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A GREAT DAY FOR POOCHES AND THEIR PEOPLE!



SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Centennial Center Park
13050 E. Peakview Ave.

Bring your canine pal for an event featuring everything for your four-footed friend, including groomers, veterinarians, animal licensing, gourmet dog food and treats and specialty dog toys and equipment.

Humans will enjoy entertainment from the Cast-A-Ways Comedy and Trick Show starring a dog, a bird and a hog. Don't miss the Canine Stars – stunt dogs who delight crowds with freestyle flying discs, high jump, agility and fly ball racing performances.

Other event highlights include demonstrations from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit and the 4H Dog Obedience Training Program for youth and agility course. A free photo booth will be available to capture the fun!

For more information on upcoming City events, visit www.centennialcolorado.com/specialevents.



License your dog today!

Licensing your dog in the City of Centennial is more convenient than ever thanks to online licensing! To get a license or renew an existing license simply visit www.centennialcolorado.com/licensepet and follow a few easy steps. You will need a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate and a credit card.

Once processed, the tag(s) will be mailed to the pet's owner in approximately one to two weeks. Licenses may also be purchased by mail or in person at the Centennial Civic Center.

The cost of a pet license normally ranges from \$12 to \$67 depending on the term of the license (one to three years) and if your pet has been spayed or neutered. The City has partnered with local businesses who will accept current license tags as a coupon or discount for merchandise and services.

Licensing your dog is more than obeying the law; it's providing pets with a ticket home in case they become lost. Responsible pet ownership means licensing and micro-chipping your pet; providing two methods in which your pet may be returned to you.

Election 2013 and Yard Signs



Election season is upon us! With five seats on the nine-member City Council up for election, we can expect to see campaigning throughout the City. Yard signs are the most common way to get the word out— for garage sales, lost pets, special events and to support a favorite candidate. The

City has sign regulations in place to help minimize visual clutter and maintain safety along roadways.

Following the sign regulations is easy if you consider the following questions as you place your signage:

- ◆ **Can I place my sign on private property?**
Yard signs must be located on private property, with permission of the property owner
- ◆ **How big can my sign be?**
 - Up to 6 square feet in size
 - Must be less than 4 feet in height
 - Must not exceed a total of 24 square feet on any one residential property
- ◆ **Can I place my sign along main roadways?**
 - Yard signs cannot be located within 30 feet of a main roadway except when:
 - on residential property that borders main roadways
 - advertising a Home Owners Association, Civic Association or Special District event
 - a fence, wall or other structure clearly outlines the property line

This is not a comprehensive list of regulations. Yard signs are not the only temporary signage used for advertising in Centennial. For more information, visit the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com.

Post Election Sign Round-Up

The City is hosting a post election sign round-up event to recycle political campaign signs from this election season.

November 9
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Centennial Civic Center
13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Simply load the yard signs in your car, bring them to the Centennial Civic Center and we will take care of the rest! Get your kids involved, there will be a special treat for all kids who bring in signs. Check the City website for additional details.

Fifth Annual German Day in Colorado

Presented by the Edelweiss Preservation Foundation

October 5: 11:00 a.m - 11:00 p.m.
October 6: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Centennial Center Park

Celebrate the heritage and traditions of German-speaking people; observe the anniversary of German unification; and enjoy authentic German food, beer, wine, music, dancing, entertainment, educational exhibits and German business booths.

Visit germandayincolorado.org for more information.

Save the Date!

Holiday Lighting Event
November 23
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Centennial Center Park

Bundle up, bring your friends and family to kick off the holiday season with Centennial's Holiday Lighting Event!

Enjoy performances by local school choral groups, a visit from Santa, holiday treats and the lighting of a 30 foot tree.



Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Coffee with a Cop

Residents are invited to speak one-on-one with members of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Have a cup of coffee and ask questions about crime, traffic or quality of life issues in your neighborhood. There's no agenda, no PowerPoints, just you, a uniformed officer and a cup of hot coffee.

September 13

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Peet's Coffee,
6751 S. York St. #518

October 11

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Einstein's Bros Bagels,
6232 S. Parker Rd. #300

November 4

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
IKEA, 9800 E. Ikea Way

For more information please contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Community Resource Unit at 720-874-3892.

ELECTION SEASON IS HERE!

On November 5, Centennial voters will elect a mayor and one city council member from each of the City's four districts. Additionally, there will be a question on the ballot that relates to the City's ability to use its existing fiber optic network. This question will read as follows:

SHALL THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, AND TO RESTORE LOCAL AUTHORITY THAT WAS DENIED TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AND TO FOSTER A MORE COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE, BE AUTHORIZED TO INDIRECTLY PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET (ADVANCED SERVICES), TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, AND/OR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, NON-PROFIT ENTITIES AND OTHER USERS OF SUCH SERVICES, THROUGH COMPETITIVE AND NON-EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE BUSINESSES, AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED BY ARTICLE 29, TITLE 27 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

Please visit www.centennialcolorado.com and click 2013 Election on the lower left of the home page for more information about the 2013 Centennial election.



Celebrating the art of Centennial with "Picture Centennial"

Centennial's new program, **Picture Centennial**, partners with local artists to feature art created in the City or about the City. Picture Centennial highlights the wonderful art of the area, provides a free venue for the display of art and supports local artists in the community. Selected artists are featured in the Centennial Civic Center for three months, with an open house meet-and-greet session with the artist at the beginning of each installment. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments are provided. Verso Cellars provides free wine tastings and offers bottles of wine for sale.

The City's first featured artist is Laurie Mohlenkamp, an accomplished photographer and owner of Centennial-based Denver Creative Media, which provides commercial and art photography, graphic design and website design and hosting. Laurie's strength is in visual media and is best described as having a "keen eye". Through her landscape images, she attempts to take the viewer to beautiful places and evoke a feeling of being there at that moment in time. Laurie has been the photographer for *Downtowner Magazine*, a Colorado publication, and was showcased in *Outdoor Photographer*.

Next featured artist:

Randy Moore, a professional photographer whose business, A Hint of Color, is located within the City. Join us at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17 at the Centennial Civic Center to meet the artist and celebrate the art of Centennial!

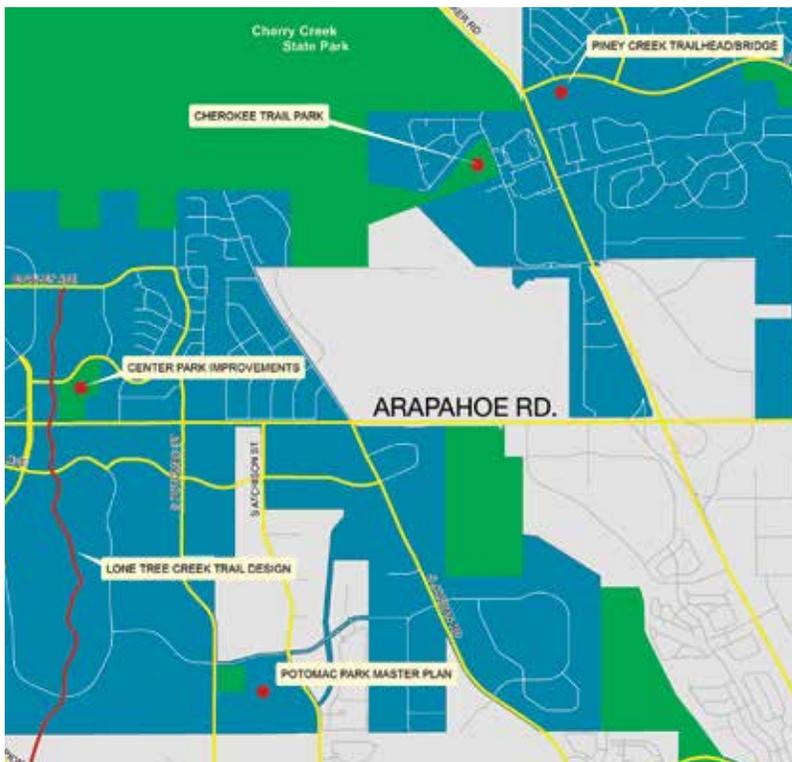
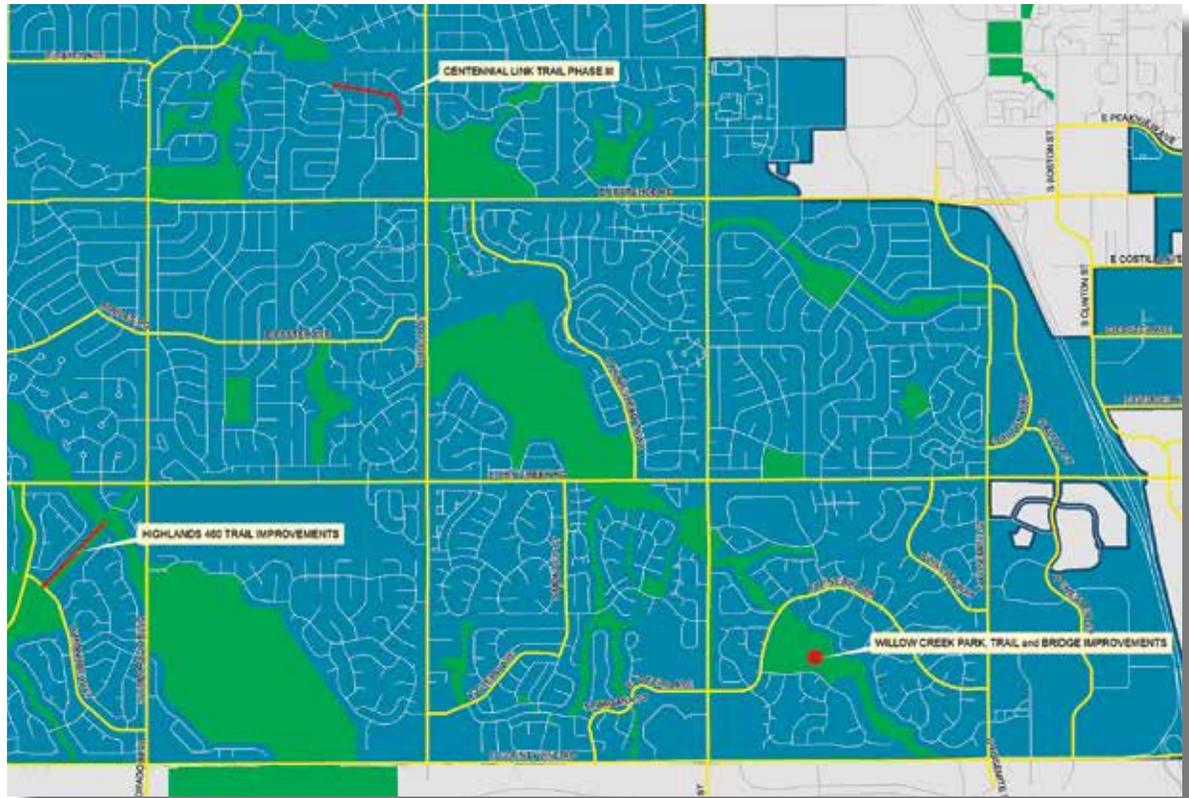
For more information, visit www.centennialcolorado.com/art.



2013 OPEN SPACE PROJECTS CONTINUE

Each year, the City of Centennial receives approximately \$2.4 million in open space funds. The revenues come from two primary sources, the City's share of a 0.25 percent Arapahoe County open space sales tax and the State Conservation Trust Fund, which receives monies from lottery revenue. This revenue is supplemented with grants on a project-by-project basis.

The City partners with two major park districts and provides additional funding for improvements to existing parks and construction of new trails. The South Suburban Parks and Recreation



District serves City residents east of I-25. The Arapahoe Park and Recreation District serves the residents generally east of Parker Rd.

Grants awarded in 2013 fund the completion of the Centennial Link Trail, formalization of the Highlands 460 Trail and upgrades to the Willow Creek Park playground and trail within the South Suburban Park and Recreation District. Projects funded in the Arapahoe Park and Recreation District include major improvements to the Piney Creek Trail at Parker Road, construction of a trailhead at Cherokee Trail Park as it enters Cherry Creek State Park and improvements to several other parks within the District.

Additional projects for 2013 include improvements to neighborhood parks at Twain Elementary, Sandburg Elementary and Peabody Elementary in partnership with Littleton Public Schools and Great Outdoors Colorado as well as improvements to Pool, Rock and Arrowhead parks within the Smoky Hill Metropolitan District. The City will continue to invest in the award-winning Centennial Center Park, complete the master plan for the Potomac Park site and begin design of the Lone Tree Creek Trail, all located in the central part of the City.

Remember to Vaccinate Your Pets

Whether you live in the rural or residential areas of Centennial, your pets are at risk of being exposed to animals carrying the rabies disease. It is important to vaccinate your pets and domestic animals to protect them from this deadly disease.

Skunks, raccoons and bats are the most significant sources of rabies in Colorado. Rabid animals usually show abnormal behavior, such as aggression, confusion or fearlessness of people. Pets and domestic animals may become infected if bitten by a rabid animal – which places you and your family at risk. Immediate medical treatment is required if a person or domestic animal is exposed to rabies. Often times, virus symptoms take months to appear after a bite.

Who to contact

If you or a family member has been in contact with an animal that could have rabies, seek medical attention immediately and contact your local health department. If you live in Adams, Arapahoe or Douglas Counties, call Tri-County Health Department at 303-220-9200.

If your dog, cat, horse or livestock animal has been in contact with an animal that could have rabies, seek veterinary attention and contact your local health department.

For more information about rabies visit the Centers for Disease Control or Tri-County Health Department, visit their websites at www.cdc.gov/rabies or www.tchd.org/rabies.



WHAT'S GOING ON: SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS AND RECREATION

South Suburban is one of the two park and recreation districts that serve Centennial. The Park District has more than 100 parks, 100+ miles of trails and 3,800 acres of open space. Highlights include the Goodson Recreation Center, a full-service facility, located on S. University Blvd. near Arapahoe Rd.

On the east side of Centennial is Family Sports Center on Peoria St. Its campus includes the Sports Dome and Family Sports Golf Course. Check out all the South Suburban facilities, programs and events at www.sspr.org.

Upcoming Events:

Puppy Paddle! Treat your pooch to a swim in South Suburban's Holly Pool September 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All friendly dogs welcome. Register online at www.sspr.org, call 303-347-5999, or register the day of. The cost is \$7 through September 4; \$8 at the door; \$2 per additional dog. 6651 S. Krameria Way.

Free **Touch-A-Truck**, a family-friendly event comes to South Suburban Ice Arena September 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Check out a Zamboni and a variety of emergency and construction vehicles. A bouncy castle, concessions and live demonstrations are included. 6580 S. Vine Street, 303-798-7881.

Keep your Children active and safe at South Suburban's **Fall Break Adventure Day Camp**, October 14-18, and October 28 - November 1, from 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St. Open to kids, ages 6-13.

Enroll by the day in the state-licensed program that keeps kids busy with activities such as the eXerGame Zone, ice skating, sports, climbing wall, laser tag and more. Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch are included in the fee.

Daily Fee: \$51 (\$46 District Rate) Additional Child: \$46 (\$41 District Rate). For more information please contact Michelle Collette at 303-754-0552 or michellec@sspr.org.

2nd Annual Monster Mash, Halloween Bash, October 19 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St.

Come enjoy a Zombie laser tag hunt, eXerGame Zone, inflatable bumper cars and the climbing wall. From 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. enjoy a Halloween skate and costume contest. Skate rental included. No masks are allowed due to safety concerns. 6 yrs. – seniors. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. \$10/\$8 district

Spooktacular! October 18 from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd.

Kids up to 12 years old, get in the Halloween spirit early! Grab your costume and a friend and enjoy an evening of ghoulish fun! Pre-pay \$4 by 7:00 p.m. October 16. Starting October 17, the cost is \$6. Sponsored by the City of Centennial.

FLOOD RISKS IN THE CITY

Your Homeowners Insurance policy does not cover flood damage. Poor drainage systems, intense rainfall, and broken water mains can all result in flooding. Homeowners, business owners, and renters can purchase insurance protection through their agent for both buildings and contents.

Many people think if they do not live near a stream or creek they are not in danger of flooding; this is not true. Flooding is the nation's number one natural disaster. Flash floods, inland flooding and seasonal storms flood every region of the country. Flood

maps don't show all areas at risk! Flooding can and often does occur outside the mapped floodplain along smaller streams and creeks that are not shown on any flood maps. Non-creek flooding can occur from overwhelmed storm sewers, low-lying areas that do not have proper drainage or water mains that break. Much of the true risk of flooding is its unpredictability.

Colorado's flood season, historically from May through October, includes both snowmelt and thunderstorm flooding. Snowmelt floods result from spring run off – the melting of the

winter snowpack in the high mountain areas. Thunderstorm floods are caused by intense rain over relatively small areas. Because there is little to no warning time, the term flash flood is often used to describe thunderstorm floods. Between 20 and 30 large floods occur somewhere in Colorado every year and Colorado experiences a major flood disaster roughly once every five years.

To learn more about preparing for a flood, visit www.semswa.org, or call (303) 858-8844.

BRING YOUR READING TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY TRYING OUT AN EREADER

Now is the time to try out an eReader for the latest eBook titles. Visit any library in the Arapahoe Library District for assistance on how to load eBooks to your current device. Patrons may now check out Nook eReaders already loaded with eBooks available at library branches.

eReaders have revolutionized the who, what, where, when, why and how of reading with the following features:

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- *Multiple titles can be stored within an eReader device*
- *There is a highlighting and note-taking feature with most eReaders*
- *Audiobooks can also be downloaded to eReaders*
- *Patrons with a library card can download titles from library eBooks collections*

For assistance in using your own personal eReader or tablet device, patrons are encouraged to use the Book a Librarian Service for a personalized one-on-one 30-minute appointment. Book a librarian online at arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY. Library staff are knowledgeable about how patrons can get the most from their eReaders, or even suggest what kind of eReader may be the best fit.

Once eBooks and eReaders are mastered, eMagazines from Zinio and music from Freegal are also available for download.

For more information, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY.

ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

The Paleo Diet

September 14, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly Street

Meet CSU professor Dr. Loren Cordain, author of the book, *The Paleo Diet*. Dr. Cordain is the world's foremost authority on the evolutionary basis of diet and disease. Featured on *Dateline NBC*, in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*, Dr. Cordain is widely acknowledged as one of the world's leading experts on the natural human diet of our Stone Age ancestors.

He is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts, and his research into the health benefits of Stone Age Diets for contemporary people has appeared in the world's top scientific journals. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

This program is free, but registration is required.

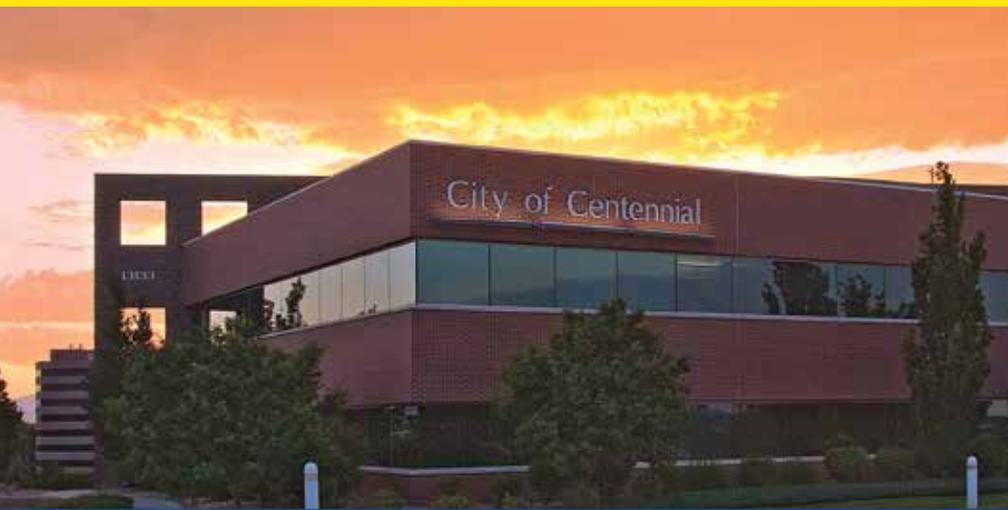
To register, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

Food Trucks & Outdoor Concert

September 14, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Smoky Hill Library, 5430 South Biscay Circle

Enjoy a late summer evening with fabulous food and a fun concert in Smoky Hill Library's parking lot. Satisfy your food cravings with a purchase from the local food trucks that will be on site, then stay and enjoy the free concert featuring *The Six Million Dollar Band*. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.



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SIGN UP FOR INFO

Emergency Notification
www.ArapahoeSheriff.org
www.SouthMetro.org

City News - E-News Sign Up
www.centennialcolorado.com



Every Wednesday from noon to 1:00 p.m., Mayor Cathy Noon is at the Centennial Civic Center to speak with Centennial citizens about ideas, concerns, questions— just about anything that's on your mind. Stop by and say hello!

NEW CITY WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Keep your eyes peeled for a new and improved City website, www.centennialcolorado.com. The new website is scheduled to launch in November 2013. The new site will offer a number of interactive features providing a more user-friendly experience!

Citizen Alert Notification Sign Up

Have you registered to receive Emergency Notifications? Visit www.arapahoesherriff.org or www.southmetro.org. Click on the Citizen Alert icon to register your landline or cellular device to receive emergency notifications.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 Meeting

October 4 • 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
South Metro Chamber of Commerce
2154 E. Commons Ave., #342

District 2 Meeting

October 15 • 7:00 PM
Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St.

District 3 Meetings

September 12 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Centennial Civic Center, 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

October 3 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Innovation Pavillion, 9200 E. Mineral Ave.

October 24 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Centennial Civic Center, 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

District 4 Meeting

September 12 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Centennial Civic Center, 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

October 10 • 6:30 PM
Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir.

Centennial Municipal Court hits the 10 year mark!

The Centennial Municipal Court is hosting an open house in celebration of its 10th year anniversary! Join us September 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the City's Court Room at the Centennial Civic Center. Light refreshments will be served.



Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is underway and will continue through November, weather permitting. Residents are encouraged to visit the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com/StreetSweeping to access maps illustrating when street sweeping is scheduled to occur on the east and west sides of the City, with I-25 being the dividing line between the two maps. It is recommended that residents do not park on the street during their neighborhood's scheduled street sweep time.

The sweeping schedules are dependent upon the weather and may change slightly to adjust for program delays. Residents are encouraged to register online to receive email notifications regarding updates to the sweeping schedule. Click the E-Services button at the top right hand of the home page and go to E-News Sign Up.

**COMING WINTER 2014!
CENTENNIAL 101:
A CITIZEN'S ACADEMY**

Join us for the inaugural class of Centennial 101!

Learn more about your City:

- What we do
- How we do what we do
- What makes Centennial different?

Look for applications mid-November
at www.centennialcolorado.com.