concern as well as solidifying what we love about our city. It will allow us to put structures and plans in place to begin working on long term solutions.

The City of Arvada launched Speak Up Arvada on August 1, 2018 with the goal of getting feedback on a variety of issues from a broad and diverse audience. The initial goal of this project was to provide feedback to the Arvada City Council in advance of their preparation of the city’s next six-year Strategic Plan (2020 – 2026) by ensuring that residents, businesses, and visitors have a say on the future of their community.

Speak Up Arvada was highly publicized through our various communications tools such as the Arvada Report and social media. In addition, a team of eight Community Connectors was hired to take Speak Up Arvada out to the community where people are gathered. These Connectors promoted the online site, conducted paper surveys, and engaged residents in conversation about how they envision the future of our community. As a result of the Community Visioning Project, we have amassed a wealth of data, ideas, and perspectives on what our citizens consider a success in our community. Part of what helped us to drive successful engagement on Speak Up Arvada is that we covered topics that the community wanted to talk about.
METHODOLOGY

Speak Up Arvada and other ongoing community engagement activities have helped us think more strategically and inclusively as we work to enhance the qualities that the community treasures and address key challenges. Alongside the launch of Speak Up Arvada, we hired eight community members to be Community Connectors. Understanding that not all of our residents have easy access to or prefer to engage with a website, the Community Connectors played a vital role in seeking feedback from those in our community whose voices are not always included in typical planning processes.

During our Community Visioning outreach, ten topics were presented on Speak Up Arvada. In order to provide feedback on the majority of these topics, site participants were required to formally register for Speak Up Arvada. By asking participants to register, we were able to collect and evaluate demographic information including age group and zip code. We had a highly engaged audience and could notify our community members of new topics using our communications channels, as well as an email newsletter to registered users. This allowed staff and our Community Connectors to keep participants informed throughout the life cycle of the visioning process.

HOW WE REACHED OUT

- 8 community connectors trained for outreach
- Speak Up Arvada community engagement site collects feedback
- Two print and digital publications (Arvada Report and ArvadaNews)
- Four social media platforms - Facebook, NextDoor, Twitter and Instagram
- Community Connectors and staff reached all corners of Arvada
WHO WE HEARD FROM

From August to October, Speak Up Arvada had over 6,000 people visit the site, 773 of whom registered as participants, ranging from teenagers to over 70 years old. We even had the most active engagement platform in the country in the month of October!

With regard to our Community Connectors and their in-person engagement, they conducted over 150 interviews and presentations to civic clubs, homeowners associations (HOAs), festivals, schools, resource fairs, and senior centers, to name a few. They had almost 8,000 face-to-face touch points, and conducted over 700 hours of outreach. One of our Connectors made a special effort to reach our Spanish and Russian speaking community, as well as our lower income residents through outreach at the Women, Infants, and Childrens Clinic (WIC), Head Start, and the Veggie Van. We engaged residents from all over the city, from east to west, and north to south.

WE WENT WHERE YOU GATHER
8,000 face-to-face touch points, 700 hours of research, 150 interviews
Zip code 80004 had the largest portion of Speak Up participants, largely due to the fact that it's the area with the highest density, but we had a good representation from each section in the city. In areas with higher rates of youth engagement (shown by the light green pie pieces), our Community Connectors conducted targeted outreach to high schools like Ralston Valley High School and Arvada High School.

Arvada is a family community. We regularly reach our population from age 30s to 60s, so have historically good engagement there. On this Community Vision project, our team worked diligently to engage our teens and seniors, residents that typically aren't reached by traditional engagement methods. We wanted all community members to have their voice heard to form the future of our city. To better reach these groups, the Community Connectors attended high school civics classes, skate parks, senior living facilities, and silver sneakers classes. They went to where these groups were already gathering.
WHAT WE HEARD

We identified our ten project topics by using our 2017 Citizen Survey key drivers. These are areas that our community told us were important to them and would result in the most significant jump in levels of satisfaction if addressed.

WE COVERED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Affordable Housing and Arvada
- Getting Around Town
- Got Thoughts on Development?
- Pssst... (Communication preferences)
- Public Art in Arvada
- Share Your Vision
- Short-Term Rentals for Arvada?
- Show Us the Places You Love in Arvada
- Tell Us An Arvada Story!
- Won’t You Be My Neighbor

We collected nearly 100 visions from members of our community in the “Share Your Vision” questionnaire on Speak Up Arvada. These themes were mentioned by different segments of our population.
Feedback was collected from the ten projects above and about 50 individual ideas (tags) emerged. These tags were condensed into seven main values, which form the basis of our community vision statements.

THE VALUES OF OUR COMMUNITY

Getting to Know Each Other
- community vibrancy
- real time communications
- community agriculture
- website
- public gathering spaces
- parks
- neighborhood feel
- social media
- welcoming
- olde town
- community engagement
- positive news
- youth engagement
- broadband
- sense of community
- public spaces
- volunteer
- park usage

Building & Sustaining Arvada’s Character
- developer incentives
- growth
- mixed use development
- local business
- no change
- preservation
- no growth
- water conservation
- sustainability
- community agriculture

Getting from Here to There
- sidewalk
- connectivity
- noise barriers
- mobility
- accessibility
- traffic congestion

THE VALUES OF OUR COMMUNITY

resource development
- tiny homes
- housing
- geographic equity
- housing incentives
- inclusive community
- housing education
- ADU
- homelessness
- affordable housing
- co-housing
- east/west divide
- aging in place
- land banking
- diverse housing stock

Waste Hauling
- recycling
- single system
- composting
- curbside pickup
- trash
- co-mingled recycling
VISION STATEMENTS

The final step of the Community Visioning Project involved the creation of a vision for the future, describing what the community seeks to become. Based on the identified community values, a “preferred scenario” was developed to describe what the City of Arvada will look like if it responds to emerging trends and issues in a proactive manner. Ultimately, the following vision statements are based on this scenario.

Arvada’s community vision is a combination of two basic elements: 1) an understanding of the community’s timeless, unchanging core values and 2) a clear picture of its own future – its aspirations including forward-thinking, bold goals that are ultimately achievable. The following four vision statements incorporate the core values as identified by our citizens and answer the driving question: “Where do we want to be?”

We envision an Arvada that embraces its small town traditions to achieve an inclusive, prosperous, and resilient community of neighborhoods where quality housing is attainable to all.

The community value statements that inform this vision statement are: A Community for All, Getting to Know Each Other, Resources for the Future, A Safe and Clean Community, Building and Sustaining Arvada’s Character.

How do you feel about future development and/or redevelopment in Arvada?

- Development is inevitable! Run with it! (51%)
- Too much is too much! Slow down! (38%)
- I’m Neutral (11%)
- Too much is too much! Slow down! (58%)

(123 votes)

Which style of affordable housing fits Arvada’s style the best?

- 58% (74 votes)
- 35% (14 votes)

“Everyone is moving away or having to find roommates. I’ll be moving to Greenley next month. But I love Arvada. It’s my home. I grew up here.”

“Everyone in Arvada is having trouble with this. Over 1/3 of my retirement income goes towards rent. We have other expenses to think about too.”

“There is such high turnover of residents in Arvada. You get to know your neighbors, and then they have to move somewhere more affordable. There used to be better housing for young families in Arvada.”
We envision an Arvada that places a high value on quality of life defined by safe, connected neighborhoods where we care for our neighbors and enjoy access to our incredible network of parks, open space, and other community gathering places.

The community value statements that inform this vision statement are: Getting to Know Each Other; Getting from Here to There, a Safe and Clean Community, Resources for our Future

86% of people say connecting with neighbors increases safety

85% of people interact with their neighbors at least once per week

61% of people know they can ‘always’ count on a neighbor

THE PLACES WE LOVE IN ARVADA

We envision an Arvada with a safe, effective, and efficient transportation system, including access to the greater metropolitan area, transit opportunities, and improved connectivity to our many recreational assets.

The community value statements that inform this vision statement are: Getting from Here to There, Resources for our Future
We envision an Arvada that provides a full range of municipal services to its residents, one that communicates effectively and allocates sufficient resources to meet the growing and changing social and environmental needs of our community.

The community value statements that inform this vision statement are: Getting from Here to There, Community for All, Resources for our Future, Getting to Know Each Other.

What are your favorite ways to get information about city events and services?

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Real-time communication
we're focusing on modern ways to engage our community

Waste hauling
was the second most popular idea among respondents
City staff developed an online community engagement tool entitled *Speak Up Arvada*. The site was promoted using Community Connectors, various communication platforms and community partnerships. *Speak Up Arvada* utilized idea, survey, polling and mapping tools that also allowed for open-ended questions to collect community feedback in order to give the community a voice in planning for Arvada's future. In person collection was done using the Community Connectors leveraging their networks and engaging with populations we don't normally hear from in our planning processes. For each of the open ended responses the main idea was tagged. Hundreds of comments were received and each comment received a tag based on the main idea. A total of 59 ideas were generated. From there, the ideas were aggregated into main themes which drive value statements. Below you will find the list of ideas and themes along with all of the responses that were used in the analysis.

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- Let’s Talk About Affordable Housing
- Pssst...How Do You Want To Hear From Us?
- Tell Us an Arvada Story
- Got Thoughts on Development?
- Getting Around Town
• Affordable and attractive housing for all, plus safe community walking/biking routes to work, school, markets - less traffic congestion!

• I would love to walk down sidewalks without getting soaked by sprinklers.

• A safe and allowed path from homes to Ralston Valley.

• Get heavy traffic off of the small roads and onto new (large-flow) routes

• Bike paths are missing on many major routes, such as Indiana Ave. Adding bike paths to these routes would encourage biking & reduce traffic

• I would like to see more connection between trails for walking and hiking.

• I would like to see more attention to public art in old town.

• The usage of more places outside of Olde Town -- I LOVE OT, but I also think other areas more central & north are missing some love.

• Senior housing where young folks also live and help out, maybe for reduced rent/college credit/etc.

• Better use of our parks for outdoor events and athletic/fitness classes. Easier to obtain permits for large and small groups.

• Sr. housing in individual cottage-type homes. Homes leased by occupant until death - then available for another senior. Affordable.

• I would like to see an extension of Lake Arbor park with the empty field just west of the current park. Walking/biking/running trails.

• High brick wall on 80th between Wadsworth and Sheridan much like they did on 72nd.

• Trim plants on 80th between Wadsworth and Sheridan. Big traffic hazard.

• Bike paths take me everywhere in the city!

• More sidewalks and safe walking paths!

• More programming in our beautiful parks! For every age and all kinds of things, exercise, lectures, learning #arvadalovesparks
• More Flowers!!!! Think Breckenridge!
• Take lots and lots of care and concern for architecture.
• City wide recycling, and single hauler trash. Let's lower our costs, save our roads, and increase our recycling rates!
• More affordable housing, less luxury developments.
• Walkable communities
• I would like to live in a town that does NOT mimic downtown Denver. Want to stay a smaller community. Not crazy traffic & tall buildings.
• Dispensary who's tax dollars stay in Arvada. Specifically Jeffco schools
• Slow down the growth. Too much too soon. Keep Arvada dispensary free. Stop putting $ before community. I miss our small town
• There are too many overgrown weeds, too many untrimmed trees, and too many people parking on the sidewalk. I hope 10 years eliminates this.
• Lift the moratorium on marijuana sales, and keep those tax dollars working here, for Arvada.
• More focus on improving the look and livability of the East side of town instead of always on the West.
• Better speeding control. Slow those drivers down!
• A reporting system better than "Ask Arvada" that responds better to citizen concerns; one manned with employees who are actually concerned.
• A better, more responsive City Council that considers the wants and needs of ALL citizens over their own, personal agendas.
• A better community newspaper, and City Report that is more useful, more helpful, and less filled with propaganda.
• A better, improved Neighborhood Watch system to help reduce the incidence of opportunistic crime, and "Porch Pirates."
• Fewer car break-ins, and people feeling safer about parking their vehicles on the street overnight.
• Enhancing and growing the Community Garden, adding more of them, and developing a system to distribute excess produce to the city's needy.
• A better-planned, more functional Olde Town area with fewer bars and restaurants.
• An enhanced and improved system of co-mingled recycling with even more options for easy recycling of hard-to-recycle items.
Growing and expanding the Nextdoor.com idea to include more citizens, and more neighborhoods.

More crews, either city or volunteer, dedicated to picking up, cleaning up, and maintaining a litter-free city.

Walkable Olde Towne

Less ugly surface parking and big box retail south of the G Line in Old Town. More density and ped connections between Balsam and Old Wads.

We imagine lots of farms, agriculture, and open spaces to hike and enjoy nature. We also see plenty of bike lanes for commuter bikes.

More flowers. Less weeds!

I would love to see one city wide trash/recycling system that includes curbside compost

Property taxes based on the purchase price of your home. Not the assessors determine value of your home.

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Less corporations. More mom and pop shops.

More emphasis on walking and biking in transportation plans. Ralson needs more crossings, better sidewalks, bike lanes, and slower traffic.

One, affordable trash and recycling pick up company that also offers compost pick up

Snow Park

Libraries and recreation centers are all over and thrive with the use from adults but lack the use of teens.

Public Transport

More local agriculture, backyard, urban mini-farms, and fresh veggie/local protein markets.

All Arvada residents have the capability of curbside recycling and composting!

Offer internet as a public utility like Longmont as an alternative to Comcast and Centurylink. They have a top tier utility that is attractive to residents with superior service and pricing. Google it to see.

More xeriscape, less watering.

Sidewalks and other infrastructure to make walking/biking to Ralston Valley HS a viable option for students.
• Rocks are not landscaping!!

• Citywide 1 GBPS broadband wireless internet for all citizens with a slowed down guest network for visitors.

• Fix traffic light timing and add more flashing yellow turn arrows

• Move farmers market to Arvada Center. Allow local artist, builders, tinkerers, and other small operations to sell their products too.

• Convert Old Wadsworth into an open walking mall, for the two blocks between Webster and Grandview

• Community based corridor between Olde Town and the Arvada Center for the Arts

• Bring back the volunteer street cleanup and picnic event. This event provided positive community exposure to the outstanding people in our

• Hire some city planners that are civil engineers so they can fix the road grades, water flow and traffic routing. So far the city has made things "pretty" without fixing any of the real problems.

• More support for street trees and our urban forest. Also more love for the planting strip between the sidewalk and street.

• A sustainable community with primarily renewable energy resources (electricity mostly from wind, solar, and small hydro)!

• Convenient ways to compost such as a local yard trimmings drop off site that turns it into free mulch for use by city parks and residents.

• Curbside recycling and composting for everyone, not just those who live in HOAs. Including apartments and businesses!

• Recycling/composting pickups weekly and trash every other week!

• Help maintain our cities roads.

• Please fix 80th Ave, between Simms and Kipling

• All failing roads have been fixed and are maintained so people feel can have other things to worry about like the quality of schools.

• A town whose Mayor and City Council speak up for Net Neutrality.

• Public Broadband

• I’d love to see Arvada insist on net neutrality protections for all.

• ARVADA SHOULD BUY THE OLD GRIFFS TEAR IT DOWN AND MAKE MORE OLD TOWN PARKING.
● Restrictions on short term rentals

● Ban single use plastics

● Would like the city to provide recycling and composting.

● I would love to see Old Wadsworth between Ralston and Grandview turned into a plaza...NO CARS

● neighborhood consolidated trash/recycle company

● Bathrooms by the playgrounds PLEASE!!

● Partnerships between businesses, the city and schools

● Conscientious Development

● Get all of your neighbors to use the same trash service, instead of trying to stifle the free market ideas this country was built on.

● Add yellow arrow to intersection at 55th and Wadsworth. It takes forever for the green arrow to turn East on 55th. Many gaps in traffic.

● Union Pacific cuts diagonally through the City. Push RTD to create transit services on the UP from NW to SE Arvada connecting to the G-Line.

● I would like to see a blinking yellow turn arrow at the intersection at 55th And Wadsworth to turn East and West.

● Interconnected Trail System for Walk, Run, Bike

● More Bike Paths

● Add environmentally friendly solar lights/lamps in the parks and along the Ralston trail so people can safely walk and bike at night.

● Maintain Open Space

● Master Planned Community. Single-floor, no steps; clustered in groups of about 10 on cul-du-sacs. Each with porches and postage-sized small front yards to sidewalk. Neighborhood market within easy walk. Central gathering places (outdoors and indoors). No high-rise buildings. Tea or coffee cafes in a walkable urban setting. Lots of public transportation options. Very ‘small-town’ feel. Encouraging a nostalgic sense of neighborly kindness and interaction allowing residents to find true comfort within the community. The Retirement Community centers will often throw events for residents, including weekly local farmer’s markets, to include and connect neighbors. Networks of walking and biking paths that physically connect the mini-town’s residents to each other.

● There are so many awesome trails throughout Arvada. I would love it if they all connected with more trails and bike lanes!
- More emphasis on traffic patterns that make it safe to walk places in the city. ENFORCEMENT of current speeds and assessment of if 30MPH is really appropriate on residential streets. It might be a circulator route to a traffic person but it’s my home and it’s really sad not to let my son play in the front yard because I’m afraid someone going to fast will crash their car into my yard.

- Case in point, Ralston and Wadsworth Blvd. I am so sad every time I see that large housing structure. We need to have a real commitment to traditional architecture. We are an older town so it is unsettling to see trendy cheap looking design added in. There should be a designated committee to keep all new builds in line in architecture and design.

- Stay quiet town

- Keeping dollars local is a huge endeavor. Currently one of the largest businesses in Colorado is legal marijuana. Arvada and Jeffco need to allow some dispensaries so that those tax dollars stay here.

- Improved Code Enforcement

- I hope in Arvada’s future that we’ll see fewer business closed up and gone out-of-business. It would be nice to have fewer vacant buildings in the city - perhaps we can improve the buildings/stores.

- I like Arvada just the way it is now.

- Security, family environment

- Clean and without delinquency


- Clean and without destruction

- I wish my neighbors and I could be more united. That Arvada stays clean and safe.

- Crime is lower. Less homeless so less beggars. More senior housing, more affordable. Lower taxes on groceries, I go to Wheat Ridge to shop as grocery taxes are lower there. More police patrols around senior housing, especially on weekends. Family-friendly, interactive parks. Home prices capped to make more affordable. Better and more sidewalks.

- More sidewalks and walking amenities. There are no sidewalks on our street, Allison St., for instance. Integrating generations, young families, children, older Americans. Now we can go to Olde Town fountain, for instance, and enjoy the generations together, we need more of that. Focus on family-friendly businesses.

- Arvada providing transport services for seniors to get to doctors, shopping, Olde Town, etc. I have had problems with senior transport services not showing up when I have reserved them.
- Good schools, which we already have. Good police and fire department which we have. Hopefully a peaceful community. I really wish Arvada could go back to how it was 20 years ago.

- I would like to see fewer people, less congestion on roads and some type of permanent focal point/shelter for the homeless population

- I would like to see more parks by creeks and more open spaces. I would love to see the schools incorporate financial training and nutrition classes.

- I love Arvada's shopping centers, but traffic is dangerous - we're on foot. My vision is for safer roads to walk with my family.

- I love the upgrading of older buildings. But with all of the new growth, we need to keep up better with the roads. I would like to feel safer in Arvada, especially around Kipling and 44th at night.

- I would love to see more activities in the City for children, teens and young people. This would especially help to keep teens off the streets.

- My vision is to feel more safety around our homes. We never see the police patrolling in our area.

- Arvada is no longer lacking people of color, has a Trader Joe's, a City Council that demonstrates a sincere interest in what citizen's are saying, not just in city surveys, but on websites focused on Arvada and participate in the discussions.

- I would like to see in Arvada the slowing down of tall building growth!

- I'd love to see improved road quality and repairs. Also, on the east side of Arvada, I'd love to see improved landscaping.

- I have a vision for improved physical appearances everywhere in Arvada.

- I envision Arvada having more low-income residential opportunities

- I see a more populated city with many options for finding homes to rent.

- I see more parks, playgrounds and attractions for children.

- I've been here most of my life, went to high school here. Not going to be here in 10 years, but it seems that Arvada is getting better.

- Not really sure, I just moved here

- No more changes, I like the way it is now. Old town needs to made more walker friendly. Also more parks and open space.

- I envision Arvada continuing to have and maintain the beautiful parks.
• It is most important for my family and I to experience less secondhand smoke exposure in low-income multi-unit housing. Right now the designated smoking area at our apartment is right out our windows, and families smoke on the playground.

• I hope to see more light rail in the future!

• I’d love to see more beautiful communities like Old Town Arvada.

• I hope to see lower rent prices and more parks and family-oriented events/activities

• I hope that the children of the future will believe in Arvada's new projects.

• I'd love to see more family-friendly events in Arvada, along with a decrease in homeless populations.

• I envision a clean and safe city.

• I would like to see more parks, and community coming together to help each other more. I would like a safe place for women to come together for protection from domestic violence.

• I would like to see less traffic, more affordable daycare options, and lower rent.

• Stop building apartments we were lied to about the second development at 58 and Ward we were told it would be patio and doubles sold to owners now more apartments. We have to much traffic now stop it

• I hope the City of Arvada will preserve our local history.

• I would love to continue to find everything so centrally located as it is now. And, Arvada could use a good dress shop - more retail shops. I hope to see Arvada continuing to improve the side streets!

• I envision continued opportunities for community involvement and participation - festivals, concerts, etc.

• Need more service providing income professions, Arvada would be carbon neutral, have more of a public transportation focus, promote solar energy, and encourage more locally grown food--free of pesticides.

• We are there now...except for one thing: the high cost of housing/rent.

• Please address the road congestion/construction issues

• Too many homes for existing road system.

• Improved roads, please! Overcrowded intersections.
• Safety is important. Parking spaces are abundant. Opportunities to get together with others the same age.

• I hope to see more affordable housing and more mental health resources in the community. I hope to see more partnerships between the City, mental health resources and faith-based organizations.

• I would like to see more neighborhoods and shared outdoor places.

• I would like to see a shelter for homeless populations, the maintaining of good public transportation such as the light rail, and the continuation of food banks.

• I would like to see an increase in safety. For example, at Marcelo Manor, the police and fire department came and requested that our back door lock be fixed. No one ever fixed it, and it feels really unsafe. I hope to see follow-through on safety issues like that in the future.

• Let’s maintain Old Town Arvada and keep historic Arvada alive.

• I would love to see improvements in the quality of the roads.

• I would like to see that Old Town is kept the same. Downtown Golden has changed so much, and I wouldn’t want to see that for Old Town. I’d also like to see some solutions for the growing homeless populations.

• I would like to see improvements in traffic in Arvada

• I’d like to see improvements happen for our church, and I’d also like to see more cheap restaurants and Salvation Army / Arc stores - we need these closer - we’re on foot.

• I would like to see more road safety in Five Parks. I know many of my neighbors agree. For example, the intersection at 86th Pkwy and Five Parks Drive is unsafe - kids are always crossing to get to the pool, Jack's or school. But that left hand turn is dangerous. We need a green arrow only so that cars aren't pulling into crosswalk when people/kids! are crossing. There have been so many close calls. Also, we need speed bumps in the neighborhoods - people drive too fast in the neighborhoods and on 86th Pkwy.

• Quality early childhood educations, services for seniors, beautiful parks and recreation

• Better transportation movement. Better street condition.

• The multi-family housing increase in Arvada is lessening what I liked about Arvada over the last 20 years.

• I hope Arvada will begin taking better care not to plow snow into the bike lanes; I rely on my bike to get around all year, and I would love to feel safe commuting on the roads. My hope is that
sidewalk shoveling, especially in the Old Wads area will be better enforced - again, I often ride on those sidewalks - I don't feel safe on the roads. I also hope to see back the films on the square - this was so much fun!

- My vision is that Arvada won't become over-developed. I'd also love to see 58th and Old Wads turned into a pedestrian mall!

- I'm having to leave Arvada, but I sure hope Arvada thrives and prospers. They're on the right path.

- I'd like to see a bigger or more frequent Veggie Van!

- I wish rent would stabilize, especially for the retired population - we live on fixed incomes.

- I would like to see a grocery store closer to Columbine low-income senior housing. There is nothing, and many of us don't drive. It's hard to take a bus and carry groceries home. There is a Costco and Sams, but seniors can't afford membership, and we live alone.

- For the senior population, I would like to see more low-cost transportation options - shuttles, for example, especially systems that allow flexibility.

- I'd like to see more volunteerism in Arvada. I'd like to see us addressing issues such as smog. And, I'd like for Arvada to spend less money on parks.

- Through streets. Wadsworth goes through, Ward stops. McIntire to Indiana opened up, have to wind around to get places no. East to West access is most improved. G-line and rest of rapid transit up and working using European model. Bike paths and parks are good, Apex facilities are good.

- Dinosaur park for the kids, my grandkids *love* dinosaurs! Neighborhood events for 76th and Harlan area. Local JeffCo govt events/workshops, hard to get to Golden, can't afford gas money or other methods to get there--job fairs, etc.

- More parks, good buffet restaurant (Country Buffet closed without notice), 24-hour Walmart

- Homeless facility with place to get food/eat and sleeping area. More facilities for little children, age 10 or less.

- More eating places, not fast food. Restaurants with auto openers for wheelchairs. There is a light signal at 58th Street. More lighting on streets where people walk. Quiet zones around senior housing. Circulator bus to get to Olde Town from our area and others. Police Liaison reinstated for Arvada House.

- I think it will be over crowded, too many people. More housing like Arvada House. More handicapped access to restaurants. More transport like Arvada Rides. Circulator bus to get people to Olde Town from our home and other places. Quiet zone around senior housing.
- Easy access to buses, family-friendly shops, safe streets, low crime. A chocolate shop! Family restaurants, not just fast food and apartments. Lights in dark areas, paved streets. Train is working, RTD on south Kipling from 58th. More family-friendly, less apartments. Quiet zones around senior housing. RTD going directly from Kipling south, have to go around Oak and back now. A bus to Olde Town. Christmas lights bus for seniors.

- Circulator bus to Olde Town and other places for senior housing, etc. More street lights for walking in evenings to get to places as most don't have cars in Arvada House. Reinstated police liaison for Arvada House.

- Olde Town is more accessible, circulator bus to there and other places from senior housing, etc. Transport to Apex Center. Street lights and family dining in our area. Quiet zones around senior housing.


- Street lights on W. 58th Place and widening of streets. Quiet zones around senior housing. Sonic drive in and Ross store in our area. Locator for affordable housing in Arvada. Circulator bus to Olde Town from senior housing.

- No houses that block the view of the mountains

- I would like to see more affordable housing and more community events

- I would like to see an increase in equality among human beings. I would like to see more equality in housing and law enforcement. I would like to see people in Arvada thinking of more than themselves - I would like to see Arvada residents thinking of those who have had setbacks. I would also like to see slowed development so that our local wildlife is not so disturbed.

- I would like to see better support and promotion of Arvada food banks (longer hours, more donations, etc). It would also be nice to have more help with resources for finding employment. I would like to see an increase in volunteerism in Arvada

- I'd love to see continued road improvements and support of the food banks. I'd like to see more programs that educate the community about homelessness; we're all closer than we think to being in this situation; I just lost my job and I could have lost my home; people aren't compassionate enough around this issue.

- I'd like to see improvements made to the streets.

- We need an increase in affordable housing. I'd also like to see an updating of the water piping in older residential areas.

- I'd like to see more light rail and more family-friendly events.
I’d love to see more parks/playgrounds for kids and an increase in affordable housing.

I’d like to see continued updating of Arvada’s buildings.

I would like to see improvements made to the playground surfaces at kids’ parks; right now, when they fall, the surface is all broken up and kids get hurt. I’d also like to see more children events, especially things that get kids outdoors - even in Winter. I’d like to see improvements made to the roads.

I’d like to see improvements in Arvada’s atmosphere, conditions, and sense of safety. I’d like to see a degrees in the drug use that is on the rise in Arvada.

I’d like to see Arvada addressing our growing homeless population. These people need help - they need a shelter, especially in the area around 59th and Ralston.

I would like to see better housing options - nicer and more affordable, and accessible to disabled populations. I’d like to see the police department care more about domestic violence issues - to step up and protect and serve the people better.

I’d like to see an increase in safety in Arvada. Also, the stoplights are too short for families with children to cross safely.

I’d like to see more affordable housing.

I hope to see improvements in the Arvada community that benefit all current residents (we don’t want to see the gentrification that happened in North Denver happen here in Arvada)

I think everything will continue becoming better in the upcoming years.

I hope Arvada will continue being such a peaceful place to live.

I hope to see more family-friendly activities in Arvada (parks, events, etc.).

I would like to see more parks and attractive developments, especially kid-friendly developments (parks, fun/educational stuff for kids)

I’d like to see more pools, rec centers and kids activities here in Arvada

I hope Arvada will keep up with it’s parks!

I hope in the future the police force will not bother the homeless. The police don’t need to focus on people who are down and out - it is not a crime to be homeless.

I hope to see more English/Spanish classes in Arvada. We need more people living here who are bilingual in order to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking residents.
• I’d like to see sidewalks and side roads improved in our residential areas.

• I would like to see more restrooms/toilets along the park trails. Also, some of the park paths do not have adequate signage/directions to follow. I hope to see businesses in Olde Town keep longer hours (open earlier in the day).

• We would like to see more parking in the Head Start area.

• I’d like to see the roads continue to be improved in the years ahead.

• I would like to see an increase in affordable housing in Arvada.

• I would love to see more lighting in alleys and streets. We're having more problems in Arvada than before, and this would help.

• I hope in Arvada’s future that we’ll see fewer business closed up and gone out-of-business. It would be nice to have fewer vacant buildings in the city - perhaps we can improve the buildings/stores.

• I like Arvada just the way it is now.

• Security, family environment

• Clean and without delinquency


• Clean and without destruction

• I wish my neighbors and I could be more united. That Arvada stays clean and safe.
Let’s Talk About Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing In Person Responses

- Affordable Housing: Arvada's Story Comments
- Most everyone I know has a place to live. Since we moved here in 1953, Arvada has grown.
• There is not enough affordable housing. Would like to see more places for young people to live.

• I don't like the big boxy apartment buildings. I would like to see smaller things built for affordable housing that include more open spaces.

• We have to relocate to Colorado Springs because we can't find the size of house we need (and can afford. We moved here in April, but now we're having our 2nd baby. We've found a beautiful home with trees in Colorado Springs. It's large enough for our family, and it's affordable.

• Last year my family ran into issues finding new housing. The places to rent a 3-bedroom apartment were way too high. We had to find a mortgage loan. It was unbearably difficult. We had to reach out for help among our friends to make it happen.

• It's difficult now - you can't even find a place - affordable or not. I'm afraid to have to move from our current home - we may not be able to find anything available. I wish there was just one housing authority for all of Jeffco and that Arvada did not have its own housing authority. It makes things hard.

• My family and I are staying with my parents and my sister due to the lack of affordable housing in Arvada.

• In order for us to afford our house, our son rents from us in the basement. But we are now looking to relocate to Englewood where it is more affordable. We love Arvada, but we can't even afford senior housing, condos, or a one-bedroom apartment anymore. My sister is having the same problem here in Arvada. We have taken such good care of our home, but our neighbors do not take care of their homes. It'd be nice to give people incentives to keep the neighborhood looking nicer.

• We need lower rent!

• I lived in Westminster before moving to this Arvada condo about 10 years ago. I was raised in North Denver. My current home is in a condo in in a 3-story building with 6 total units and the neighbors are young and kind of noisy. My son and his family are looking at buying a home at Candelas (I don't really know where that is) that has an attached apartment with a small kitchen and 1 bedroom that he has suggested I could live in. I live pretty central now and would miss having so many things so close as they are now if that area is very far out. I have thought about another independent living facility in Denver but my son says it is not in a safe area.

• Having to own a home more than 10 years before renewing any property tax relief is a challenge for people on fixed incomes. Though we were fortunate to buy our home before it went completely nuts, we expect to have to leave Arvada for less expensive housing once there is only one of us left. That will be painful on our grandchildren who live here.

• It would sure be helpful if there was a comprehensive list of Section 8 housing for the City of Arvada!

• I was raised here. This is my home. But now my family and I can only afford to live on the outskirts. Rent is so high. We used to have a beautiful 5 bedroom house, but now we can only afford a small apartment. It's hard to think of some day maybe having to leave Arvada.
Rent in Arvada is so elevated, even though it is such a peaceful place to live.

These days it is expensive to find a home to live. Some people don’t even earn enough to be able to pay so much money for an apartment. It makes it difficult for us to be able to live and to afford our other living expenses.

My husband’s sister had to help to find housing for us. It was very hard to find because we have 9 kids.

I don’t know how to fix the problem, but it really seems to affect everyone.

It's so expensive here in Arvada! And now they are raising our rents again.

The rent here is very much higher than in similar retirement communities in neighboring cities. I may not be able to stay here much longer and now they raised the rent again.

My family and I live with Colorado Homeless Families. This is a really nice resource.

It was really hard to find housing in Arvada. We came to the country legally with a green card but didn’t have a job right away, but we had some savings. No one would give us an apartment to rent unless we had 1-year rent upfront. We had to reach out for help in the community. After we moved in to our apartment, we had problems with everyone smoking. They built a smoking area but it was right in front of our entrance/windows to our apartment. We moved to a different income-based apartment complex, and everyone here smokes everywhere they want, even at the playground. Really bad.

A lot of landlords don’t accept Section 8 - there are especially no houses available, only junky apartments. People trash them. I’m a single mom, and I wish I could afford a house for my family.

There are such high rates for housing in Arvada. We got a good deal from our uncle, otherwise we couldn't afford it.

I’m a single mom, and we live with my mom. But she is soon moving away because she can no longer afford to live in Arvada. I don't know how people make it here.

From my perspective, rent is going up too much in Arvada.

Our rent recently went up $300. It's hard - trying to have a family. Rent is double what people can afford!

I grew up in Arvada, but now I am having to move to Denver. I am a single mom, and we have a one-income household. There is not enough affordable housing in Arvada. The upfront costs are too high. The credit score requirement is too high. I earn just a little too much for qualifying for Section 8 housing, so I feel stuck.

Everyone is moving away or having to find roommates. I'll be moving to Greeley next month. But I love Arvada. It's my home. I grew up here.

Everyone is affected - for young people, we need more affordable housing.

There is such high turnover of residents in Arvada. You get to know your neighbors, and then they have to move somewhere more affordable. There used to be better housing for young
families in Arvada

- For awhile we rented a room out in our home. This helped us and our renter.

- We’ve lived in our house for 30 years. Our daughter had Section 8 Housing here in Arvada. It’s a big effort to fill out the papers in order to have access to this. I really notice there has been a recent increase in homelessness in Arvada.

- Yes! My daughter’s family has had a hard time finding a single family home to buy -- they might not be able to afford to even keep it. I had a hard time finding an apartment. I’m dreading the prospect of buying a condo next year.

- Roads added - need better roads or limit the amount of unaffordable homes being added to the community

- Our own rental property - 1 is Section 8

- Friends in area had rent raised to more than was affordable

- I work in an Arvada school as Parent Liaison. I help families find homes, and it’s tough!

- Right now I’m looking into affordable housing here in Arvada.

- Homelessness is on the rise in Arvada. We need to address this.

- I encountered health issues and became disabled. I applied and was accepted to live at Marcelo Manor.

- We're helping my niece right now to find a place in Arvada. She is pregnant and wants to be closer to work (here in Arvada).

- I can’t afford anything around here. There are a lot of resources for low-income people, but I wonder if they can improve Section 8 Housing. One problem is property tax - the guy I live with right now has his property tax going up too high.

- I live in affordable housing, but if the rent goes up, I worry.

- Yes, my son currently lives with me as he is an early childhood teacher

- Our rent recently went up $200. With a lack of affordable housing, the homeless population has grown significantly. In our neighborhood, theft has also been on the rise. I think it’s all connected.

- Since our apartments are right near Old Town, they’ve turned them into a yuppie place and raised the rent drastically. I have to move out this February. I’ve lived in Arvada all my life, and now I have to leave.

- Homelessness is going up so much in Arvada. I myself am going to be moving to Wyoming soon - I’m unable to stay in Arvada any longer.

- Fortunately, my friend is allowing me to be his roommate!
• My rent is reasonable right now, but since I am retired and have a fixed income, I hope it won’t go up. I wouldn’t be able to afford it. This would force me and others to move.

• Our Columbine government-subsidized apartments are so nicely kept up. I appreciate that.

• Even here at our low-income senior housing, our rent is going up, even though our Social Security isn’t going up. We’re going to end up seeing seniors on the street. Many are having to leave this area, or move in with family.

• Everyone in Arvada is having trouble with this. Over 1/3 of my retirement income goes towards rent. We have other expenses to think about too.

• Daughter with 2 children lives with us due to economic necessity. She had a home for a while in California and on West Slope, here for a while.

• Our daughter lives with us. She can't afford to buy. She has kids and can't work. Three kids, only husband works. Had rent increase recently at North Glenn and they had to move in with us.

• Generally hard to find places, prices have gone up so much in last 6-8 years.

• My 55-year old daughter has a big house (3 bedroom). She used to take care of her grandchildren but now they are back with their mom and the house is too big to maintain. She qualified for Section 8 and has been looking/waiting for a 1-bedroom for a couple of months.

• My 23 year old granddaughter is an assistant in handicapped school programs. She and her boyfriend have experienced 3 rent increases in Arvada and had to move. They want a place for a yard for their pet but can’t find such. Boyfriend has a good job. They will probably move out of Arvada to find a place. Boyfriend went to emergency care recently and had a huge bill, I told them they need to take care and learn the ropes.

• We need more affordable housing. My granddaughter is moving to Colorado Springs as she can't afford Arvada.

• Daughter and family stuck in an apartment that is in ill-repair. The landlord doesn't care but they can't afford to move elsewhere.

• Arvada House is only/one of only like this in Arvada. It takes 2-3 years to get in. Arvada does help with food bank, free bread each week, it is great. Agape Church provides food 2 time a month.

• Not enough, wait lists are long.

• It took me two years to get into this affordable senior housing, very little such housing for seniors.

• My income is too low, can't afford anything but Arvada House. Daughter with 2 young girls ages 10 and 14 pays $1,300 for a 2-bedroom apartment. This is a big stretch on her budget, they need to go without a lot of other stuff to afford this rent. Daycare is an issue for many families, hard to get into and hard to pay for.

• Know people who could benefit from affordable housing
• Arvada needs to have more affordable housing. I have kids and grandkids who would like to move here. I rent an apartment with my disabled husband. We recently moved from Heritage Senior Living. It was too expensive, and it had stairs and no senior/disabled accessibility. Our Social Security didn’t cover the cost. We need lower costs and better accessibility for people with disabilities.

• It's lame. People are getting away with skyrocketing rent. I live in Jeffco Housing. It's not the greatest. There are outrageous deposits - it's discouraging.

• I've not been able to find affordable housing in this area. 100% of my income goes towards a motel room (for just one month). There is too much red tape to make affordable housing accessible. On the other hand, with an increase in HUD housing and low-income populations in Arvada, there seems to be a rise in crime.

• I have Section 8 and I like it.

• I want to be sensitive, but affordable housing attracts a seedier population. So with the increase in affordable housing, we need more patrolling in these areas. It would be great to see more presence of Habitat for Humanity - coming in to clean up low-income places. I would even volunteer to help. I used to make a lot of money. I volunteered then. Now I make no money and it's tough.

• Affordable housing is hard to find. Even junky houses have high rent. Affordable housing is getting knocked down for high rise, expensive housing. This is ugly, and it's not accessible to many.

• Arvada needs to lower rent rates. It's outrageous - even for a one bedroom apartment.

• It's out of control. As more people come in to Arvada, the people already living here get pushed out. Thank goodness my landlord has not increased my rent in the last 10 years.

• Right now I'm in Arvada Housing. I almost make too much to qualify, so I want to be a first-time buyer. We need more info/support/programs to help first-time buyers. I know there is something offered quarterly at City Hall, but this needs to be promoted more to families.

• I am living with family because I can’t afford living here on my own. I’m a single mom with two kids. I’ve been looking, but everything has long wait lists.

• I’d like to see more affordable housing in Arvada. I’m lucky - I have Section 8. But there’s not many options and waiting lists are too long. I think a lottery system would be better than waiting lists.

• Our rent has recently gone from $800 to $1,100. The homeless population is growing in Arvada. Because of this, places like the Arvada Library smell like urine, even indoors.

• Housing has gone up and this makes it difficult for families. I appreciate the Section 8 Public Housing that is increasing in Arvada. More people need help to be able to stay in Arvada, especially as rent rises. More Section 8 is going to be necessary.

• There’s not a lot of affordable housing. It’s only offered to the very low-income populations. But many families make just a little too much to qualify, and these families struggle to pay rent. There is a tough middle place - blue collar population that gets forgotten.
- Apartments are too expensive for the quality that you get. I'm disabled and I must live with my daughter because I can't afford an apartment.

- Rent is so high we must live in an apartment that is too small for our family. We wish we could also find a place that feels more safe.

- The housing situation in Arvada is pretty bad. I have a friend living in an RV because they were evicted after they could no longer pay rent.

- Our hope is to buy a home here in Arvada. We feel concerned that some of the developments/improvements to Arvada will make buying a home unaffordable for us by the time we are ready to buy.

- I am in search of a house here in Arvada, and prices are so high. I hope this will change.

- I live in affordable housing. The park for the children is just tiny - this could be improved. It would be nice to improve housing options in Arvada.

- I am making too much money to qualify for low-income housing. I will be needing to move to Lakewood where there are cheaper apartments. But I have lived here in Arvada and I love it.

- I have two roommates - you have to have roommates. I am a single working mom and it's difficult to find housing. The new apartments being built are so expensive.

- I've lived in Arvada all my life. I've been living with my parents here, but now I must move to Westminster where rent is cheaper.

- I grew up here. I received help thru STRIDE for housing 17 years ago. But my family has grown with little ones (we're now a family of 5). Our condo is too small.

- I am a landlord, and while higher rent rates are great for me, I'm worried about the growing lack of affordable housing. So many families can't find a place to stay. Arvada needs more affordable housing. There is overcrowding in many rental units. People can't afford to buy, and they feel trapped. I'm afraid people will end up on the street.

- We live in a 3-bedroom with 4 kids. We can't afford a bigger place. It is $1,700 even for this small apartment. We'd be screwed in our rent went up.

- I'm living with my mom in order to afford it.

- It's expensive. Our rent got too high and we had to break our lease. We're now looking for something more affordable.

- We've been stuck in an apartment because we can't afford to buy a house. For this reason, we are planning to move out-of-state soon.

- We're living in a mobile home, but we're saving to buy a house in Arvada.

- I've lived here all my life. Affordable housing is difficult with little ones. We had to go from a 3-bedroom to a 2-bedroom, but we're a family of six. Our rent is going up, but our pay is not going up. We need more affordable housing.

- I grew up here, but now, I can't find an affordable place to live.
I've lived here 20 years, and now, the biggest issue is affordable housing here in Arvada.

We've been looking into housing in the Arvada, but no luck.

We got lucky three years ago - we found a duplex for rent at $1,395/month. But now rent is going up.

I feel like some take advantage of using low-income housing when they don’t need it - they're dishonest. This hurts people who really do need it.

It wasn’t too hard for us to find housing. We're happy.

I'm working right now on building up my credit in order to be able to buy a house in Arvada.

I grew up here in Arvada. But right now I'm searching for a place to continue living here, and nothing's affordable.

Everyone pays crazy rent here in Arvada.

I have been homeless since August 2018, living in my car. I am disabled. I lived in Olde Town at 6035 Olde Wadsworth for 10 years. The landlord died and it was sold to a corporation. That corporation has been raising rents and only doing 6-month leases. They would not re-sign a lease with me because they are remodeling the apartments.

I have lived in the same apartment for 9 years. We sign an annual lease each November 1 and the rents have increased from $100-$200 a month each year. The new lease amount will be $1,010 for 2 bedroom apartment. I am living alone and in a few years will probably need to go into a more assisted setting, but I don't need that yet.

I currently live with my mother in her home. She is ill and will pass soon. I am disabled, in a wheelchair, and cannot keep the house or maintain it so will have to sell it. I really want to stay in the same geographic area as we live now as I have a nurse who comes to help me and have had the same person for years. Her services are geographically limited, so if I move outside my area I will not be able to work with her and it is very important to me to keep her as my helper.

We live in the Marcella Apartments. We would like speed humps to slow traffic down. We would also like to get our police liaison back for our housing facility. We would also like better lighting around the facility. They are talking about making Sportline into a food court. We have been working with the city council and others regarding our concerns about parking if this happens.

My sister lives in Arbor View, formerly Colorado Lutheran House. They have increased the rent, it is said to be going up by 39%. She lives on mixed SSI and Social Security, this will be a huge increase for her. I have written a letter to the editor of the Arvada Press but it has not been published.

We live in Canon City now, and my daughter lives in our Arvada house. We need to move back to our Arvada house as my husband needs dialysis and we cannot continue to drive into the city from Canon City for that treatment. The house was built in the 1940s and needs repairs. We could use some financial help with those repairs. The property taxes are also very high.

Mother of 9 kids, 7 still living at home. Is renting a house now that is going into foreclosure and she will have to move. Before that she was living with her mother but that is no longer
possible.

- Housing prices are high. I would not be able to live here if I did not have a reverse mortgage.
- We need new houses that cost $350k or less.
- I’ve heard that it’s very difficult to obtain a house at a low cost. Thanks to God we have our own house, but we’ve seen the need of many families and our house has hosted some of them while they figure it out.
- Good.
- Families of my friends have found some very lovely homes around the community and at a very comfortable price.
- I work with families that can’t live in a home without paying a lot of money. Many of the families have to share the same house with other families because it’s so expensive.
- My wife and I moved to Arvada 3 months ago, to return to be close to our children after being in California for several years. We were on the waitlist for Columbine senior housing. When we got here the only thing they had was a much more expensive apartment but we had to take it. We pay $1,142 for our apartment and our supplement to Medicare costs us $480 for 2 people, so that takes our Social Security and for everything else we need to dip into our savings. There are not enough affordable apartments in the area. The ones that do have them have a waiting list of one to five years. We also need more information on HUD and Section 8. There was a free van in California for seniors to go places. Gas costs here are a little lower, grocery costs are about the same as in California. Our vehicle insurance went up over $100 every six months when we moved here from California, and our AARP supplemental health insurance went up $60 a month. I find all the name changes on the streets very confusing.
- Many of our children are 55 or older, they will soon need senior housing and services as well. More convenient senior housing, near grocery shopping, etc. I heard talk that the Safeway store at Ralston and Independence might be a grocery store with housing above it, good idea for seniors! Can that store become a Trader Joe’s? Multigenerational seems to work, cultures that have many generations in the same house with older folks caring for children while parents work, etc. Went to Oregon recently, they seem to be discouraging people from moving into the state from other states. Bring back police liaison for our senior housing. I have lived in the same apartment for 5 years. Rent started at $680, it is now $952 a month for a 1 bedroom, in a subsidized rent setting. My Social Security went up, but so did Medicare deduction, once rounded off there isn’t much left from the increase. Housing is being built but it is expensive, even the senior subsidized housing is expensive. Stop building condos and townhouses. What can the town do for senior affordable housing?
- Have done real estate open houses for Rocky Flats houses, they told me these expensive homes are designed for the incoming doctors and others professionals. There are some floor plans that include a “mother-in-law” type apartment, might be good for seniors in lieu of trying to find their own apartments/homes, live in separate apartment attached to a child’s home.
Not fond of housing being built west of here, Rocky Flats area. They are expensive. I was told by a realtor they are for scientists and professionals such as doctors who are coming in to support our overall population increase. Our Columbine senior housing rent is going up over $100, this is significant when on fixed income. Development: too much development, too many big, expensive apartments and not enough senior and affordable housing. The intersection of Grandview and Olde Wadsworth is terrible for traffic, cars parked along there are a problem; you canâ€™t get through sometimes and left turn is very difficult. Take cars out of this area.

how do we work with someone on affordable housing for seniors and help those who are falling through the cracks? Some elderly need more medical help, I canâ€™t afford my medicine. Development: There should be restrictions on growth and how it happens. Big high rises next to bungalows, for example on Dover off 52nd. Keep the open land, like at Stanley Lake, eagles and wildlife need it, and we need them!

Housing, I know of 2 women in Columbine Village at Allison who are moving in with their children because they cannot afford the increasing rent on their apartments. I think along with the growth we need to be sure our police and fire departments, our public safety, keeps up with this growth as far as facilities and personnel. We used to have a police liaison visit us once a month and inform of us of things to be careful of, such as the latest senior scams, and listen to our concerns. It would be good to have that back again. Development: How do we stop the overall growth, it is too much! Seems like plans go ahead anyway even if people oppose them. I donâ€™t see Arvada becoming a retirement area, there are too many people and businesses.

Housing: Big rent bump at Columbine senior housing this year. They donâ€™t consider medical costs when calculating things. I pay $300 a month for my Medicare supplement and that is not reduced from my income when they do housing calculations. Bring back police liaison, they used to visit once a month. Development: It is said downtown people don’t need as many cars as they will have G-line and mass transit. But there is no grocery store in the downtown area, closest is Walmart on Ralston or out Wadsworth. Trader Joe’s brings their day-old stuff to our housing. Wish there was a Trade Joe’s in Arvada.

Housing: I got $28 extra dollars in Social Security. $25 went to Medicare so I had $4 left. But the overall increase put me into the next pay grade for my subsidized apartment so my rent went up. I am scared about being priced out of my home. The building owners want to make money. I also heard that CHAPA (?) needs to meet the cityâ€™s increases. Development: Apartments that are higher but not stacked, tiered out with parking garage. New builds are very expensive to buy or rent. But where is land to do this type of development? I have a daughter to who makes too little to get an apartment but not enough to live. She has a child in school and applied for housing, but got no response. Welfare is not helping her either. What can a single struggling parent do?
Pssst...How Do You Want To Hear From Us?

Sign in / Register to add your idea

Rooster1320
3 Votes

I love hearing about events going on, specifically family friendly events in/around the Arvada area.

Share 0 Comments 2

ArsenaDeen
4 Votes

Love to hear about new businesses, nonprofits, etc. in the area. Or even established organizations that are just interesting, like Peacock.

Share 0 Comments 6

Shanee_mambo
1 Vote

Maybe look at texting about events?

Share 0 Comments 1

Pippi
2 Votes

I always appreciate neighborhood updates about growth and traffic issues.

Share 0 Comments 2

Moochli
1 Vote

Arvada Art
I would like to see a gallery or even local businesses exhibiting...

Share 0 Comments 2

Soopacoooga18
4 Votes

I want to hear about opportunities to get involved in my community!

Share 0 Comments 4

CrystalAA27
2 Votes

I am enjoying the visual communication through Instagram and Facebook. Can you use Instagram TV and Facebook LIVE?

Short LIVE shows at festivals, important unveilings? InstagramTV...

Share 0 Comments 2

JessicaDestreyer
1 Vote

A monthly article; story or post called "Alright Arvada!" Where a story is highlighted that reminds us that there is a lot...

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Katsyndler88
1 Vote

Arvada needs a Trader Joes!
I'm tired of driving across town to get my TJ goodness, I won't e...

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What are your favorite ways to get information about City events and services? Please select one or more:

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- Word-of-Mouth
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Tell Us an Arvada Story

In Person Responses

- I was taking my dog for a walk and throwing him the ball in the park one day. I know you’re supposed to have a leash, but I didn’t have a leash. A police officer stopped me. I knew I was going to get ticketed. The officer asked for my name and address. I knew I would get a ticket in the mail. But when my dog and I got home that night, there was a package at our door. It was a leash. That police officer had gone and bought me a 25’ dog leash so that I could throw the ball to my dog.

- I love Arvada.

- We have lived here since 1957. Our kids were the first class to graduate from Arvada West High School. We’ve lived here a long time. I never leave Arvada, not even to go to Denver.
I have been here since 1983, and I think the schools in Arvada are especially great.

Son was a diesel mechanic for years and it took a toll on his body. Unfortunately, he was put out of work due to the pain and became homeless because there wasn't any affordable housing for him.

Resided here since 1972. 3 children, all grads of Jeffco Schools, Open space, bike-walk trails, Olde Town.

90+ high tea, VNA - for nails and toes

There is an amazing sense of community in Arvada - especially in Old Town. It’s a safe neighborhood with great schools.

I love the sense of community here in Arvada. That’s important.

Arvada has become known for homelessness, and this is a special and very important issue. There’s an influx of homelessness here. It’s an issue I feel passionate about.

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is in Denver, but they helped me to get an apartment here in Arvada.

Old Town Arvada is special. The people are so nice, and it’s a great atmosphere.

The people here are very nice. I came from Florida, and people are nicer here.

I like that Arvada is clean and that there is such a variety of things to do - festivals and other activities.

Arvada is nice and quiet and comfortable.

The Arvada Center is cool, and I love my adult program center - we go camping!

Five Parks is a great community!

Small town environment

I have participated in several events in Olde Town Arvada with my 4 year old granddaughter. Wonderful time! My daughter and her family just moved to Arvada! Great parking/love the library.

The Arvada Police and Fire Department are outstanding. I have used the Ask Arvada website and good response.

the small town feel, closeness of families, etc.

It is amazing how well Arvada takes care of their bike paths, especially during the Summer and Fall. This is important to me since I ride my bike to work year around. I also so much appreciate the Veggie Van! The Arvada Harvest Festival is also one of my favorite events in our city.

Well, unfortunately, a lot of what makes Arvada special is going away - the character of Arvada is disappearing.

I love the parks, and the Veggie Van is such a blessing. I’ve always loved this area.
• The Veggie Van is so amazing.

• It's a nice place to live - so green, and friendly.

• It's nice and quiet, and Old Town has improved so much. I love all of the restaurants.

• I like the small town feeling of Arvada. I'm worried all of the growth could change that special feeling.

• I like that Arvada is close to farming communities and has that feel - people pull together and help one another. I love the Veggie Van and the Old Town Farmers Market.

• Relationships with native Arvadans evolving history

• All my history is here. My Grandma was born here on 54th and Sheridan in 1898.

• I've lived in Arvada for 20 years, and I think Arvada is great - I love how the City asks for our opinions!

• I have lived here 20 years and I like everything about Arvada.

• I love Arvada!

• I like it here - my neighbors and the people in general are nice.

• I love the improvements being made to Arvada's roads. I also like how Arvada has tried to keep Olde Town feeling like a small town.

• The schools in Arvada are great and the City is so clean!

• I love the changes, updates, and improvements being made to 58th!

• We love to take our daughters to the parks to ride bikes!

• There are very good people here. Everyone is ready to help you anytime. I like everything here in Arvada.

• It is so peaceful here in Arvada. People are so kind. It is a healthy community.

• It's good how we're making Arvada look nicer.

• I love the parks!

• I love Arvada!

• I love Arvada, especially the schools!

• It's different here in Arvada (I come from Denver). I like the environment and the schools.

• I love Arvada's parks!

• I love the schools, the parks, and the people in Arvada!
- I just love the pedestrian area of Olde Town.
- Neighbors helps each other, everyone is friendly, feels like a small town
- Feels like country living
- I like Arvada

Got Thoughts on Development?
Development Survey Question: What else would you be excited about?

- Late night casual but fun, maybe live music occasionally, like The Bardo in Wheat Ridge
- Small-scale local shops that are within walking/biking distance
- Have all of the above already
- Shoe store, furniture store
- West Arvada needs some variety in the businesses opening here, restaurants would be great, we have plenty of gyms, banks, urgent cares, and day cares. Boutique retail stores, a hallmark store etc would be an added benefit to this side of town.
- Big name stores like Trader Joes, Cost Plus, Sportsmans Warehouse, etc
- I'd be excited about "No More Restaurants." It seems like there is some type of restaurant on every corner!
- Non-luxury apartments, condos, or townhomes
- There is no possibility of any new development in my neighborhood.
- Sports shops
- All season swimming facility
- Bar
- Wine Bar
- Retail stores
- Mom & Pop Shops (tea shop, gift shop, antique)
- Development in and around Old Town is vital to the core sustainable growth. Zoning in and around old town needs to be urban. Need to allow for more multi-family as well as mixed use - will create a better Old Town and help update infrastructure
- None
- pub or brewery
- Community center focusing on community building and sustainability. A place for people to come together and network and spawn new creative initiatives to enhance the lives of Arvadans and create new opportunities. Happy to help!
- NOTHING

How do you feel about future development and/or redevelopment in Arvada?

- Development is inevitable! Run with it!
- Too much is too much! Slow down!
- I'm neutral

19 (10.79)
67 (37.60)
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Getting Around Town

Which of the following do you think is most important to the future of transportation in Arvada?

- Good air quality: 56%
- New technology: 57%
- Reducing delays: 65%
- Affordable: 70%
- Availability of different travel options (i.e. bike, transit, rideshare): 95%
- Convenient & easy to use: 38%
- Accessible to all users: 20%
Pin Mapping Comments

- I would love a better way to get on the Van Bibber trail from Sims St than the entry through the condo parking lot.
- Comfortably walk down Grandview. Wider sidewalks and lighting are needed.
- None
- Tunnel or overpass of 72nd
- No complete bike route (all lanes/paths) from near Thundercloud Park to Olde Town.
- It's all surface streets, no paths to get from my house to the park or City Hall!
- Old Town is unbearable to even drive thru and forget about parking. Please don't add bike lanes, someone is going to get hurt. How about instead of a 2-way street thru, we make it one way; and the next business street over, we make it going the other way. It would open room for parking, make both streets only one lane, and with the leftover room, bikes can cycle safely. And the other street would get more business and can offer more to folks when visiting Old Towne.
- I would love to bike into Olde Town or areas around it from my neighborhood, but there's only street access right now. A path in/out of OT would be awesome!
- Increased bus service to old town on Wadsworth.
- Better east-west bike routes.
- I realize this is in Westminster & unincorporated at the train tracks - but this retail & transit center should be more accessible to those in northern Arvada! 88th is an awful street to bike / walk along.
- Trail underpass.
- A trail along golf course to connect Wadsworth to swimming pool.
- A trail behind Zephyr St connecting Wadsworth to trail behind Pomona High.
- A trail between Church & Croke Ditches.
- This stretch of Ralston Road is terrifying to cross on foot, and is working against the goals of a pedestrian friendly neighborhood. Accessing restaurants like GBs or Steuben's on foot feels like taking your life in your hands. More frequent pedestrian crossings and pedestrian bulb-outs are badly needed here.
- Students who live less than a mile to RVHS cannot get there on their own due to railroad tracks and lack of shoulder on Indiana. Traffic is backed up for miles with parents driving kids to and from school on Indiana. A safe route to school would allow kids to walk and ride bikes and would reduce traffic in this area dramatically.
- Assure there are safe routes to school!
- Need to be able to north areas from Arvada. Currently, no routes exists to north with a bike lane or even a shoulder. Indiana and Simms are particularly bad.
- Need bike lanes on Indiana south of 80th. Currently train bridge squeezes Indiana to two narrow lanes with no room for biking or walking.
- Bike path/footbridge across the train tracks so students can safely get from five parks/whisper creek/the landing to RV safely. Would also help eliminate traffic and number of cars on road.
- I know it's difficult with the train tracks, but it would be amazing if Alkire Street connected at Leyden Junction. A walkway or foot bridge to Ralston Valley High School would be very helpful as well. Not only would many kids be able to walk, it would help alleviate the ridiculous traffic on 80th. Thanks for the consideration.
- I ride with my daughter to the park often and I just want safe bike lanes/separated bike paths to all parks in Arvada. Why drive to a park? It's silly. Provide other ways for people to get to our green spaces.
- It seems strikingly shortsighted that: A) Olde Wadsworth and parts of Grandview are still open to motor vehicle traffic when such a confined and beautiful space should only be open to pedestrians/cyclists/special needs vehicles (i.e. delivery, emergency, and the golf cart that transports people from the parking garage); and B) there are no alternative ways to get to Olde Town. The bike paths don't go directly into Olde Town, for example. You need to get off a bike path and take dangerous surface roads to get there. Why not just extend the bike paths to dump out
directly in Olde Town? That way, people can get to the light rail without ever having to drive, or without having to get on surface streets while riding a bicycle.

- Functioning Light Rail would be great!
- “You know, it’s funny: Arvada went through the trouble of installing this crosswalk lighting system, but drivers don’t pay it any attention. They blow right through it every time I use it. So perhaps this is an opportunity for Arvada PD to actually enforce this intersection tool.
- I would add that it’s awkward for cyclists to get off the path on the west side of the intersection and back onto the road on the east side. It’s not intuitive at all."
- More uninterrupted bike lanes to and from trails
- Dedicated bike lane on Olde Wads stops just north of Ralston. This is so close to being a very bike friendly way to get into Olde Town from the north (or from Ralston Creek Trail). I hope this intersection is addressed with the upcoming construction on Ralston.
- From ridge to the new station, we need a big and safe crossing
- For having a path go all the way next to the garden, there is no street crossing here, no signs on 57th to cross over to Garrison
- A really dangerous portion of Ralston to cross. We need a better solution to cross the street to the north side businesses and organizations Arvada supports.
- Need a bike lane from the start of Garrison all the way to where Wheat Ridge begins. The street is big enough, just not marked.
- Crossing the street here can be dangerous to get from one trail to the other. Many walkers have to run across to not get run over from the park to 51st
- Having to cross Old Wads here is hard and not many cars stop or understand that they need to stop. Maybe a speed bump, light up sign, or even signal would be a safer option here.
- The bike lane ends at Allison going Eastbound and having to cross Wads on a bike is awful and scary. Only using the sidewalk is the ‘safe’ option, even then, this intersection is terrible.
- Is there anyway to connect Yarrow to Clear Creek in a more direct way here?
- Can we get a discount if we bike to the train station instead of driving a car?
- No particular improvement needed for this.
- More trails please :-) 
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- Bus service in NW Arvada is abysmal. With all the new development we need more lines and more frequent service in this area.
- 80th needs sidewalks here. There is no viable way for students heading to Ralston Valley to safely walk to school, especially in inclement weather.
- There needs to be a bridge over the railroad tracks here. Students north of the tracks are unsafely crossing the tracks here to get to Ralston Valley because there is no viable way to walk to school without detouring literally a mile east or west to walk along 80th (which is unsafe itself).
- Arvada should consider a shuttle service between the Arvada Center and the Olde Town rail station - assuming, of course, the G Line ever opens.
- Bike to olde town from west arvada.
- "Ralston Road is completely unsafe for biking and walking.
- How about enforcing city code on trees hanging too low over sidewalks? People can't pass without banging their heads. Also, how about keeping people from parking with two wheels of their vehicle on the sidewalk making it impossible to pass.
- Need to be able to cross train tracks safely
- Old Town Arvada has too many cars!! I often drive to library and navigating is awful. I also ride my bike to the library and farmer's market as much as I can. I would really love to see Old Town become more pedestrian friendly.
- Safer bike lanes on Olde Wadsworth or close the street like the 16th street mall
- There is no good option to get from the obscure part of arvada to the rest of arvada (74th/Jay). The city bus doesn't offer any good options and while biking is great it isn't safe at night or practical when it is cold.
- Better bike Lanes on 64th, maybe a separated lane.
- There are very few North-South alternatives to cars in Arvada, Wheat Ridge, and Lakewood. It would be nice to be able to get to the Fed Center, Lakewood Campus of RRCC by protected bike lane or directly by train.
- Olde Town
- Olde Town Station
- Sheridan Gold Strike Station
- A better direct route from Arvada to Downtown away from high traffic streets
- Separated bike lanes to get to the rail line.
- Indiana and 82nd ave must be widened and include bike lanes, traffic volume has gotten dangerous for cyclists.
- Would love to see better bike access to RVHS and all schools, especially from new neighborhoods.
- *cleaner sidewalks would make it easier

Short Term Rentals

Do you like the idea of allowing short-term rentals in Arvada?

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In Person Responses Short Term Rentals

Q1. Do you think that short-term rentals (i.e., rentals less than 30 days) should be allowed in single-family residential areas in Arvada, unless excluded by HOA rules?

Question options:
- Yes, as long as neighborhoods can be protected from negative impacts through regulations.
- No, short-term rentals shouldn't be allowed in residential areas.
In Person Responses

- Do you think that short-term rentals (i.e. rentals less than 30 days) should be allowed in single-family residential areas in Arvada, unless excluded by HOA rules?
- No, short-term rentals shouldn’t be allowed in residential areas.
What impacts from short-term rentals have you experienced or are you concerned about? Select all that apply.

Question options:
- Increased noise
- Large gatherings
- Loss of long-term housing
- Parking issues
- Increased traffic
- Safety
- Not concerned with impacts of short-term rentals

- Increased noise: 48
- Large gatherings: 48
- Loss of long-term housing: 63
- Parking issues: 38
- Increased traffic: 44
- Safety: 72

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In Person Responses

![Pie chart showing the distribution of concerns regarding short-term rentals. The chart illustrates the following concerns: Increased noise, Large gatherings, Loss of long-term housing, Parking issues, Increased traffic, Safety, and Not concerned with impacts of short-term rentals.]
If the City were to allow short-term rentals through licensing, what regulations do you think are

**Question options**

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- The rental should be in a property that is the primary residence and the owner must live on site (a "hosted" rental).
- The whole house should be available as a short-term rental (this would be with no owner living on-site).
- An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) could be used as a short-term rental.
- There should only be one short-term rental per property.
- An off-street parking space must be provided for the short-term rental.
- There should be a maximum number of rental days in a year.
Do you have any additional comments regarding short-term rentals in Arvada?

That you’re going to try to forbid them. I don’t see a point to this, since they’re going to happen regardless of whether or not they are officially permitted.

I think short-term rentals in a residential neighborhood would change the “feel” of a neighborhood. The City is working so hard with their Neighbors Connected program to create a neighborhood feel. I think short-term rentals run counter to this effort. Short term rentals are businesses and should be treated as such.

The city of Arvada does not have enough staff to enforce existing codes -- see the constant concerns on social media about business uses of homes/parking, trees, sidewalks, etc. I cannot see how they could reasonably enforce any regulations developed that would allow short-term rentals.

Let’s not take actions that further move rent up and long-term housing availability down! There are some advantages to short-term rentals, but high rent and limited housing for long-term Arvada
residents are more important/pressing issues.
I paid a lot of money to live in Arvada. I don't want a transient population. I don't want to never know who my neighbors are cause the neighbors change frequently. I don't want the noise of a vacationing household. Most people don't take care of rentals the way they take care of primary residences. I own several long term rental properties and I can tell you tenants don't always respect the property. I will move if a short term rental with a transient population sets up next to my home that I worked my entire life for. Please consider people that work/worked hard to have what they have. I started out with nothing, I sold everything to buy my first home on a busy street next to a gas station. I could not afford diapers for my baby. I worked hard, went back to school to have what I have. I want to keep the family friendly vibe and know my neighbors. I want to be able to keep a bike outside and not worry that some transient (I use the word transient do describe people that will be moving on from the rental in a few days) will take my property. Please keep stable neighborhoods in place. It seems we have a growing crime problem, don't make it worse.

This will only be a positive impact in the community. More people will visit Arvada who would have never thought about it before as there is limited places to stay and sleep. It will bring many more visitors to the area and they will be spending money in our city.

I think this is a great way to offer extra income for homeowners while also providing visitors to Arvada with less expensive housing options. I am not concerned with any negative externalities (parking, noise, etc.) that could come with short-term rentals. As long as the property is maintained, short-term rentals should be allowed.

They aren't regulated by Arvada. Most are advertised as having bedrooms in the basements that don't have egress window, do not have smoke or carbon monoxide detectors in bedrooms that are hooked up in series. They are not even inspected by Arvada for safety. They should be limited to amount of people that can stay in the house at anytime it is rented. They should be taxed and wet utilities should be higher since it is a short term rental. They also impact neighbors and neighborhoods negatively. They should not be allowed in cul de sacs. In short Arvada needs to police them more aggressively. Arvada needs to protect it’s permanent residents against these unregulated short term house rentals.

Parking issues are minor in most neighborhoods and more flexible land use increases values for all.

Short term rentals are a key piece of a healthy community. Visitors to short term rentals spend money in our local businesses. They also allow responsible citizens to earn some income and maintain their homes.

Short term rentals should be allowed without licensing or burdensome regulation. It should be treated the same as any other type of rental.

I have two properties in other states that I live in part time and rent out while I am not there. In addition I have stayed in more than 2 dozen short term rentals and have many friends that have done the same. I don't think there is any difference in how short term renters use the houses and how the property owners use them. The only limitation that gets exceeded is how many people should be allowed to stay in the house. Some property owner set a maximum based on sleep
accommodations while others allow many more. To keep a good rating on the house it must be properly maintained and cleaned and have good relations with the neighbors. So the market for these homes is somewhat self-policing. For our properties we rely on neighbors to keep an eye on things and give us feedback. If renters break rules we charge them for it and if it affects the neighbors we use the fines to make it right.

I do not believe the City (or other governing body) should be able to tell me what to do with MY property.

I think in our ever evolving and changing society, short term rentals have become a new norm and we should accept them with open arms - it allows homeowners to supplement their income (and possibly make their mortgage), provides affordable places to stay (keeping tourism hot), generates additional tax revenue for our state, and in some cases, is a contributing factor to rising home costs. I think some regulation is fine, but keep it simple, reasonable and affordable. Don't limit the number of days, parking or type of rentals - be more concerned with noise and safety and maybe put rules in place that can ban certain hosts if there are too many complaints. I have no use for this currently, but I don't believe there is a real problem with others doing so. I would prefer that the homes be a primary residence for the renter, but them being available to be rented out as a whole while they are away if they so choose. I see no problem with renting out your place while you're away. I can't imagine that being a "real problem" in Arvada. Especially one in need of consideration by the city council and in need of some sort of special regulation.

For me, I haven't seen most of the issues of noise, too many people, parking trouble, etc. in any neighborhood I've lived in over the last several years (which has been several and not just here in CO). BUT, I am concerned about the impact it is having on the housing market. I have neighbors remove their ADU from the long term market to rent out on AirBnB instead, for instance. I have stayed in condos that people have bought as investments to rent out on AirBnB. I'm sure this is being studied out there, though I haven't seen the results. Hopefully some research will become available to help inform Arvada on how big of a deal it is given the housing market in Denver.

Are there studies that show these rentals causing more negative effects than normal? Are the renters not already vetted out by either AIRBNB or VRBO to be responsible tenants who would respect their neighbors and abide by any rules placed by the owner's? I haven't heard of any real issues that would cause concern or the need for municipal regulations. If anything, the city of Arvada is just seeking to collect taxes on revenues more so than trying to protect the citizens of any real nuisances.

Why have so many regulations? This is a great way to allow long-term residents to be able to stay in Colorado with all the increases in cost of living. We are losing too many of our neighbors due to money concerns.

"Keep regulation in place for:
Noise, parking limit to curb space around homes lot"

Short term rentals can decrease property values in a neighborhood due to a revolving door of people coming and going.
Evidence shows that cities who enjoy a strong local economy and who have citizens that thrive absolutely allow short term rentals with minimal regulation. I urge the City of Arvada to do what is right by businesses and residents and allow for short term rentals with minimal regulation. This is a win-win-win situation, that is: residents win by being allowed a short economic opportunity; businesses win because more residents and visitors are putting cash back into the economy here locally in Arvada; the City of Arvada wins by having increased tax revenue from a booming economy, combined with positive publicity for allowing short term rentals with minimal regulation that supports a thriving community.

"With the cost of living in the Denver metro area, short term rentals can help provide families with additional income to supplement their living expenses, help homeowners with the financial costs of making property improvements, or provide homeowners with an income while they enjoy the world in other ways. The pros far outway the cons on this issue.

I understand that regulating short term rentals would be challenging, so don't impose too many unrealistic rules. Allow homeowners to regulate their rentals. As long as the rental, or the people staying in it, aren't disrupting the enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhood, let's keep the city out of it. I understand the need for parking at the rental. That is a reasonable request of the homeowner. Even homeowners who have more cars than they have room for in front of their homes is a problem. A rental should not be exempt from that courtesy. Requiring guest to have no more cars than the parking provided, will protect the enjoyment of the neighbors."

"I am not in favor of requiring a licensing fee. That is just the city wanting to profit more off of the homeowner. You already get property taxes.

If you really want the true impact, you need to go ask people who have been doing these types of rentals for years. The rules on Airbnb are really strict about noise, parking, upkeep, etc. If you don't treat things right and be polite and low impact, people will not rent to you. They can also keep deposits which are usually hefty.

Young couples are having to move in with parents or move to other states because of the cost of housing here. Being able to do an Airbnb in part of their home is one way to make ends meet for these young couples. If we force them all to another state, you will only be left with old people and the state will lose income at an increasing rate as the 50 somethings age and stop working. If all our kids leave the state, you have no one to replace us."

I bought into a single family neighborhood not a hotel or commercial property. The original zoning does not allow this activity my rights as a landowner should also be recognized that this activity should not be allowed. I know several incidents were homes such as these are used as a party house. The value of my home could be adversely affected if allowed. If consideration to this is given the property owner must be on site. I have been witness to several homes being used as party houses in other cities don't think it will not happen, you are adding additional burden to police department.

In this real estate market, sometimes the only way to pay the mortgage is to rent out part or all of the space for a short time. Everyone's situation is different. More regulation will make it harder for
people to make ends meet.

I could see parking being a potential issue, so that why I selected the item above to limit it to one rental per property. The renter should be allowed to use one street spot OR the driveway of the residence where they are renting.

Arvada should definitely permit short-term rentals, which allow more visitors to come to our city! Hosted rentals (with owners on site) are ideal, since owners can be responsible for resolving any conflicts (like parking or noise complaints) immediately, and making sure their renters abide by all local community/HOA rules.

"When family come to visit many times they won't fit in a resident’s primary home. Since Arvada has limited hotels visiting families are forced to find lodging outside Arvada.

Short-term rentals are almost always kept in better condition than long-term rentals."

This is a major issue with property values. If short term rentals are allowed they should be taxed just as hotels are taxed.

I am an Arvada resident who has been here for the majority of my life since I was born at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge 25 years ago. My landlord who recently moved here from California has violated the terms of my lease since I moved in so she can host short-term rentals. Now, I am being prematurely evicted for the express purpose of renting my room out via AirBnb. I moved in 2 months ago on a 12-month lease and I am facing homelessness as a result of this problem. Short term rentals are an issue for residents of Arvada, and the people who violate the current code should face steep fines.

I think Arvada should regulate short term rentals as little as possible, if at all. Short term rentals will happen whether or not there is any regulation from local authorities. Regulation of these properties would increase income for the City via tax dollars from both the Hosts and the Guests visiting from out of town. Currently the neighbouring cities than allow regulated short term rentals, including Denver, are taking away tax dollars that could be going to Arvada.

Arvada is a progressive town and should keep up with all the opportunities new technologies have to offer to its’ citizens and promote the culture of trust that Airbnb, Uber, and Lyft based on in American business model.

My wife and I travel a lot and we almost exclusively use short term rentals (AirBnB, VRBO) when we travel. Therefore, I’m strongly in favor of allowing them in Arvada and absolutely think ADUs should be allowed to be used.

I think this depends on the neighborhood as well. If this is an HOA controlled neighborhood, it should be up to the HOA rules. Also, I think space and parking availability should be taken into consideration. With housing more high density, the parking and noise consideration is huge. Please don’t allow this!

I’m all for short term rentals in Arvada. (and everywhere for that fact) I think the impacts to the
local businesses can be beneficial and the housing taxes it creates for the cities can really add up. I think that some "hosts" deserve the opportunity to host families or renters that are wonderful to host. Not forgetting that some families may need the "home like setting" for children or elders that have special needs and this may help many. I think it would be great for some "hosts" to take "hosting" so seriously that they represent CO wonderfully and help make vacations to Colorado the best experience possible. My experience with long term renters have been awful in the past. It's kinda nice to think that if a person isn't so nice, they would be gone soon and I wouldn't be stuck with a terrible long term renter for a year or more. I think regulation is needed of course. But I'm all for Short term rentals.

Any housing for STR's should require a city license, payment of rental taxes (same as for hotels/motels), and rules for revocation of such license for issues such as loud parties, trash in vicinity of such rental, parking issues caused etc.

I pay my tax to Arvada and expect to use my home in a reasonable way. This would include renting it out. Arvada should NOT impose any additional restrictions that are not already at the state level.

I have experienced all of the negative impacts listed above due to the very active short-term rentals in my neighborhood. However, the fact that they are illegal will not prevent them from continuing as they are so profitable for the hosts, so a limit on the number of rental days per year, a limit on the number of people who could stay there at any given time, and off-street parking spaces would certainly help.

The hosts need to be held accountable for any negative issues resulting from their renters. I truly believe owners should be occupants because people can't afford housing as it is and renting whole houses would make it worse.

Short-term rentals bring visitors into Arvada, when they might otherwise stay in other parts of the metro area. I am an avid user of Airbnb and VRBO when I travel, primarily because short-term rentals cost less and are quieter than hotels. In every instance, I spend money in the areas close to the rental - groceries, restaurants, shops. Likewise, short-term rental visitors are more likely to shop in Arvada and use local amenities, which enhances economic opportunities for our small businesses. Further, I have acquaintances in Denver and other states who have used "hosted" short-term rentals to supplement income in times of financial struggle. They were able to pay their mortgages and other financial obligations thanks to the short-term rental income instead of moving to a less expensive town or sending their homes into foreclosure. Denver currently requires a business license to operate an Airbnb, and I think this is a valid and appropriate requirement, in addition to some limitation on number of guests and 'un-hosted' property restrictions. Thanks for considering this important change for Arvada!

AirBNB and VRBO have comprehensive rules. NO OTHER RULES NEEDED.

"I have three rentals in Arvada and have always abided by the 31+ day rule. It is very inconvenient and I lose a lot of revenue but I can tell you it is worth it. My neighbors are so very grateful for me abiding by the rules and I have QUALITY renters for 31+ days. I have never once had an issue with 3 properties in 4 years. I do not evens a damage deposit or anything like background checking.
People willing to stay that long are legit and professional and can afford it. Allowing short term rentals will totally hurt my business - people will pop around and tweak the system and be in the area for a week here and there - growing marijuana, having a lot of guests, etc. Arvada is not an urban hub. Downtown Denver attracts folks that need a night or 2 here and there. Arvada is a suburban community and people renting here for 4 days to drive back and forth to the mountains b/c they cannot afford mountain prices and are here for the "HIGH" altitude hurt my business. Thank you for your willingness to ask and listen. ;)

There are so many things that people in my neighborhood do to devalue the neighborhood and Arvada. There is nothing that can be done about those things, the City doesn't care. These are things that make the quality of life here less than it should be, and I do NOT want Arvada to allow another way for people to disregard people who have paid their mortgages and taxes here for decades.

Please respect private property. Much bigger cities than Arvada allow short term rentals, it's the future

I live in a family owned development I want to leave it that way

"If an Accessory Dwelling Unit exists, then either the ADU or the main house should be available for short term rental if the owner lives on site in the remaining unit. In other words, if the owner lives in an ADU the main house could be used for short term rental. Or if the owner lives in the main house, the ADU could be used for short term rental. But not both...owner must reside in one of the units.

Also, if an ADU is being used for short term rental, the owner shall not have any part of the main house for short term rental. So an owner should NOT be allowed to offer for short term rental both an ADU and one or more bedrooms in the main house."

Also concerned as to whether this constitutes loan fraud for owner occupied mortgages

"Arvada already has difficulty enforcing code, and controlling illegal activity. If they decide to go through with this on any level, they should charge a licensing fee that would help pay for additional neighborhood patrols to ensure proper parking, no illegal activity, and maintenance of code - especially maintenance of code. Make sure that these homes are kept up to standard for weeds, trimmed branches and parking. Do not allow mobile homes to park and use neighborhood homes. We already have a guy here who lets his friend drive in with a Class "A" mobile home, park it on the street, and plug it into the house. That's not allowed by code now, but it is happening, and we don't need more of it.

Additionally, rental properties now are often not kept to code standard, and are dragging down the appearance of our neighborhoods. If the city is going to allow people to rent their homes out on a temporary basis, make sure those homes are not only being kept to local code, but to code for cleanliness as established for hotel, motels, and other such places in the community. If it costs more to do so, make the landlords pay for the service, after all, they are putting a larger burden on our city and its infrastructure, they should pay a higher price for its usage."
I want to use my brand new motorhome as rental in my yard. Don't want it limited to the home. Hope to pay off the motorhome sooner by doing this. I have speya lot of money installing 50 amp service, hookups in my yard.

The city already has noise regulations and other protections for neighborhoods that should be enforced.

I don't want the City to be involved with any regulations or laws overseeing short-term rentals. Let the HOA's handle it within each subdivision and area, and if there isn't an HOA, so be it. Let the free market be FREE- not taxed, and not regulated except by those involved in the market itself. Thank you.

Short-term rentals should be allowed in Arvada. At this point in time, Arvada is not considered a "destination" city. However, I could see that some people may seek short term rentals in Arvada for Red Rocks, although Golden and Morrison get most of that business. People who seek short-term rentals in Arvada would most likely be traveling to Arvada to visit family and/or friends. This should not cause issues in our city.

Given the shortage of affordable housing in Arvada, short term rentals might help people to get temporary housing while they search for something permanent.

With whom and how would contact be made when problems with renters occur? How will rental income be tracked for purposes of income taxes due on this additional income? Do the state/federal agencies have requirements of the city or owners regarding special licensing, health dept. regulations, record keeping, income reporting, etc.?

As long as there are some guidelines, people should be able to earn money with their homes.

I feel that the City should not regulate this at all for personal property. I have stayed in many Airbnb places in the US and abroad, both with the host living in the house and renting the whole house. They have been lovely and I have never experienced any issues regarding parking or neighbors being upset. Because the homeowner is doing this as a business they have improved the properties and maintain them. Since the hotel situation is pretty non existent in Arvada this would be great for people visiting and would bring in revenue to area businesses that the homeowner would recommend. If the neighbors have a complaint then they should be able to call the city or go online and make a formal complaint just like you can now. We have a long term rental in our neighborhood and have had to make a complaint to the city so I don't see this as any different.

I don't think this makes sense in Arvada. In the mountain areas or downtown Denver it makes sense, but not here. I think it will decrease property values. Rental properties almost always do when they take over a neighborhood.

I live next door to a short term rental. It is creepy to have new strangers there every few days. I don't know my neighbors anymore. I have been a resident of this city for more than 40 years...I like being in a neighborhood where you can get to know the neighbors and know they will be there. I don't like living with the short term rentals. These owners are not for the neighborhood. They are
not doing it to make a little extra income. They have 2 homes in arvada (and numerous others throughout the metro area) and 3 homes total listed on airbnb. If tourists want to visit this city, there are plenty of rooms at legal hotels to stay. I did not move into this area of arvada to have a busy hotel next door. If they are allowed, will I be allowed to build 10 foot tall fences down my entire property line to block them from spying and throwing trash into my yard? It’s been hot this summer, I don’t have air-conditioning or a swamp cooler and I’ve had to keep the windows closed due to certain smells, noise and for security reasons. From experience, i know all they seem to do is rent these homes to smoke marijuana... They are loud, they throw chicken bones and trash in my yard(along with the cigarette butts as well) and they stand on the trampoline spying into my yard and windows...and they seem to expect they are allowed due to the ridiculous high price they are paying to stay there. they make profits of $700 a day and go live comfortably in one of their other homes while I am left to pull bones out of my dog's mouth and try to keep my dogs quiet throughout the day and night because there are too many new people there that my dogs do not know.

Long term rentals are typically poorly maintained, becoming eye-sores. Many have absentee landlords who care only about their income. One would think short term rentals with on-site hosts would be significantly better maintained.

"Short term rentals bring a safety issue to residential neighborhoods. The safety of our children is a concern as well as our own. With strangers coming and going from a short term rental situation there is absolutely no assurance of the character of those who rent. Keep this out of Arvada!

Another point I want to make is that primary residence will be more inclined to "rent" their homes out rather than sell them when they move to another location. This will only hurt the availability of homes to purchase and cause prices to soar, which may sound great to some. The downside is that our community will no longer be affordable to families and become more of a place to visit rather than live. Not good for the community in the long haul."

I live beside a short term rental in a residential area. The owners rent out the entire home and the ad says the home accommodates up to 12 people in a 4 bedroom home. I have personally witnessed 17 people staying overnight inside this home. I don't think that should be allowed in single family homes. I think if I were to sell my home, the value would be brought down living next door to this home...parking is an issue, because its not as though 12-17 people arrive in one tiny automobile like a clown car. Besides, I don't know if sex offenders or criminals stay there. It's very disturbing and makes you feel unsafe in your own home.

"I think that each homeowner who wants to rent their home for a short term rental should need the permission of the bordering property owners, because why should those not near an airbnb or why should those home owners themselves get to have a say and an effect on the lives of others?

Also, those renting their homes should have to pay for larger and taller fences for the neighbors."

I am not convinced the City should be licensing short-term rentals. It seems that they should be able to enforce requirements without licensing.
I'm a senior and once I discovered Airbnb that became my choice for lodging when out of town. Airbnb allows a visitor to truly experience a neighborhood and city by using local restaurants and attending local cultural venues. If it was allowed, I'd consider renting my lower floor as it would be an excellent way to meet diverse new people and get a little cash. I do think we should follow the Denver model and limit rentals to 30 days in your primary home. This answers the problem of taking affordable rentals off the market. Most sharing services like Airbnb are built around the review system which allows the host to get reviews of their guests ahead of time and visa versa.

This would be a good development for homeowners and visitors.

"This will bring many visitors to the area and help support local businesses and tourism. Not only will the AirBNB guests, coming into the area, spend money here but the AirBNB Arvada Hosts will have a greater income to spend in the Arvada economy as well.

We already have noise ordinances and parking ordinances in place. I see no need to create ""special"" ordinances for short-term rentals when there are already rules/ordinances in place to assist the residential homeowners in Arvada with all their concerns. Arvada has got to do more to grow its meager small business and tourism economy and AirBNB can help us do this!!!"

Safety is a concern (the above question which mentioned safety did not word this well).

"I think that this opens up a whole list of issues that cannot be anticipated until they become a problem... then it's too late. Like family reunions on the property, people coming in with pets, disregard for safely in an area that you are only there for a short time, strangers in a school neighborhoods, what this might do to neighborhood property values, possible drug or other criminal activities. I think this course of action has a lot of potential problems and who will fix them after the fact."

There are MANY examples of problems created by short-term rentals. The host should have to be onsite to take care of things. Otherwise, we need strong policies about noise and serious fines for violations.

I think these are a great way to help homeowners and the City in a lot of ways. It is one way a homeowner can offset the cost of rising property taxes. Like the article pointed out, other cities have gone through some of the initial burdens of what works and what does not work, so I think this can be made workable in Arvada and provide a greater benefit to our community.

I've personally enjoyed staying in short term rentals in a many states and cities and I am glad for the opportunity to expand this option here in our city for more people to enjoy colorado.

If you own a property, there shouldn't be a prohibition on how to use your space. The city can collect taxes from it, that's fair - but not allowing short term rentals is overreaching!!!

It's happening already with very, very low negative impact. For middle income families it is a significant and creative way to help in the growing expenses of living in Arvada. Additionally it's a
positive attraction to bring in quality visitors into Arvada which also helps our community in all the benefits of tourism.

Short-Term Rentals are better cared for and maintained than most long term rentals and many 'owner-occupied' homes. Short-term rentals bring increased revenue to local businesses (especially Olde-Town Arvada) and to local owners who use the money to further improve the property and provide a greater standard of living for themselves and their family. Finally short-term rentals put less of a stress on local infrastructure because often the guests often aren't home (they are sightseeing and eating out instead of being home all the time)

"If noise complaints are received, any license should be revoked.

The City should impose a tax similar to a hotel tax."

"Here’s what I dislike on short term rentals...
1. Just moved into neighborhood paying $525,000. I didn’t pay that type of money to have a hotel next door.
2. These rentals should not be allowed to have 12 guests in a 4 bedroom home. It is called single family residence for a reason.
3. If these become allowed, what will happen to those people renting homes at $2,000 a month? Landlords will most certainly kick out the tenants when they realize airbnbs charge 3 times that price."

a “hosted” rental should be defined as at least 1 living resident on-site to host.

There should be a way to get neighbor feedback/complaints on rentals, with a consequence of license revocation if problems are chronic.

I know this is probably coming but a limit on how many days per year is greatly needed. No more than 60 days a year is fair. Short term rentals can be abused and the house ends up getting destroyed which brings down property values in the neighborhood.

Short-term rental units should be inspected twice a year to ensure renting is compliant with all city requirements. City requirements include: sanitary conditions of rental unit, compliance with noise restrictions, no neighbor complaints, no criminal activity conducted by clients renting the unit.

I live on a street with many long term rentals due to the housing bubble. These "neighbors" of mine don’t try to integrate into the neighborhood. They don’t take care of their yards or houses and the landlords just take the money and don’t deal with any issues. I want long term neighbors who are truly neighbors and not just passing through.

I’ve used Airbnb’s extensively when traveling and have had excellent experiences. It’s an international program and they seem to have appropriate measures in place to make it successful. As long as rentals comply with their standards (and those of Arvada residents giving their input) it seems like a great program!

"Short term rentals should definitely offer their own parking and if there are regulations, then
ensure city code is followed, not add anything extra (landscaping is cleaned up, no abandoned cars, sidewalks cleared of snow/debris).

There is already a process through AirBnB to ensure guests are vetted. Some people travel during the summer and like to have a guest stay there during their absence. Or there are some cases where interns from other states come here and can’t find reasonable housing for 10 weeks.

I don't think the city should over regulate the duration of a rental. A rental is a rental whether it is 2 days, 30 days or 6 months. Chances are that the longer renter will cause more issues vs. a short renter especially when there are so many rules listed in an AirBnb situation.

I don't think you should regulate them in any fashion - seriously, let the free market be free.

Such a bad idea; why are we trying to ruin Arvada?

Arvada doesn't have many options for hotels or B&B so I feel like short-term rentals are good for the consumer and the homeowner. Arvada is centrally located between Denver, Boulder, Golden and has easy access to the mountains and Rocky Mountain National Park. It's a great venue for people staying longer than a weekend.

Arvada provides many new restaurants and businesses. Arvada should provide the freedom to have short-term rentals to take advantage of them and access to the mountains.

Won’t You Be My Neighbor

What neighborhood do you live in? Here’s how registrants responded:

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Share your ideas for how you can increase connections with your neighbors. What can the city do to support you?

In Person Responses: Won’t You Be My Neighbor

- We need for the City to support/partner with faith-based organizations. They’re grassroots and on the ground, in the neighborhoods. Churches connect with families. The City needs to think about connecting more with churches.

- There needs to be a shelter for homeless populations. This would help.

- A lot of people don’t know about The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in Denver. The City needs to make people aware of it because they can help with finding Arvada housing. It needs to be promoted in places like food banks.
● I’m a hairdresser, and you get nothing when you retire. I need support in my retirement.

● This looks to be a good idea.

● Have NH events, we live near 76th and Harlan

● Neighborhood BBQ at local school or block off streets for BBQ

● craft fairs, ways to learn about local businesses

● More meetings
In Person Responses
Q4  Do you feel like you can count on your neighbors when you are in need of something?

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In Person Responses

Do you feel like you can count on your neighbors when you are in need of something?

- Always
- Sometimes
In Person Responses
Q6 What benefits, if any, do you see in connecting with your neighbors (please check all that apply)?

- Increased sense of community: 124 responses
- Increased safety: 119 responses
- Resource sharing: 97 responses
- No benefits: 3 responses

In Person Responses
In the last six months, which City-sponsored tools, events, or programs most helped you connect with…

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Q8: If selected Other, please tell us what other tools or events were helpful to you and your neighbors?

- None. Although I see theoretical benefits, and made selections accordingly, I've never experienced any of these materializing in a meaningful way.

- Sitting out on the front porch and chatting with people who walk by, everyone pitching in to shovel the sidewalks in the winter for elderly residents.

- We connected the old fashioned way - by just walking over and introducing ourselves, or meeting other parents at the playground or who have kids in our daughter's class.

- National Night Out

- The neighborhood has not used City-sponsored tools, events or programs. There used to be neighborhood picnics at Quaker Acre Parks.

- Neighborhood BBQ

- We've had a block party in past years, but not in past 6 months.

- I do not use any of the tools provided by the city. I like the old-fashioned way. I like to know and respect my neighbors without being up in their business. I don't need to be "that" close. I just need them to know we know them, and we care.
● We haven’t used any city-sponsored tools.

● It would be helpful to build community if my neighborhood was not itinerant. That is, my neighbors could stay and not be priced out. The answer does NOT lie in making all my neighbors professional, it lies in fostering the work force of Arvada.

● We all take turns hosting happy hour and game nights. Game nights are great fun!

● Egg Hunt on Easter: Halloween block party

● Adopt a trail

● Arvada Community Garden

● Harvest Festival, our Open House, our free cider press and pepper roasting day, our 4th of July fireworks viewing party, our participation in Scarecrow Festival

● City festivals

● I am a member of the Arvada Community Garden, that has connected me with other folks in Arvada, and has helped me have more awareness of Arvada events.

● Festivals, garden open house, neighborhood grants

● We share gardening space, tools and expertise

● Arvada Gardeners have participated local festivals, parades, and have donated to the Arvada Food Bank with hundreds of pounds of fresh produce. These activities and others have us continually interacting in the community.

● The city grants to keep the garden active and up to date

● Arvada community garden

● Annual open house, monthly membership meetings, harvest festival parade, workdays

● Arvada Festival; Arvada Community Garden Open House; Head Start Father’s Campout

● Social events
• Our neighborhood is not organized. We do tend to talk to neighbors when they are walking, connect via Facebook and NextDoor.

• house parties

• I’ll have to move the next time my rent is hiked, so why bother? I’d buy a condo and connect with neighbors, but it’s unaffordable - we need fewer single family homes & more apt-style condos and townhomes. More land zoned for multi-fam would lessen costs

• Good ol’fashion facetime. Going outside & saying hi.

• Most of the neighbors have lived in the neighborhood for many years and visit each other regularly, either across fences or going to each others houses.

• We put on our own “Neighborhood Night Out” party without the city, but a city liaison who lives in our neighborhood did attend.

• Concerts, area to gather, Facebook page

• no events or tools. I just know the neighbors.

• I’ve contacted Streets Dept. on an issue

• I wasn’t aware of some of the tools other than the block party trailer

• You offer no help

• I am not aware of any of these events in my neighborhood.

• We had our own barbecue including jumpy castle. Had a fantastic time and met other neighbors in the subdivision.

• City: National Night Out Event. Non-City: We have a private Facebook page and our Next Door community page.

• Nextdoor Website is very helpful

• Monthly social events

• Sharing Neighborhood Depot

• haven't participated in any - haven't known of them
- we belong to an HOA so we have a built in activities and budget for them

- Olde Towne events & Golden & Arvada Farmers markets

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- one neighbor always hosts the summer block party, but we do not utilize the Party Trailer

- Neighbor sponsored events.

- Arvada Garden

- No events, just talking when you are working in the yard or walking etc

- To talk about needs

Show Us The Place You Love

Share the love!

Where in Arvada do you love to be? Are there parks or trails you enjoy? Places to chat with your neighbors and friends? Favorite spots to eat and play? Share the love!

Click on the hearts to see other residents' comments and photos!
Public Art Preference Survey

Q1 | Select A, B, C, or D

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Question options

- A. Traffic Box Mural (Semi-Permanent)
- B. Building Mural (Permanent)
- C. Small Sculpture (Mobile, Temporary)
- D. Creative Placemaking
Q1: What’s your vision for Arvada’s future?

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<td>Single hauler &amp; trash/recycle - save our streets</td>
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<td>Some kind of bus service for our town</td>
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<td>Marijuana prohibition lifted...keep the marijuana tax $ in Arvada</td>
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<td>More moderate land development &amp; attainable housing, Affordable!</td>
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<td>A sustainable community that links community with the environment: Water quality Infrastructure management &amp; improvements Solid waste handling; recycling &amp; compost Increased renewable options for city ops</td>
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<td>“Green Arvada” recycling for all</td>
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<td>Pick Your trash hauler</td>
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<td>Protect the homeowners from Jeff Parkway blight - build a forest - Thanks.</td>
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<td>Beautiful public art even in the most unlikely of places (e.g.) gardens integrated into sculpture display near Arvada Center for more appealing look.</td>
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<td>OK with single trash hauler as long as it is a commercial provider under a bid process. Do not make trash collections another function of city government.</td>
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<td>Do not allow marijuana shops in Arvada. Keep it as is!</td>
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<td>Proper recycling at all events, containers in Olde Town; compostable plates, silverware, compost. Retraining of people is possible with the proper tools in place and education!</td>
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<td>100% renewable energy</td>
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<td>Clean neighborhoods, less trash</td>
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<td>Build Jefferson Parkway - Indiana is a joke. 93 to 4 lanes - won’t get cheaper later.</td>
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<td>Vibrant local businesses</td>
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<td>Better schools</td>
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<td>Active &amp; healthy citizens</td>
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<td>Widen Ralston Road between Wadsworth and Kipling (sidewalks and lanes too narrow!)</td>
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<td>A network of on-street designated bike routes and off-street trails that enables safe bicycle access to all of Arvada, not just schools, some rails, and some neighborhoods as in the case at present.</td>
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<td>Sponsored doogy poop stations (businesses, volunteer groups) with coupon slot and bags. Solar lights along trails, timed motion sensitive</td>
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<td>Friendliness</td>
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<td>Recycling options everywhere - city facilities (like at open houses), sidewalks, parks, etc.</td>
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<td>Formalized park ranger program:</td>
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<td>Degreed rangers Paid Special police privileges (ability write citations) Uniform Training (de-escalation, self defense, env. protection, restoration, ambassador)</td>
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Q2. The hearts on this map show where people have indicated they love to gather in Arvada. Notice the areas where there are no hearts sometimes referred to as a “love desert”. What would you like to see in those areas to make it a place you’d love to go to with family and friends.

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<td>Compostable toilets Portalets Signage Slippery bridges Flood zone Wayfinding</td>
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<td>Incorporate public art Incorporate APAC Jr. ranger program</td>
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<td>Public art</td>
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<td>Do a food truck night consistently in that park. Do music in that park throughout the summer.</td>
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**Q3. Ideas for future SpeakUp Arvada topics**

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<td>One Street, One Truck, One Arvada &amp; who's your favorite trash hauler? What factors should we consider when contracting with a trash hauler? RECYCLE</td>
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<td>Where should the next Olde Town be (ie. multi use area)</td>
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<td>Embracing diversity in Arvada Cultures Age groups Economic groups mobility groups</td>
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<td>Water conversation requirement for housing developments to have certain % of yard xeriscaped</td>
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<td>How to get businesses involved with neighborhood groups support and part of the community</td>
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<td>Recycle facilities for collection</td>
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<td>Less high density buildings - need supporting infrastructure 1st!</td>
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<td>AURA taking more $30 land deals or taking people's property away for road expansion?</td>
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<td>Duplicate what is out front of city hall all along Ralston Rd. Maybe not as artistic but space wise.</td>
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<td>Homeless</td>
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<td>Crush 1</td>
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<td>Porta potty for neighborhood group activities or reduced rate Printing grants Help in distribution flyers Volunteer bank by neighborhood more grants Plan for emergency prepare by neighborhood group</td>
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Active engagement of the public in emergency preparedness and community resilience

Q4. Where can Council meet you in the community?

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<td>Get into our businesses more often please</td>
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<td>Well publicized meetings @ local police stations. Why? Bring local residents together in the area where they live. Subject? Local area improvements</td>
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<td>Starbucks or other coffee shop locations</td>
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<td>Arvada Jaycee hall, 5640 Yukon St.</td>
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<td>Leyden Rock (80007) HOA clubhouse. Five Parks, too. :)</td>
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<td>Olde Town Plaza, Apex Facilities, Asst. living facilities &amp; senior</td>
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<td>West Woods Country Club</td>
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<td>Arvada Center (1 hour before performances)</td>
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<td>Come to Arvadans for Progressive Action Meetings! 1st Saturdays - 7195 Simms St. 4 to 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>At our HOA Clubhouse!</td>
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<td>Peck Elementary or Arvada Methodist</td>
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<td>All churches of large congregations (&amp; denominations) :)</td>
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<td>Create and organize meeting/committees/times to attract access for person with children</td>
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<td>Quarterly neighborhood engagement meeting</td>
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<td>Have meeting at Arvada K-8 or other school you might get younger participation</td>
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<td>Someone’s big home</td>
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