FREE Two-Week Recycling Event Coming this May!

The City of Arvada, in partnership with SustainAbility, is offering a FREE drop-off recycling event from Tuesday, May 2 thru Sunday, May 14. Arvada residents will be able to drop off a variety of items—including hard-to-recycle items—at no charge during this two-week period. See page 3 for all the details.

Drug Take-Back Program Scheduled for April 8

Bring unwanted or expired drugs and medications to the Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m. – noon at Arvada Police Headquarters at City Hall. See page 8 for more information.

Majestic View Nature Center is Celebrating 15 Years!

Help us celebrate the Nature Center’s 15th Birthday throughout 2017 with 15 “Grand Tour” events. See page 19.

The Arvada Reservoir opens for the 2017 season on Saturday, April 1.

See page 4 for more information.
City Government Phone Numbers

| Emergency | 9-1-1 |
| Non-Emergency Dispatch | 720-898-6900 |
| City Hall Main Line | 720-898-7000 |
| Accounts Payable | 720-898-7130 |
| Accounts Receivable | 720-898-7128 |
| Animal Control | 720-898-6850 |
| Arvada Center Box Office | 720-898-7200 |
| Arvada Economic Development | 720-898-7010 |
| Arvada Urban Renewal | 720-898-7060 |
| Building Inspections | 720-898-7630 |
| Building Permits | 720-898-7620 |
| City Manager's Office | 720-898-7500 |
| Code Enforcement | 720-898-7465 |
| Communications Manager | 720-898-7507 |
| Fingerprinting Services | 720-898-6808 |
| Housing | 720-898-7494 |
| Lake Arbor Golf Club | 720-898-7360 |
| Liquor Licenses | 720-898-7550 |
| Majestic View Nature Center | 720-898-7405 |
| Municipal Court | 720-898-7150 |
| Park Pavilion Reservations | 720-898-7410 |
| Passports | 720-898-7550 |
| Planning and Zoning | 720-898-7435 |
| Police Records | 720-898-6920 |
| Sales Tax | 720-898-7100 |
| School Resource Officers - Contact Individual Schools | |
| Special Event Permits | 720-898-7435 |
| Streets | 720-898-7720 |
| Traffic Signals and Signs | 720-898-7740 |
| Victim Outreach Line | 720-898-6770 |
| Voter Registration | 720-898-7550 |
| Water Bills | 720-898-7070 |
| Water Quality | 720-898-7800 |
| (after hours) | 720-898-7820 |
| West Woods Golf Club | 720-898-7370 |

City Council Meetings/Workshops - Arvada City Hall, Council Chambers - Mondays, 6 p.m.

| April 2017 | May 2017 |
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| 10 | 8 |
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| Tevised | Tevised |
| 29 | No Meeting |
| (Memorial Day) |

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Looking to do some spring cleaning? Wondering how to get rid of a bunch of unwanted items without having them end up in a landfill? The City of Arvada and SustainAbility have just the program for you—a two-week, FREE recycling event during which residents can bring a variety of items to SustainAbility’s Arvada location.

For more detailed information please visit: sustainability-recycling.com/arvada-spring-clean-up or call 720-668-0611.

**Things to Note:**
- SustainAbility is located at W. 54th Ave. and Marshall St. in Arvada.
- Proof of Residency will be required.
- Materials must be sorted by category prior to arrival at the site (all electronics together, all paint together, etc.).
- SustainAbility will be CLOSED Monday, May 8 and will not be offering drop-off that day.
- SustainAbility offers recycling services year round. While they accept many items free of charge, there are normally fees to drop off hard-to-recycle items. The City of Arvada is covering those fees during this two-week event.

**Accepted Items:**

**Electronics:** Computer towers, laptops, mice, printers, scanners, cell phones, radios, stereos, kitchen appliances, bathroom appliances, sewing machines, video game systems, iPods, inter and toner cartridges, loose cables, wires, fax machines, plastic speakers, PDAs, flashlights, irons, toasters, treadmills, stationary bikes, ellipticals, clocks, electric toys, microwaves, lamps, cameras, telephones, electric power tools, washers, dryers, stoves, grills, water heaters. Computer monitors (flat screen and CRT*), and Televisions (flat screen, CRT*, projection). *Maximum of 10 CRTs per individual/vehicle. No broken CRTs.

**Single-Stream:** paper, plastic, cardboard, metals, glass.

**Materials Containing Freon:** refrigerators, mini fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers.

**Hard-to-recycle materials:** vegetable oil, corrugated plastic yard signs, smoke alarms, CDs and DVDs, fire extinguishers, paint (latex and oil based), #2 & #5 plastics, plastic grocery bags, batteries, mattresses/box springs, bikes, bike tubes/tires, clear bubble wrap, Styrofoam (no peanuts), books, wine corks, steel, aluminum, mixed metals, clothing, shoes, tennis balls, propane tanks, rolling office chairs.

**Items That Will NOT be Accepted:**
- Couches, fabric chairs, any items containing wood, rugs, carpet, gas, oil, heaters, light bulbs, windows, tile, granite, lead acid batteries, car tires, motor oil, carbon paper, paper plates/cups, labels/stickers, photos, paper towels/napkins, Styrofoam containers, needles, razor blades, syringes, steel drums, medication, straws, utensils, film, plastic wrap, ceramic, drinking glasses, mirrors, windshield glass.

*REMEMBER: Most trash haulers licensed to operate in the City of Arvada will pick up furniture and other bulky items for a fee. Contact your hauler directly for information and to make arrangements.*
A Drive to Provide!

Saturday, May 13, 2017 marks the 25th Annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and the largest food drive of the year benefitting the Arvada Community Food Bank (ACFB).

Each May, the National Association of Letter Carriers’ local membership in Arvada and Wheat Ridge provide all collected food to ACFB. This food is essential to ACFB’s mission to provide food to those in need during the summer months when food donations are at their lowest.

It’s easy! Pick up some extra nonperishable groceries ahead of time. Several days before Saturday, May 13, your letter carrier will leave a blue plastic bag in or by your mailbox. Place the bag filled with your food donation by your mailbox no later than 9 a.m. the morning of May 13, and your letter carrier or an ACFB volunteer will pick it up and deliver it to the Food Bank.

Help us reach our goal to collect 80,000 to 100,000 pounds of food in just eight hours!

Arvada Reservoir Opens April 1

The Arvada Reservoir is open for the 2017 season as of Saturday, April 1. Hours for the Reservoir are 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. through May 31. Beginning June 1, hours will be 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Season passes are available at the Utility Billing counter at Arvada City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road. For those who wish to pay at the gate for a day pass at the Reservoir, please note that ONLY CASH is accepted.

For more information including hours and fees, visit arvada.org/fishing/arvada-blunn-reservoir.

Volunteer Rangers Needed

Do you love to fish and have some extra time on your hands? Applications for volunteer rangers are now being accepted. For more information, contact Ken Billips at 720-898-7415.

Kids’ Fishing Contest Coming Up in June

The annual Kids’ Fishing Contest will be held in June. The date is yet to be determined.

Low-Water Perennial Gardens Deliver Big, Beautiful Savings

The Garden in a Box is a Xeric garden intended to simplify water-wise gardening by providing professional “plant by number” designs. Included is a selection of 14 - 30 Xeriscape starter plants, along with planting and care instructions.

The Garden in a Box can help reduce your water bill by replacing high-water bluegrass lawn or gardens. Xeric landscapes are not only water-saving, but provide year-round beauty and appeal in the garden. The Garden in a Box kit is sold below retail cost, between $79 and $124 per garden.

Order your Garden in a Box at ConservationCenter.org/gardens, or call 303-999-3820, ext 222.
Major Irrigation Project at Stenger Sports Complex
Virtually Invisible

The 70-acre Stenger Sports Complex, located at 12000 W. 58th Ave., is undergoing a significant renovation to its irrigation system. This $1.2 million project includes the construction of a new pump station, drainage improvements, and the replacement of the irrigation system which is over 30 years old.

This 60-acre complex, with 32 athletic fields, attracts more than a million visitors a year. Naturally, the City of Arvada was very concerned that the irrigation project would disrupt this heavily used facility, forcing scheduling changes and negatively affecting playing conditions. However, due to the close collaboration among the City parks staff, contractor CTM Inc., Apex Park and Recreation, and Edge Soccer, construction is occurring with minimal impacts.

Todd Gette, General Manager of Real Colorado EDGE Soccer Club, stated, “We are very excited about the irrigation improvements. Due to the project’s complexity, EDGE is working to minimize the impact on players for the upcoming Spring season. The City and Apex District have been very accommodating and have allowed us to use more field space at Long Lake Ranch; further, as the project progresses, fields will be rotated to allow for construction. Most importantly, EDGE is working with the over-seeding process to repair scars on the grass to ensure the turf is maintained and playable throughout the season.” He concluded, “The small inconveniences that we are dealing with this spring will be far outweighed by the improved irrigation and field conditions this will create in the future.”

Contractor CTM Inc. and the City’s Parks maintenance staff have been particularly innovative, regrading and backfilling the trenches dug for the irrigation lines back to an even surface on which teams can continue to play. By seeding the backfill, resodding of the area will not be necessary, saving taxpayers over $20,000.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by mid summer 2017.

Day of Service Coming September 16

Arvada will be holding its second annual Day of Service on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Last year, 140 volunteers worked on various projects throughout the community, and we plan to grow the event for 2017! Even though September is a ways off, the City is seeking the following:

• **Nominations for homes** that need repair, painting, or yard work. Perhaps you know of a friend or neighbor who is unable to complete the repairs due to illness, age, or other issues.

• **Project Managers** who will coordinate volunteers at a particular job site. Do you have experience managing people, or perhaps a background in construction? We need you!

To nominate a home or volunteer to be a Project Manager, visit The Neighborhood Rehab Project website at [www.beatool.org](http://www.beatool.org).
Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Festivals!

2017 Arvada Trails Day
Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, W. 80th Ave.
just east of Kipling St.
Celebrate National Trails Day in Arvada and explore nature, participate in eco-friendly activities, learn about resource conservation, and experience some of Arvada’s 150 miles of wonderful hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails!

- **8:30 a.m.**: five-mile family trail ride and 15-mile recreational ride. Leave from and return to Standley Lake Library (8485 Kipling St.).
- **8:45 a.m.**: Guided 5K walk throughout Two Ponds Wildlife refuge trails with Arvada City Councilmember Mark McGoff.
- **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge: displays, activities, educational booths, live animal exhibits including The Butterfly Pavilion, kids’ activities, self-guided nature walks, and free refreshments!

Parking is available at the Medical Center parking lot on the southeast corner of 80th and Kipling. For more information call Two Ponds at 303-289-0867 or Majestic View Nature Center at 720-898-7405, or visit arvada.org/nature and arvadafestivals.com.

Trails Day is produced by the City of Arvada Festivals Commission, Majestic View Nature Center, Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, the Arvada Bike Advisory Group, and the Arvada Park Advisory Committee.

First Annual Arvada Days!
**August 25 and 26**
Clear Creek Valley Park
Take a walk back in time to Arvada’s earliest days and celebrate our rich history!

- **August 25, 6:30 – 10 p.m.**
  Barn dance, farm-to-table dinner, and bonfire.

- **August 26, 7:30 – 10 a.m.**
  Chuck Wagon Breakfast including flapjacks and cowboy coffee.

- **August 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
  historical reenactments, hay rides, log rolling, pony rides, gold panning, baking contests, live music, and more!

Clear Creek Valley Park is Arvada’s newest park, opened in March of 2017. It features exploration and adventure play areas, a community garden, trails, and pond fishing. It is also a short distance from Colorado’s first gold discovery.

Calling All History Enthusiasts!
We welcome your memories of Arvada. This includes pictures, books, and any other artifacts that have helped to make Arvada the unique community that it is today. Visit www.arvadafestivals.com or call 720-898-7403.
Warmer weather is just around the corner, and with the coming of spring, several key projects of the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) will be completed.

The Hilton Garden Inn (5455 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.) opens this month. This 139-room hotel offers views of the Rocky Mountains and historic Olde Town, 2500 sq. ft. of meeting and event space, plus a restaurant and lounge for any occasion. Jim Burkett, the Arvada Hilton Garden Inn General Manager, has been working tirelessly over the past year to bring this project to fruition. “We are truly excited to be a part of the Arvada Community and to be able to provide a facility that everyone can enjoy. It gives our community an opportunity to attract more visitors to the area and help contribute to the economic development of not only Olde Town, but all of Arvada.” Please visit the hotel’s website at www.denverarvada.hgi.com for more details on how to reserve your room or call 303-420-9799 to book your event – you won’t be disappointed!

The hotel will be followed by the openings of the Solana Olde Town Station apartments and Walmart. Please visit Arvada Urban Renewal’s website at www.arvadaurbanrenewal.org for further development information and updates.

### AURA Project Update

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<td>Walmart</td>
<td>138,000 sq. ft. Super Walmart.</td>
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<td>Ralston Creek North</td>
<td>Mixed Use – residential, retail, and commercial; approximately 250 multi-family units.</td>
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<td>Solana Olde Town Station</td>
<td>15 acre development site; 352 garden-style apartments; 1.4 acre public park.</td>
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<td>9-acre TOD Site</td>
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<td>Arvada Station II</td>
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<td>Ralston Creek Streetscape</td>
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Contact Numbers

Emergencies . . . . . . . . . . 911

Non-Emergency Reporting . . . . 720-898-6900

Office of the Chief . . . . . 720-898-6650

Records Department . . . . 720-898-6920

Investigations . . . . . 720-898-6700

Media Relations . . . . . 720-898-6654

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www.arvadapd.org

Northey Foundation Drug Take-Back Scheduled for April 8

The Northey Foundation is again partnering with the Arvada Police Department to offer metro area residents a Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Arvada Police Headquarters, located at 8101 Ralston Road.

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

The Drug Take Back program gives residents a safe way to dispose of medications. Simply gather up unused, unwanted, and expired medications and bring them to the Arvada Police Headquarters parking lot, where you can drive up, hand off, and drive away!

Permitted Items:
- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet medications
- Vitamins
- Liquid medication in glass or leak-proof containers
- Medicated ointments and lotions
- Inhalers

Excluded Items
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- Thermometers
- IV bags
- Illicit drugs
- Chemotherapy and other radioactive substances
- Oxygen containers
- Needles or other sharps
- Medical equipment

This is a free event; however, donations are accepted and will benefit the Northey Foundation which provides scholarships to college-bound Arvada high school students, and helps families of officers killed or injured in the line of duty. Because of the generous underwriting of the Arvada Vitality Alliance, State Farm Agent Doris Stipech, Custom Environmental Services, Inc., and Sooper Credit Union, all donations will directly benefit the Foundation.

In 2016, the Foundation gave $24,000 in scholarships to 17 Arvada students.

W. Michael Northey was a police officer for the City of Arvada who was tragically killed after being struck by a car while making an arrest on August 11, 1979. Northey was very active with the youth of the community. The W. Michael Northey Foundation is a 501(C)(3) (IRS#31-1771579) not for profit organization.
Free Crime Prevention Classes

The Arvada Police Department’s Community Response Impact Team (CRIT) offers Crime-Free Multi-Housing classes at no charge. Designed specifically for multi-housing units, multi-tenant building owners/landlords, and homeowners who rent, the class teaches participants important methods to make rental properties and multi-tenant buildings safer. Topics include methods of landscaping and other design factors to help keep criminals and criminal activity away, and also covers gang activity, graffiti, and narcotics. Members of CRIT will also be available to answer questions.

The next class is Tuesday, April 11, 1 – 5 p.m. at the Lake Arbor Community Station (8110 Vance Drive). **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and the class fills quickly. RSVP to 720-898-6883.

Free SHARP Classes Offered for Arvada Residents

One of the Arvada Police Department’s most popular and successful classes is the Sexual Harassment, Assault, and Rape Prevention – or S.H.A.R.P. – class. This FREE self-defense class is designed for women to give them the confidence and skills needed to defend themselves in situations ranging from sexual harassment in the workplace to being approached or grabbed by a hostile person.

Participants must be at least 16 years of age and must be Arvada residents.

Females who are 14 – 15 years old may attend if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The class size is limited to 12 people and fills quickly. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, call the SHARP line at **720-898-7985**.

Next SHARP Sessions

Attendance at all four required
6 – 9 p.m.
April 25, April 27, May 2, and May 4 or May 16, 18, 23, and 25

Arvada residents and businesses are reminded to register their phone numbers – land, cell, text, and other – with the CodeRED emergency notification system.

The CodeRED system is used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts, to everyone who registers. In addition to telephone messages, CodeRED can also send emails and there is even a CodeRED emergency notification app for smartphones.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit the CodeRED registration web site at your911.net to add additional contact information, including phone numbers, SMS (text) and email address preferences. This is especially important for those addresses without a landline, as residents and businesses must register if they want to receive emergency notifications. If you have registered previously, it is always a good idea to visit the web site your911.net and ensure all the information is current.
Ralston House: The Power of One

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month, reminding our communities to take care with our children all year long.

Arvada’s Faith Bible Chapel knows the Power of One, and each year, on behalf of child abuse victims and Ralston House, hosts a large Pinwheel garden on its sweeping green lawn facing Ward Road. This year’s garden will have 1,171 blue pinwheels—a blue pinwheel to represent each forensic interview conducted in 2016 at Ralston House in the investigation of child abuse. Blue is the color of child abuse awareness while the pinwheel gardens serve as a beacon of hope for survivors of child abuse and demonstrates that community leaders like Faith Bible Chapel take a stand against child abuse.

Ralston House—a child advocacy center serving the 1st and 17th Judicial Districts (Jefferson, Gilpin, Adams, and Broomfield counties)—provides a safe and welcoming space for children and youth who have experienced physical or sexual abuse or who have witnessed violent crime to tell their story, receive crisis support from a victim advocate, and have a forensic medical exam by a child abuse pediatrician. Ralston House works with law enforcement, social services, and the district attorney’s office to provide neutral, unbiased forensic interviews in the investigation of child abuse.

“Faith Bible Chapel was proud last year to be a host garden along with more than 150 other Pinwheel Gardens in our community,” says John Malito, Faith Bible Chapel Associate Pastor. “We also helped raise funds for Ralston House by accepting donations for pinwheels before and after our worship services in April. Pinwheel Gardens help turn our community blue—bringing to light the importance of child abuse prevention and awareness.”

To be a part of this year’s Pinwheel Garden campaign, please contact Tara Roesener at 720-898-6752, via email at troesener@arvada.org or learn more at www.RalstonHouse.net. YOU can make a difference this April by sponsoring one pinwheel garden.

Arvada Teens Invited to Participate in the 2016 Teen Police Academy

Arvada high school students are invited to start their summer with some excitement by attending the 2017 Arvada Police Teen Academy, June 5 – 9 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

Taught by members of the Arvada Police Department, the Academy offers participants the opportunity to experience live police scenarios with simulations, drive police cars, process mock crime scenes, learn arrest control tactics, shoot a Taser, and see a live K9 demonstration, all while having fun and meeting others teens.

The cost of the five-day class is $25 and includes an Academy t-shirt. Priority enrollment is given to students from Arvada Senior, Arvada West, Pomona, and Ralston Valley High Schools, as well as those enrolled at Faith Christian Academy, Wheat Ridge High School, and Arvada teen residents.

Teens must be 16 – 18 years of age, possess a valid Colorado driver’s license, and have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Teens must also write a short biography/written essay expressing why they are interested in attending the Academy.

To apply, visit arvada.org/teen-academy for an application or call 720-898-6660 for more information. Applications must be received by May 26, 2017.
Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, April 26
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Two River Colorado Coffee
7745 Wadsword Blvd, Unit F
Join Officers from the
Arvada Police Department
for coffee and conversation.
Betsy Westbrook, Ian Hetrick and John Welch Promoted to Sergeant

Betsy Westbrook

Betsy Westbrook joined the Arvada Police Department in January of 2006. In May of 2009, she was assigned the position of Domestic Violence Detective working Persons Crimes in the Criminal Investigations Bureau. While assigned to the detective bureau, Westbrook participated in the Jefferson County Sexual Assault Review Team, the Adams County Sexual Assault Review Team, the Jefferson County Critical Incident Response Team, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, and the Domestic Violence Fast Track Committee. Westbrook helped develop regional protocols for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and department policy for cold case review. Westbrook is an instructor in criminal code, evidence, domestic violence, and sexual assault at the Jefferson County/Lakewood Combined Regional Academy and local high schools. She is also an instructor for the Colorado District Attorney’s Council Ending Violence Against Women project. Westbrook is a member of the Arvada Police Department Mentor Program and participated in the City of Arvada Employee Committee and Awards Committee from 2009-2013.

Sgt. Westbrook received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Pepperdine University and a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School. She is a licensed attorney in both California and Colorado. Westbrook is married with two daughters, ages 5 and 3.

Ian Hetrick

Ian Hetrick joined the Arvada Police Department in 2009 after participating in the Jefferson County Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Since joining the Department, he has been a member of patrol, and received certification in firearms instruction, arrest control instruction, and DUI instruction. He also served as a member of the Jefferson County Regional SWAT from 2012 -2016.

Sgt. Hetrick graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

John Welch

John Welch has served the Arvada Police Department since 2000, where he began his career as a patrol officer. During his tenure with the Arvada Police Department, Sgt. Welch has served as a member of the Critical Accident Response Team (serious and fatal traffic accidents), Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and has been a member of the Traffic Unit. He has been awarded two Medals of Distinguished Service, the Medal of Meritorious Service, and received Officer of the Year from the Arvada Masons in 2010.

Prior to joining the Arvada Police Department, Sergeant Welch was a member of the United States Army which he joined after high school. After completing his military service, he attended Metropolitan State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in U.S. History.
Make Sure Dispatchers Get ALL Your Information!

Smart 911 is a free, national service currently being used by Arvada’s 911 dispatchers. When 911 receives a call, only a phone number and minimal levels of location data are displayed. With Smart 911 citizens create a Safety Profile online consisting of additional data about themselves and family members which is automatically displayed to 911 dispatchers during emergency calls. The result is far greater emergency response effectiveness and saved lives.

Make Sure Your Pets Have a Current Rabies Vaccine, and Discuss Other Vaccines Such as Distemper with Your Vet.

Animal management officers can intervene with sick or injured wildlife to prevent suffering and protect citizens. Most wildlife should be left to animal management officers; however, there are cases where you can help without causing harm. We are happy to help without causing harm. We are happy to help.

Commander Hensley Currently Oversees the Charlie Sector.
As we were preparing the 2017 budget for the Department, we began discussing the Gallagher Amendment and possible future effects it will have on us moving forward. In January, the Denver Post included an article about the Gallagher Amendment and its impacts. The following information is derived from that article.

The Gallagher Amendment is a constitutional measure approved by Colorado voters in 1982, in response to homeowner concerns over rising residential property taxes. It requires that residential assessed values comprise no more than 45 percent of the State’s overall assessed value. Non-residential properties make up the remaining 55 percent. Most years, the Gallagher Amendment has no impact, because when commercial values and home values rise at a similar rate, there is no need for adjustment. However, when Colorado experiences a housing market boom such as we have seen over the past several years, coupled with a business downturn like the recent dip in the oil and gas industry, homeowners can wind up contributing more than their 45 percent share. That throws the ratio out of whack, triggering a mandatory tax cut for homeowners under the State’s constitution.

The Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) adds another layer of complexity. Gallagher Amendment has no impact, because when commercial values and home values rise at a similar rate, there is no need for adjustment. However, when Colorado experiences a housing market boom such as we have seen over the past several years, coupled with a business downturn like the recent dip in the oil and gas industry, homeowners can wind up contributing more than their 45 percent share. That throws the ratio out of whack, triggering a mandatory tax cut for homeowners under the State’s constitution.

The 2017-2018 projected residential assessment rate is 6.56 percent. The residential assessment rate since 2003 was 7.96 percent. TABOR requires voter approval for an increase to the assessment ratio of a property class.

The table below displays the property tax changes based upon a home valued at $400,000.

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As the Chief of the Arvada Fire Protection District, my only motive in providing this information to our citizens is to let you know the impact it will have. However, given the fact that we have been discussing this possible scenario for several years, we are far better prepared to deal with it.

As always, thank you so much for your support.
Distracted Driving Among Teens: It Can Wait

BY ARVADA WEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NOAH WEHR

One of the biggest issues for teens today is distracted driving. With all the things a cell phone can do, it is very tempting for someone to check it at stop signs or red lights. Accidents caused by distracted driving are on the rise due to the easy accessibility to one's smartphone.

From 2013 to 2014, distracted driving incidents rose 2.2 percent, with the majority of them involving young people between the ages of 16 to 24. Ten percent of all teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were reported as being distracted at the time of the accident. This age group has the highest number of distracted driving related incidents as well.

Many different companies and legal representatives have created campaigns to help combat this issue and prevent drivers from using their phones behind the wheel.

The biggest and most successful campaign is called It Can Wait, founded by AT&T in 2010. Drivers take the pledge to not text and drive. In 2012 AT&T began reaching out to schools and communities, leading to over one million drivers taking the pledge.

The Anthony Phoenix Branca Foundation also combats distracted driving. The website encourages drivers to join the bandana army, and help recruit others to prevent distracted driving.

GEICO, Esurance, and other insurance companies have also provided national statistics and tips on how to prevent distracted driving.

Nearly 75 percent of Coloradans have admitted to being on their phone while driving, which led to 68 distracted driving deaths in 2015 alone. So before you check your phone while driving, just remember: it can wait.

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Enroll in Ambulance Membership Program

BY DAVE MITCHELL, EMS CHIEF

Last year, the Arvada Fire Protection District responded on approximately 9,000 EMS calls. The District’s paramedics and EMTs provide expert medical care in the field and transport patients to hospitals across the metro area every day. The Operations and Community Risk Reduction Divisions work closely together to provide preventative screening clinics, fall prevention education, home safety checks, and a myriad of other services to District citizens. We never stop evaluating and developing the programs and services we offer to ensure that we continue to meet citizen needs as well as adapt to an ever-changing healthcare environment.

One program that we are very excited about is the Arvada Fire Protection District Ambulance Membership Program. Over the years, we have received numerous requests from citizens to develop this program, which mirrors similar programs hosted by neighboring Fire/EMS agencies. The program is now in its third year and has grown in enrollment each year.

When someone calls 911 with a medical emergency, they are most likely in the middle of one of the more stressful days of their life. There are many things to be concerned about.
A Day in the Life of a Dispatcher

JILL OBRIAN, DISPATCHER

9-1-1 dispatchers work in a communications center that has evolved into a multi-faceted public service agency. Today’s dispatchers are expected to have knowledge in a wide variety of topics including Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD), Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD), incident command, computers and technology, apparatus and equipment, public relations, and of course, dispatching.

Fire/EMS dispatchers at Arvada Fire work 12-hour shifts from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. three or four days a week. There are two dispatchers in the Communications Center. The following describes a typical shift.

**05:50** Arrive at the Communications Center. Log into CAD, Phone system.

**05:58** 9-1-1 rings: smoke investigation. Enter into CAD and EFD call while my partner sends the appropriate equipment. (This sequence of events happens on every 9-1-1 call. The time the phone rings to the time the last piece of equipment returns to the station varies from 30-60 minutes for medical calls, and sometimes longer for fire calls.)

**06:15** Enter the District roster of the oncoming shift.

**06:30** Update and email the Daily Communications Report (DCR) which contains information about equipment and hydrants that are out of service, and changes that have happened during the week.

**07:15** District video conference regarding the next two days of activity. During the conference, 9-1-1 rings – trouble breathing.

**07:16** 9-1-1 rings – back pain.

**07:18** 9-1-1 rings – chest pains.

**07:20** Ambulance crew transports chest pain patient to local hospital. Fill in spread sheet keeping track of emergent returns. (Meanwhile missed all of video conference so we have no idea what the crews are doing for the next two days.)

**07:30** Make breakfast for dispatchers and IT. (We love our IT guys!)

**07:31** The ambulance crew requests assistance from an engine crew.

**08:00** Video conference with District support staff.

**08:01** 9-1-1 rings - structure fire. One dispatcher takes the fire to a different tactical channel. The other moves equipment around the District for coverage, answers additional calls regarding the fire including from the media, and alerts District personnel about the fire. Answer District non-emergency line—one needs to talk to a fire marshal (dispatch answers all non-emergency lines before/after business hours).

**08:01:50** 9-1-1 rings – sick person. That’s my last ambulance! Further, technically only one of us working now because the other is dedicated to the structure fire. Call police and tell them we are going to a first aid that is not in their area.

Not only did we miss all of the video conference, but the bacon that was in the oven is burned.

**09:00** We finally get a break to eat our cold breakfast but wait . . . 9-1-1 rings – allergic reaction.

**09:30** All equipment has cleared the fire scene and four of the five ambulances are at their stations. One of us gets to visit the restroom.

**09:31** Police line rings. They need an ambulance at a traffic stop.

**09:32** Police line rings. They need extrication on an accident.

**10:00** We pull out our quarterly training book and decide what trainings we could finish. Dispatchers must recertify every two years for EMD/EFD and are required to have 24 hours of continuing education, as well as 20+ hours of other training every quarter.

**10:30** 9-1-1 rings – medical alarm.

**10:35** Westminster requests an ambulance for a fall in their area.

**10:38** 9-1-1 rings - Baby not breathing. Dispatcher helps with CPR instructions.

**10:50** 9-1-1 rings - Lift assist.

**10:55** 9-1-1 rings - Cat stuck in a tree.

**11:30** 9-1-1 rings - Caller doesn’t know where they are, but there is strong odor of natural gas in the area. We attempt to pinpoint where the caller is by using a mapping system connected to the 9-1-1 system. The problem is, not all cell phones are created equally and the information we get is not always accurate. We ask questions like: What do you see around you? Are you in a residential or commercial area? Are you close to a grocery store? . . . etc.

. . . and that’s all before lunch . . .
Remember to save the Poison Help number on your phone.

1-800-222-1222

with during an emergency such as the well-being of loved ones, the gathering of important documents and medications, and most importantly, getting the necessary care to overcome the medical emergency and return to a state of good health. The Ambulance Membership Program aims to alleviate at least some of the stress surrounding the utilization of 911 by eliminating the worries about the financial burden associated with ambulance transport.

Residents of the Arvada Fire District are able to enroll their entire household in the membership program. Young families, senior citizens, and active middle agers can all benefit. People living in households outside of the District are ineligible for enrollment in this program, as Arvada Fire is not the ambulance service provider in those areas. (There may be a similar program in their respective EMS jurisdictions.) We work closely with our neighboring partners to honor each other’s programs. There is a small fee paid to the District for the membership, and should the need for an ambulance arise over the course of the year, whatever portion of the transport bill not covered by the patient’s insurance will be written off. This allows families to care for their loved ones and patients to recover free of the stress surrounding ambulance bills. The cost of the program is $50 for the primary member and $25 for each additional person in the household and covers them for the entire calendar year.

Complete details regarding eligibility and other terms of membership are available upon request. Our website, www.arvadafire.com is undergoing a major redesign and will eventually be the easiest place to download information about the program. In the meantime, either stop by headquarters at 7903 Allison Way, call 303-424-3012, or look for us at community events to learn more about the program and enroll.

Please consider enrolling your household in the program. The more members we have, the more likely this program is to be successful for years to come. On behalf of the employees of the Arvada Fire Protection District, enjoy the spring weather, be active, be healthy, and be safe!
Open Year Round
Current Public Hours
Monday through Thursday, and Saturday
October-May: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
June-September 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Located in 80-acre Majestic View Park, offering public, school, scout, home school, and community group programs, and rentals.

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

Drop in Discovery
First Thursday and Third Monday at 10 a.m. All ages, Free. No registration necessary.

Nature Art from Around the World
Wednesdays, April 5 – May 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Ages 6 – 12, $72 for 8-week session.
Instructor: Dave Sullivan.

Raising Backyard Chickens
Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. All ages, $12.
Instructors: Ken and Beckie of Pioneer Farmsteaders

Tai Chi at Majestic View
Mondays, April 10 – May 22.
Beginning 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.;
Continuing 5 – 6 p.m.
Adults, $70 for 7-week session.

Composting and Worm Composting Demo
Saturday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Adults & Teens, $5.
Instructors: CSU Master Gardeners

MVNC Travel Series: Monarchs of Monterey, California
Tuesday, April 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Adults, $5.

Hiking for Your Generation
Saturday, April 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. All ages, Free.
Intro to hiking Colorado’s Front Range Mountains, taught by three local hiking enthusiasts. How to prepare, stay safe, and most importantly, where to go!

Upcycled Gardening for Up and Coming Gardeners
Tuesday, May 2, 4 – 5 p.m. Ages 5 – 10. $5.
Start a few herbs and veggies in your own upcycled containers.

Paint Mom a Masterpiece in Nature
Friday, May 5, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Ages 5 – 12, $15.
Children will create their own work of art (acrylic on canvas), just in time for Mother’s Day!

Hands Dirty Feet Wet – Outdoor Nature Playdates
Monday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. All ages, Free.
Climb on logs, jump stump to stump, build forts, dig in the dirt, and connect with nature.

Watercolor and Tea
Wednesdays, April 19 and 26, 6 – 8 p.m. Adults, $40
Instructor: David Sullivan.

Avian Arvada Bird Walk – Majestic View Park
Saturday, May 6, 8 – 11 a.m. All ages, Free.

Busy Bees, Monarch Butterflies, and other Pollinators
Saturday, May 6, 10:30 – 12 p.m. Ages 5 – 10, $10.

Rescue Animals: Zoos & Aquariums
Saturday, May 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m. All ages, Free.
Heart-warming stories of animals rescued around the globe and a special tortoise with an awesome story.

Colorado Amphibians & Reptiles: Night with a Naturalist Series
Tuesday, May 16, 6 – 7:30 p.m. All ages, $5/person, $15/family.

Rain Barrel Workshop
Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. All ages, Free.
Learn about and assemble your own rain barrel to take home.

Lessons from the Lorax
Saturday, May 20, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 – 10 and their families, Free!

Meet the Animals of The Downtown Aquarium
Saturday, May 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. All ages.
$5/person, $17/family.
Learn about animal adaptations up close and personal.
No dogs please.

Hands Dirty, Feet Wet – Outdoor Nature Playdates
Wednesday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
All ages, Free.
**Grand Tour Dates!**

Register for events online at [www.arvada.org/public-classes](http://www.arvada.org/public-classes)

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Grand Tour Special Promotions

Prize drawings will be held at the Birthday Bash on August 5 and at the Finish Line Festivities on December 2! Attend FIVE Grand Tour events, and you will be awarded one extra entry; attend TEN for two extra entries; attend ALL 15 and receive three extra entries!

Grand Tour Events are denoted by the cupcake icon 🍰.

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**Tai Chi at Majestic View**

**Elementary Exploration Program**

Use #MVNCGrandTour to share your experiences with these events on social media.

*See you there!*
**Arvada Company Profile**

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**FASTER. BETTER. GREENER. CHEAPER.**

The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) is profiling primary employers that are conducting business in Arvada. A primary employer is defined as a company that sells the majority of its product or service outside the community, thereby bringing in new dollars to Arvada. In this issue, AEDA is showcasing Prescient located at 14401 W. 65th Way.

“Faster. Better. Greener. Cheaper.” This tagline of Prescient, one of Arvada’s newest employers, touts the company’s highly unique and proprietary technologies, which are disrupting traditional construction methods. Prescient, which relocated its global headquarters and main manufacturing facility to Arvada in 2016, offers a fully integrated design, engineering, and construction solution for developers of multi-unit projects including apartments, senior living, student housing, and hotels up to 16 stories tall. Prescient’s patented light-gauge framing system is not only more cost effective, it also significantly shortens the overall construction schedule while almost completely eliminating waste. In April of last year, Prescient expanded into a 120,000 sq. ft. plant off of W. 65th Way and currently employs over 200 people. Recently Arvada Mayor Marc Williams visited the plant and met with Prescient’s founder, John Vanker, to learn more about the innovation that is driving rapid change in the construction industry. To watch the interview and to learn more about Prescient, visit [www.YouTube.com/investinarvada](http://www.YouTube.com/investinarvada) or [www.prescientco.com](http://www.prescientco.com).

**Sprouts Farmers Market Opening Location in West Arvada**

In the summer of 2015, Cadence Capital Investments, a Colorado development firm, and Sprouts Farmers Market, a national grocer with 240 stores in 13 states, worked together to find a good place to call home in West Arvada.

The development was led by Cadence Capital Investments. Based in Denver, Cadence specializes in retail development and investment. They have been active for 16 years in Colorado, California, and Washington, and have more than $500 million of development and over 150 projects under their belt.

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Due to all the growth happening around Arvada, there were limited site options. The search led Cadence to an outdated and under-utilized office building located at the SW corner of Joyce Drive and W. 64th Ave. that was in need of redevelopment. The site is now being trans-
formed into a high-quality retail location, with an attractive 360-degree exterior façade, reflecting the “contemporary rural” character seen in this area. By locating this small-scale healthy grocer within the neighborhood and enhancing the pedestrian connections, it will encourage pedestrian and bike traffic and activate the corner.

Sprouts Farmers Market is very excited to locate to this area of Arvada and is dedicated to providing a high level of customer service to the community. In addition, Sprouts will be bringing more than 100 jobs and sales tax to the City of Arvada.

The Denver area is one of Sprouts largest markets. The grocer prides itself on fresh, affordable, and healthy foods in a small format. The Markets offers barrels of wholesome grains, nuts and sweets; full-service deli, meat, and seafood counters complete with hand-prepared meats and sausages; freshly baked goods; gourmet cheeses; sensibly priced vitamins and supplements; prepared sandwiches and meals; and an extensive offering of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The west Arvada Sprouts is anticipated to open in early summer 2017.

**A New Sign Code for the City of Arvada**

The Arvada City Council approved a new sign ordinance effective January 17, 2017. The sign code revision was necessary after the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Reed v. Town of Gilbert. The Court ruled that the Town’s sign code placed unconstitutional content-based restrictions on speech in violation of the First Amendment. See related story on page 22.

**New Arvada Businesses**

The following are several new businesses that have either opened or plan to open soon in Arvada. For a complete listing of Arvada businesses, go to www.arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org/directory

- Alta (convenience store)
  11185 Ralston Road

- Colorado Commercial Painting
  5310 Ward Road

- Edward Jones
  6410 Miller St.

- JTS Street Fitness
  6350 Wadsworth Blvd.

- Los Tres Garcias Mexican Food
  5175 S. 68th Ave.

- Mika Sushi
  12650 W. 64th Ave.

- We Rock the Spectrum – Arvada (kids gym)
  8330 W. 80th Ave.

Leadership Arvada 2017/18 is Now Accepting Applications!

Be a part of this exciting program and gain valuable insight on what makes our community so special! The Leadership Arvada Program is designed for current and emerging leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds and will give you a better understanding of local and county government, the non-profit community, education, arts and culture, professional development, and so much more!

This nine-month program kicks off in September with a two-day retreat. Monthly one-day sessions will follow and will include on-site tours, hands-on problem solving, and speakers from our community leaders. The group is also responsible for completing a service project that benefits the Arvada community. Graduation takes place in June. The cost to participate is $500.

Applications to participate in Leadership Arvada are due June 30 at 5 p.m.

Visit arvadachamber.org or call the Arvada Chamber of Commerce at 303-424-0313 for more information.
New Sign Regulations for the City of Arvada

Following a year-long effort of the City’s Planning Division and consultants, the Arvada City Council approved new sign code regulations that went into effect on January 17, 2017.

The new code was drafted following public input and the participation of a 20-member advisory committee representing business owners, sign companies, non-profit and religious institutions, and representatives from the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. In drafting the sign regulations, the City considered the importance of signs as a visible means of communication for a business to provide information about products, services, and location. It also complies with Constitutional requirements recently articulated by the U.S. Supreme Court ensuring that any impacts on free speech are permissible and fair.

Details include:
• The code provides a balance with regard to aesthetics, property values, safety, and free speech.
• Regulations are “content-neutral.”
• Signs are classified based on structure, materials, components, durability, lighting, number, height, area, dimensions, duration, location, and maintenance.
• Signs are identified as permanent signs: attached or detached, and temporary signs: attached or detached.
• There are four Sign Districts that correspond to Zoning Districts: Olde Town (OT), Commercial/Industrial (CI), Multi-family Residential (RM), and Single-Family Residential (RS).
• Election signs are not governed by content, but rather their material and/or the structure to which they are attached.

Some signs are exempt from permits but must comply with the sign regulations. Sign permits for permanent signs are issued within seven days after submittal of a complete application. For signage that does not strictly conform to the sign criteria, appropriate processes are provided that would allow additional flexibility; i.e. an alternative sign program or relief of other development standards associated with a sign.

For more information, visit arvada.org/city-hall/city-code/public-input-sought-to-update-city-sign-code, call the Community Development Department at 720-898-7435, or email codeenforcement@arvada.org.

What’s Up With All the Urgent Care Centers?

The recent construction of several urgent/emergency care centers has resulted in residents questioning the City’s planning processes. It is important to note that the City of Arvada does not control where private sector businesses choose to locate or the total number of similar uses in a specific area.

The City’s Land Development Code (LDC) regulates generalized uses of land and the physical improvements in the interest of the public welfare without imposing undue burdens on landowners and their property rights. Zoning regulations address such issues as setbacks, height, traffic, parking, drainage, and landscaping. However, the market determines which specific uses are attracted to a particular site.

Urgent cares are considered a “medical use” as a zoning category, allowed in all commercially zoned areas. While some might think that three urgent care clinics within a few blocks of each other is excessive (or for that matter three grocery stores, three hardware stores, etc.) market data may indicate otherwise. The bottom line is that as long as an area is zoned for a particular use, the City of Arvada has no means of denying an application for that use.

Similarly, while the City receives many questions from citizens such as “why doesn’t Arvada have this store or that store?”, these decisions are ultimately in the hands of the private sector. While the City can and does reach out to businesses to encourage them to locate here, the final decision rests with the business.
April

2  Arvada Kite Festival  
    10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
    Stenger Soccer Complex  
    W. 58th Ave. and Quail St.  
    720-898-7403

7  First Fridays Artwalk  
    6 – 8 p.m.  
    Variety of Olde Town businesses participating  
    VisitArvada.org

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

8  Apex Easter Egg Hunt  
    11 a.m.  
    Stenger Soccer Complex  
    11200 W. 58th Ave.  
    303-424-2739

8  3rd Annual Arvada Car Care Fest  
    10:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
    5630 Ward Road  
    303-736-1111

8  Drug Take-Back Program  
    8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
    Arvada Police Headquarters,  
    8101 Ralston Road

21  State of the City  
    Presented by Mayor Marc Williams and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce  
    7:30 a.m.  
    Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities  
    6901 Wadsworth Blvd.  
    RSVP required, $15/each  
    303-424-0313

May

4  Ladies Only Sample Tour  
    Olde Town Arvada  
    4 – 8 p.m.  
    303-797-9507

5  First Fridays Artwalk  
    6 – 8 p.m.  
    Variety of Olde Town businesses participating  
    VisitArvada.org

7  9Health Fair  
    7 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
    Apex Center  
    13150 W. 72nd Ave.  
    303-424-2739

23  9Health Fair  
    7 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
    Apex Center  
    13150 W. 72nd Ave.  
    303-424-2739

13  Stamp Out Hunger – Arvada Community Food Bank  
    Arvada Community Food Bank  
    8555 W 57th Ave  
    303-424-6685

SAVE-THE-DATE

June 24-25
Ralston Park
64th and Simms

The Arvada Visitors Center is a one-stop-shop resource for the residents of Arvada and guests visiting the area. The Visitors Center is located in Historic Olde Town Arvada at 7305 Grandview Avenue. Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the weekends. For more information, contact Jean Gordon at 720-898-3380 or jean@visitarvada.org. Online at visitArvada.org.
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Lyrics by Tim Rice  Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber  Directed by Rod A. Lansberry

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