



TIME TO PREPARE FOR WINTER!



On average the City of Centennial gets approximately 40 inches of snow in about a dozen storms each year. The City's Snow and Ice Control Plan provides cost effective services to ensure adequate mobility for public transit and emergency services, access to businesses and major routes into residential areas. Not all routes in the City are plowed and service

on neighborhood streets is limited. The complete Plan and details of the priority system used for plowing streets is available on the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com.

In the interest of public safety, the City encourages residents and business owners to remove snow from the sidewalks adjoining

their property within 24 hours after a storm ends and to assist neighbors who are unable to clear sidewalks themselves.

It is also important that areas around school bus stops, fire hydrants, power boxes and storm drains be kept clear and 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. Please call 303-325-8000 to report any clogged storm drains and potholes or to report any other issues or concerns to the City.

Consider keeping the following items in your car:

- Blankets, extra clothes and a first aid kit
- Non-perishable foods and bottled water
- Cellular phone or hand radio
- Jumper cables and a tow rope
- Small shovel, flashlight and a windshield scraper
- Bag of sand or cat litter for traction
- Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag

A FEW HELPFUL REMINDERS...

- Winterize your car with fresh antifreeze and a good battery.
- Change your tires now to ensure they have adequate tread for winter and make sure your tires are properly inflated.
- Don't assume your vehicle can operate smoothly in all weather conditions. Vehicles that are four-wheel and front-wheel drive can still encounter trouble on winter roads.
- Keep your windshield clear and

drive with your lights on.

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Drive slowly and brake gently to avoid skidding.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Be careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, as

these locations are the first to freeze.

- Be cautious when approaching or following snowplows. Passing a snowplow can be extremely dangerous due to slick conditions and visibility. Allow plenty of room between vehicles and remember snowplows need more room to stop. You're likely to find the condition of the road in front of the snowplow to be worse than the road behind.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH OPEN SPACE FUNDS!

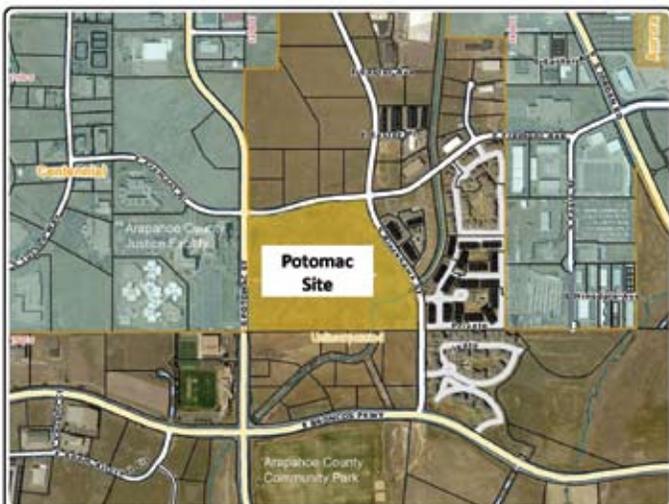
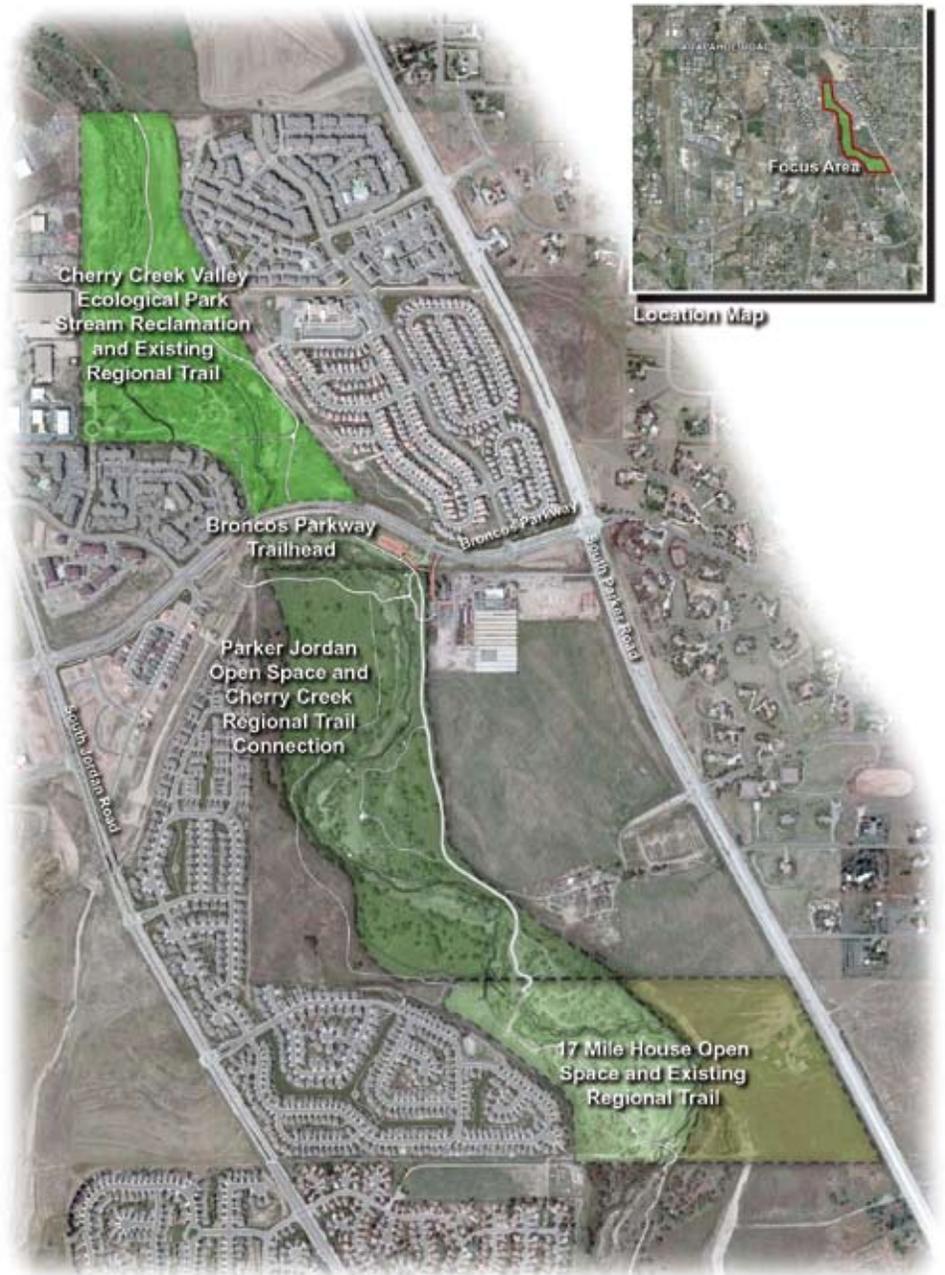
Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space

Centennial acquired 50 percent ownership of 107 acres of open space along Cherry Creek in partnership with Parker Jordan Metro District (PJMD). This acquisition made it possible to complete one of the last missing links along the 40-mile Cherry Creek Regional Trail which extends from downtown Denver to Castlewood Canyon State Park in Douglas County. This open space, together with the Cherry Creek Valley Eco-Park and 17-Mile Park, form a regional network of natural areas for the public to enjoy the Cherry Creek ecosystem and natural history.

Construction of the Broncos Parkway Trailhead (substantially funded by Arapahoe County and PJMD) and the Cherry Creek Regional Trail was completed in October 2010.

Stream stabilization to control erosion is currently being constructed along the trail. In addition, rest areas, stream access and educational, directional and safety signage is being implemented as well.

These improvements are scheduled to be complete in early 2012. The City of Centennial and PJMD have contributed funds for this project as well as Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) awarding a \$360,000 grant.



Potomac Park/Open Space Site

The City has acquired a 40-acre site located on Potomac St. just north of E. Broncos Pkwy for future open space and possible recreation use. A planning grant has been submitted to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to assist with a master planning process to determine the future use of the site.

Planning for the future...

NEWS FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Progress Continues on Centennial Civic Center Park

Below: Core play area under construction in the Centennial Civic Center Park. Photo taken September 2011

Right: Rendering of Centennial Civic Center Park located just west of the City Offices located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd. The park is currently being constructed and is scheduled to be complete by the end of this year.



THANK YOU TO THE CENTENNIAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT!



The City of Centennial thanks the members of the **Board of Adjustment** for their service to the community. The Board of Adjustment listened, considered and granted possible variances of Zoning Regulations. The Board also heard appeals made by the Land Use Services Department regarding code interpretations. The last meeting of the Board of Adjustment was held on September 15, 2011. From left to right: Kristine McGovern (District 3); Lisa Gajowski (staff); Derek Holcomb (staff); Robert Wing (District 3); Andrew Firestine (staff); Blain Myhre (District 3); Tom Wood (District 2); Jay Ledbetter (District 4); and Maureen Juran (staff). Not pictured: Frank Halcomb (District 1).

Centennial Senior Commission Selected

The City Council values the ideas and opinions of the City's senior citizens on matters affecting them. Therefore, the Centennial Senior Citizen Commission was formed as an advisory group to City Council. Nine regular members and three ex-officio members were appointed in July. Mayor Cathy Noon will be the City Council liaison.

The Centennial Senior Citizen Commission will:

- Advise the City Council on matters affecting seniors
- Serve as a forum for the expression of ideas, needs, concerns and goals relating to community issues, particularly as they may affect seniors
- Enlist community-wide participation in resolving senior concerns
- Provide senior opportunities to participate with other citizens in activities and programs that benefit all of the citizens of Centennial

The City had a record number of applications for this new commission. A total of 34 were interviewed. "It was very hard for the interview committee to make the final membership decisions," said Mayor Noon. "We interviewed 34 outstanding candidates, all of whom were extraordinary."

The nine regular members (by district) include: District 1 - Kathy Turley and Tommy Grier; District 2 - James Fleenor, Patricia Palmer and Herbert Bowman; District 3 - Lynn Goering, Jill Croteau and Gail Ploen; and District 4 - Greg Glischinski. The ex-officio members include Linda Haley, Tim Rogers and Linda Aluise. Ex-officio members are non-voting members that will serve as resources to the commission.

"I am looking forward to working with the Commission," said Mayor Noon. "Our 2010 Census figures show a rapidly growing number of older adults living in our city and we need to be prepared to meet their needs."

For more information, contact Sherry Patten, Manager of Community and Government Relations, at spatten@centennialcolorado.com or 303-754-3454.



Left to Right Back Row: Herb Bowman, Tommy Grier, Tim Rogers, Greg Glischinski. Left to Right Middle Row: Linda Haley, Jim Fleenor, Lynn Goering. Front Row: Linda Aluise, Gail Ploen, Kathy Turley. Not Pictured: Pat Palmer and Jill Croteau.



*Submitted by Nancy Doty,
Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder*

Registered voters in Arapahoe County will see a positive change to the way they cast their ballot in the 2011 Coordinated Election. Citizens can choose to:

- Vote by mail. Voters who have chosen this method will receive their requested mail ballot beginning October 11.
- Vote early at one of four locations, October 17-28.
- NEW! Vote at any one of 17 Vote Centers on Election Day, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., November 1, regardless of where they live. Vote Centers are a new cost-effective and convenient change that replaces traditional precinct polling places. There are no assigned places to vote. A citizen who lives in Centennial but works in Aurora can head to the nearest Vote Center over the lunch hour.

Visit www.arapahoevotes.com to:

- Request a mail ballot
- Register to vote online
- Update your address or party affiliation
- Find Vote Center locations
- Find Early Vote hours and locations
- Track your ballot
- Find mail-in ballot drop-off locations and hours

Please contact the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 303-795-4511 for more information.

Election 2011 is Near

The City of Centennial is coordinating its November 1, 2011 Municipal Election with Arapahoe County as part of their Vote Center Election.

Ten candidates have submitted sufficient petitions and will vie for four open city council seats. Candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot by District are:

District 1: Jack Walmsley, Vorry Moon, Sharon West
District 2: Matt Jordan, Keith Gardner, Craig Klosterman
District 3: Kenneth L. Lucas, Andrea Suhaka
District 4: Maclyn "Mac" Stringer, Stephanie Piko

HOME IMPROVEMENTS MADE THE "HIP" WAY

Thinking of starting a major home improvement project? Contact the City's Building Division to ask about the Home Improvement Program or HIP. The purpose of this voluntary program is to Assist, Educate and Incentivize homeowners on their home improvement projects.

The Building Division is available for consultation prior to the start of a significant home improvement project to inform you of potential life safety issues, provide information on how to select a contractor and identify resources about discounts on services and materials from local businesses.

Once a building permit is issued, the building inspectors will conduct inspections to ensure improvements meet building code standards so the finished product is a safe one.

The HIP is a tool for the City to encourage investment in our neighborhoods by being a partner in the process. Since the kick-off of the Program on July 1st, nineteen (19) Centennial homeowners in sixteen (16) different neighborhoods have received building permits that qualify for the program. These projects represent a combined \$1,000,000 investment by homeowners in their homes.

To qualify for a 20% discount (refund) on your building permit fees, projects must have a permit valuation of \$15,000 or more. The refund is sent to the homeowner after the building permit is closed out.

The City is partnering with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the City's Explore Centennial shop local program to combine existing resources to assist Centennial homeowners in the home improvement process.

To learn more about HIP, including our partners, please visit the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com. Look for the Home Improvement Program under the Building Division.



FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION SERVICE

The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) provides answers to questions related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain maps for residents of Centennial.

What does the service provide?

- Evaluation and comment on the floodprone status of insurable structures (a referral to FEMA may be required for an official determination).
 - A map of the floodplain in relation to your insurable structure or property.
 - Review of elevation certificates for insurable structures built within the floodplain after the City's incorporation in 2001.
 - Information on the mandatory purchase of flood insurance for insurable structures.
 - Information on FEMA's floodplain maps and the National Flood Insurance Program.

For more information, call SEMSWA at 303-858-8844.



Public Works Survey Coming Soon

The City of Centennial wants to know what residents think about their public works services such as street repair, sweeping, snow plowing, traffic signals, response times and more. 3,000 households will be surveyed as a representative sample.

Participating households will be selected randomly for the survey. Each will receive a multi-page questionnaire through the mail and will be provided with a postage paid return envelope. Responses are anonymous.

The information obtained in the survey will be used to evaluate constituent needs and services provided.

This survey is being conducted by National Research Center, Inc. for the City. Please help us serve you better by completing this survey.



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SIGN UP FOR INFO

Emergency Notification

www.ArapahoeSheriff.org

City News - e-News Sign Up

www.centennialcolorado.com



Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. 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!

Stay Connected!

Keep your neighborhood informed! The City of Centennial wants to make sure that your neighborhood is involved and receives up-to-date information on the latest happenings in the City.

The City believes in transparency; please help us provide the information that's important to you.

By registering, the City has the opportunity to communicate with you about development projects, construction, community events, City meetings and emergency activities.

To register, visit our website at www.centennialcolorado.com, go to the "Living" section and click on "Neighborhoods;" or call the City at 303-325-8000.

Street Sweeping— Fall Leaf Pickup

The street sweeping program will continue throughout the months of October and November, weather permitting. The Public Works Department encourages residents to visit the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com to access maps showing when street sweeping is scheduled.

To assist with the fall leaf pickup, we strongly encourage residents to **NOT PARK** on the street during the time period the sweeper is scheduled in your neighborhood. Please visit the website regularly since the maps are frequently adjusted due to weather and the progress of the sweepers. Call 303-325-8000 for more information.



CITY-WIDE BIKE LANE PROJECT



The Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan recognizes the need to increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity across the community. One goal identified in the Plan is to enhance the community wide trail system by connecting the trails.

This year the City constructed 18 miles of new bike lanes consistent with the Master Plan. Funding for the project came from the Arapahoe County Open Space Tax and was allocated to the project through priorities set by the City's Open Space Advisory Board.

For a map of the new bike lanes and additional information please visit our website at www.centennialcolorado.com