

CONNECTION

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SNOW PLOWING

KEEPING ROADS SAFE IN THE WINTER

Centennial’s primary focus during the winter snow season is to keep the main arterials and collector streets throughout the City safe for traveling. Snow plowing operations are initiated as soon as accumulation begins and snow can be effectively plowed. The City deploys up to 15 snowplows, depending on the storm intensity.

- Priority 1 roadways- major arterial streets, streets with four or more travel lanes and streets that provide access for emergency responses

- Priority 2 roadways- minor arterial and major collector streets that connect the major arterial streets to residential streets, including school zones, major office areas and larger retail establishments.

In the event of a major storm when snow accumulation is predicted to be nine (9) inches or more and freezing temperatures are in the forecast, the City Manager may authorize snowplowing on all remaining residential streets.

For details about plowing operations and routes, please visit www.centennialco.gov/snow.

ICE BUILDUP HELP PREVENT IT ON YOUR STREET

In the interest of public safety, the City encourages residents and business owners to remove snow from sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours after a storm ends and to assist neighbors who are unable to clear sidewalks themselves. Additionally, it is also important to keep school bus stops, fire hydrants, power boxes and storm drains clear of snow and ensure they’re accessible. To minimize accumulation of snow and ice on residential streets, residents should trim vegetation to eliminate shady areas, which can lead to icing, especially if you reside on the south side of a residential street.

AGING WELL IN CENTENNIAL



"Aging in place is an important issue to the City and with the help of our Senior Commission we are planning for the future."

—Mayor Cathy Noon

Aging well is more than just a phrase; at Holly Creek Retirement Community, it's a way of life. Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon and Masterpiece Living President Dr. Roger Landry recently spoke to Holly Creek residents about living young in the mind, body and spirit, as part of a Successful Aging Symposium.

Holly Creek is recognized as a Masterpiece Living community, which emphasizes physical, intellectual, social and spiritual wellness as the keys to vibrant living. In addition, Holly Creek is one of just eight communities in the nation to earn the designation of a certified center of successful aging.

With nearly 18,500 Centennial residents ages 60 and better, Mayor Noon said the City strives to take care of its seniors. A recent regional survey found that in Centennial, nine out of 10 seniors volunteer, two-thirds are caregivers and over half of the senior population rated Centennial as excellent.

Mayor Noon focused her remarks on transportation, housing, taxes and medical care. Centennial's projected demographic for 2030's senior population is 26,923 – a whopping 17.3 percent higher than the national average.

When Landry spoke, his sense of humor and pride in geriatrics and preventative medicine set an inspiring tone for the large group of senior attendees. He stressed the importance of changing society's attitude about how people treat and value older adults.

He encouraged seniors to make their name in the community by sharing their skills and being an engaged member of society. These goals are echoed by the Centennial Senior Commission, which was established in 2010.

For more information about Holly Creek, visit www.hollycreekretirementcommunity.org. To learn more about the Centennial Senior Commission, go to www.centennialco.gov/seniors.

Centennial Attorney Receives International Recognition



Bob Widner

vibrant community we have today. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious honor, and extend our congratulations on behalf of the City.”

Centennial City Attorney Bob Widner was recently recognized as a Local Government Fellow by the International Municipal Law Association (IMLA). Widner had to pass a written exam and engage in published academic work demonstrating his knowledge of local government law to earn this distinction. Since the establishment of the Fellow program more than 15 years ago, fewer than 80 municipal attorneys have fulfilled the requirements and earned the designation.

Widner’s 26 year career has been devoted exclusively to representing local governments and he has represented Centennial since 2004. He currently serves as an Executive Board member of the Colorado Municipal League and is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Colorado Law School where he teaches land use law.

Centennial City Manager John Danielson said, “Bob is an extremely hard-working, dedicated professional. He has advised the City through many strategic economic development and land use issues, helping to shape the

This designation helps the public identify those lawyers who possess special knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area of local government law.

Centennial Receives National Award of Excellence for State of the City Report



Centennial recently received a national Award of Excellence for the 2014 State of The City Report from the City-County Marketing Association (3CMA) in the Annual Report category.

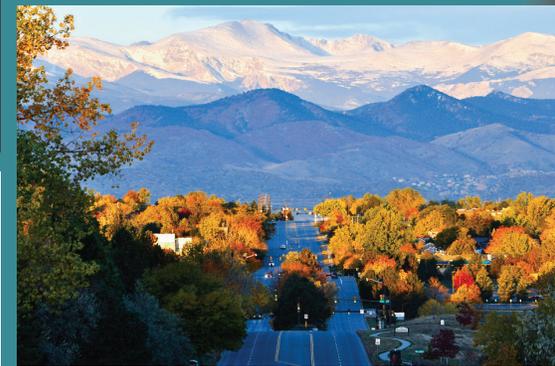
Centennial’s State of The City Report was produced to highlight the Great Performances of 2014, focusing on City achievements and celebrating the first summer of events at the City’s new amphitheater. Entries were judged on overall creativity, quality of content, design and production, and measurable results. Judges said that the Centennial report was “a great publication with a beautiful layout. Pictures are really nice and tell a great story.”

The Savvy Awards, held in conjunction with 3CMA’s annual conference, recognize outstanding local government achievements in communications and innovations in marketing.

USA Today Names Centennial #4 Best Place to Live in America

Centennial ranks #4 among the 50 Best Places to Live in America according to USA Today, a jump from last year’s #26. A range of variables were reviewed by 24/7 Wall St., LLC including crime rates, employment growth, access to restaurants and attractions, educational attainment, and housing affordability to identify the list of 50 cities.

Visit www.usatoday.com to view the entire article.



CITY PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS



Hats off to all those who pitched in at the Highland Park community-build to complete the final stage of the new playground.

In 2014, Centennial contributed \$200,000 from the Open Space Fund for improvements to the Highland Elementary Playground. The improvements included upgraded age-appropriate play equipment, installation of an outdoor classroom for studying gardening, art, science and improvements to walking trails. In addition, these play areas were brought to current ADA standards. These improvements not only benefit Highland Elementary School students, but also the children and families from the local neighborhood.

The Highland Elementary playground project is one of five Littleton Public School playground projects the City contributed Open Space Funds to in 2013 and 2014. Other schools that received support were Peabody Elementary, Sandberg Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary and Newton Middle School.



TEEN COURT

SHAPES ADOLESCENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF JUSTICE

As of last May, Centennial has held 12 hearings using a panel of teenagers to sentence other teenagers who have been caught breaking curfew or smoking tobacco. The hope for the program is to teach youth about the justice system and to facilitate a creative learning experience for those kids who've made mistakes.

The voluntary program, run through the City's Municipal Court, has a magistrate panel of three to five, made up primarily of Youth Commission members. Each panel has a case presenter and presiding magistrate. Just like any other court, the "defendant" swears an oath, the case is presented, questions are asked, a deliberation is held and a sentence is handed down.

Teen Court is open to those under 18 who've committed a misconduct in Centennial on a municipal level-anything more severe is handled by the Arapahoe County District Attorney's office. Defendants who are eligible to go through the Teen Court process plead guilty before the panel passes down a sentence. Sentences range from essays or apology letters to education classes for anger management and smoking cessation. Each defendant is also invited back to serve on the panel as a magistrate; a full circle kind of experience. Any teen defendant who completes their sentence is given the opportunity to have the incident expunged from their record.

"Our City is set up to educate and we want to give children more tools to help prevent them from breaking laws in the future," Court Administrator Kimber Liss said.

The majority of misbehaviors stem from breaking curfew. In Centennial, anyone under 18 cannot be out after 11 p.m. on weekdays, or 12 a.m. on the weekend. The teen court system is used to help young people involved with a case to have a better understanding and realization of the situation on both sides of the court. It invokes a positive thought of "what if" when presented with a future pressured circumstance, so teens learn to make better decisions.

Youth Commission Coordinator Kelly Brady, who is involved with the supervision of teen court magistrates, said, "I think it really gives a teen a second chance to right a wrong. Whether or not they are sitting on a panel, they get to see both sides of justice."

The public is allowed to attend teen court hearings, but anyone attending must sign a confidentiality notice to make sure all information obtained will not be shared.

4th Annual Holiday Lighting Celebration!

Saturday, November 21
4 - 6 p.m.

Centennial Center Park
13050 E. Peakview Ave,
Centennial, CO 80111

Bundle up and bring your family and friends and enjoy listening to songs from our local school choral groups. Take free photos with Santa! Cub Scout Pack 268 from Homestead Elementary will be handing out FREE cocoa and cookies. Top off the evening with the lighting of our 20-foot tree!



Thank you to our participating schools!

Creekside Elementary
Peabody Elementary
Sandburg Elementary

Homestead Elementary
Peakview Elementary
Newton Middle School

Help others stay warm this winter!

If you're planning to attend the Holiday Lighting event, consider bringing a gently worn or new coat to donate to Coats for Colorado and/or a pair of or a package of new socks for the Sock It To 'Em Sock Campaign. Coats and socks for men, women and children are needed.



Pardon the Inconvenience

Starting in January, Centennial will be remodeling the Civic Center. Some services may be temporarily relocated during the remodel. Follow signage at the building or call 303-325-8000 before you go.

City Council meetings and Municipal Court will continue as normal at the Civic Center.



FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING AND MULCH

Starting Saturday, December 26, 2015 until Sunday, January 17, 2016 you can dispose of clean, non-ornamented, non-decorated Christmas trees from sunrise to sunset at the following locations:



City of Centennial and Arapahoe Park and Recreation District (east side of the City):

- Lookout Park, 5455 S. Riviera Way
- Piney Creek Hollow Park, 6140 S. Tower Rd.

It is anticipated free mulch will be available for private use at both locations starting Monday, December 28 and every other day after that, excluding holidays, weekends and snow events.

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (west side of the City):

- Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 S. Holly St, in the designated enclosure by the front gate.

Residents may obtain free mulch, beginning Wednesday, December 30. The mulch will be available weekdays, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Willow Spring site.

Artificial trees will not be recycled.



Be a "Snow Hero" and help others stay safe!

Take the time to shovel, snow blow, scrape or salt the walks directly in front and adjacent to your property within 24 hours of a snow storm.

Doing so provides a safe travel path for your family, friends, visitors and neighbors. Do you know a Snow Hero who is keeping the community slip-free? Nominate Snow Heroes from your mobile phone by going to www.centennialsnowhero.com or go to the City's website at www.centennialco.gov/snowhero. Over the past three seasons, 173 residents and 34 businesses/civic associations have been recognized. Nominees receive a letter from the Mayor, a Snow Hero window decal, and a listing on the City website or included in our Snow Hero Gallery if a photo is submitted.

CONSTRUCTION IN FULL SWING

Progress Continues
on Arapahoe Road between
Waco Street and Himalaya Way



Since the start of construction in early August traffic lanes have been shifted and the roadside shoulders have been filled in to bring up the elevation for the new roadway. The installation of storm drainage and utility relocations are underway.

Construction occurs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Occasional lane closures should be expected between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. One lane will always be open during the morning and evening rush hours. The speed limit has been reduced to 35 MPH so please slow for the cone zone. Learn more at www.arapahoeroad.com.

COOL SAVINGS on High Efficiency Furnaces

Cooler temperatures mean it's time to turn on the heat. If you need a new furnace, consider a high efficiency model to save yourself money in energy bills. To help you save even more money on the cost of the furnace, Xcel Energy offers rebates. Here's how it works.

1 Use a qualified contractor to determine the best furnace for your home.



2 Get a \$120 rebate on qualifying models. The contractor can even fill out the paperwork for you. It's that easy.



To get started, visit
www.xcelenergy.com/ResidentialHeating.

FLOOD MAP INFORMATION SERVICE

The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA)
is your resource for flood risk information.

What does the flood map service provide you?

- A map of the flood hazard area in relation to your property.
- Evaluation and comment on the flood risk status of your property or structure.
- Assistance with requests to revise or amend FEMA flood risk maps.
- Information about the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement for properties in the FEMA high-risk flood hazard area.
- Review of Elevation Certificates.
- Permit requirements for development in the flood hazard areas.

For more information call SEMSWA at 303-858-8844, or visit www.SEMSWA.org.

CENTENNIAL CIVIC CENTER

MAIN PHONE NUMBER FOR
ALL CITY INFORMATION
24 / 7, 365 DAYS A YEAR

303-325-8000

CITY OF CENTENNIAL OFFICES

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www.centennialco.gov

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Every Wednesday from noon to 1 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!

For information regarding accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please visit
www.centennialco.gov.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 Meeting

Monday, November 30
6-8 p.m.
Southglenn Library
6972 S. Vine Street

District 2 Meeting

Monday, November 30
6:30 p.m.
Salvation Army
3900 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Holiday Lighting Event

November 21 | See page 6 for details!



District 1 Council Member Vorry Moon (left), and District 2 Council Member Keith Gardner (right).

City Says Farewell to Two Long-Time Council Members

The City of Centennial extends its deepest appreciation and thanks to District 1 Council Member Vorry Moon and District 2 Council Member Keith Gardner, both of whom are term-limited out after eight years of service. That's more than half the lifespan of our City!

Hear some of their favorite moments and recollections, as well as advice for future Council members in a video message shown at the 2015 State of the City address. Go to www.centennialco.gov/stateofcity and select the 2015 Outgoing Council link to view.

While new election results are in, they do not become official until the votes are canvassed on Nov. 20, after the date of this publication. Go to www.centennialco.gov/election to view the latest information on incoming Council Members.