



ELECTION RESULTS

Welcome newly elected officials of the City of Centennial

Ward I

Betty Ann Habig

Ward II

Keith Gardner

Ward III

Patrick Anderson

Ward IV

re-elected Todd Miller

City Treasurer

Susan Bockenfeld

City Clerk

Linda Gawlik

Voters approved the formation of a Home Rule Charter Commission. Elected to serve:

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| • Debra Armbruster | • Richard Goering | • Cathy Noon |
| • John Brackney | • Mike Hamrick | • Patrick Pratt |
| • Peg Brady | • Dave Hanna | • Susan Rosser |
| • Gail Coombs | • Laura Hoepfner | • Don Strickland |
| • Gerry Cummins | • Dave Hunt | • William C. Stoker |
| • Shannon Gish | • Becky Lennon | • Andrea Suhaka |
| • Lynn Goering | • Rhonda Livingston | • Kathy Turley |

Karen Hamilton may serve as an alternate member of the Centennial Home Rule Charter Commission. After the votes were re-counted, Karen and Gail Coombs received the same number of votes, ending in a tie. On November 29, Arapahoe County Clerk, Nancy Doty presided over a drawing to decide the winner of the vote.

Starting the day after the election, November 7, the Centennial Home Rule Charter Commission has 120 days to write a proposed city charter that the citizens of Centennial will vote on in June 2008.

Question 200 stating that no payroll deduction shall be taken from the payroll compensation of any employee except for deductions required by federal law, tax withholdings, judicial liens and garnishments also passed.

HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION ELECTED

After six years of being a statutory city, the citizens of Centennial have voted and approved the formation of a Centennial Home Rule Charter Commission. Twenty one Centennial residents were elected to draft a home rule charter within 120 days of the November 6 election.

Having a home rule charter will allow Centennial the authority to deal with local matters instead of looking to state statutes. Home rule will also allow Centennial to collect its own taxes in a timely manner.

As Centennial continues to grow as a new city, it has become more challenging to find statutes that cover

NEW CITY WEBSITE LAUNCHED!



The City of Centennial has launched a new and improved Website.

The web address, www.CentennialColorado.com, is the same but the look and feel is completely different.

This new site is more user friendly, easier to navigate and has more information available to the public.

New features on this site include:

- Real Simple Syndication (RSS) feed allows people to include the City of Centennial link on their personal web page for easy access. This is a one stop shop for those that like to have specific information available on one site.
- Visitors can sign up to receive information electronically such as newsletters, bid postings, job postings, council meeting minutes and much more.

The City plans to continue enhancements to the site.

NEW JUDGES JOIN THE CENTENNIAL MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Ford Wheatley was appointed presiding judge for the City of Centennial by City Council in 2007. Judge Wheatley has many years of municipal court experience and was one of the first associate judges appointed by the City of Centennial. Judge Wheatley also presides in the Glendale Municipal Court and Idaho Springs.

City Council appointed three additional assistant judges, Randall Davis, Beth Faragher, and James Anderson. Judge Richard McManus also serves the City as an assistant Judge.



Centennial Judges (left to right) Randall Davis, Beth Faragher, Mayor Randy Pye and James Anderson.



Our Voice. Our Vision.
Centennial 2030

The City of Centennial kicked off the Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030 Project in August. There are four specific subcommittees focusing on City Services, Economic Health, Quality of Life and Environment.

The purpose of this visioning exercise is to learn and understand the community's wants, needs and desires for the City of Centennial for the next two decades, enabling the City to build a solid foundation for Centennial's future. A report outlining the vision and action plans received from each subcommittee is in development. The vision of the City is being led by the citizens of Centennial.

Centennial's Youth Commission is playing a role in the Visioning Project. They have a video on YouTube™.com titled Our Voice. Our Vision. Our Youth. The Youth Commission interviewed their peers to find out their vision for the City. Some of the feedback received from the interviewees was to preserve parks and the environment, more accessible transit, more pedestrian friendly, youth focused and/or family owned businesses.

In addition, the Youth Commission developed a MySpace™ page where people can post their ideas or goals for the City. You can view the MySpace page at www.myspace.com/centennial2030.com

For more information about The Centennial Visioning Project visit www.Centennial2030.com.

THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN *Frequently Asked Questions*

Construction is underway at The Streets at SouthGlenn. We continue to receive interest from our citizens about this new, mixed-use development. Outlined below are a few of the more frequently asked questions and their answers.

Will Sears and Macy's stay open throughout construction?

Yes. Both Sears and Macy's will stay open throughout construction. Both buildings will receive new facades that will match the architecture of the rest of the new, mixed-use development. Citizens of Centennial are encouraged to visit both retail stores throughout the development process.

Which tenants are confirmed to be a part of The Streets at SouthGlenn?

Whole Foods Market, American Screen Works, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Macy's Home Store and Staples will join Macy's and Sears as project anchors. The Streets at SouthGlenn continues to attract leading national and local retailers and restaurants. The remaining available retail space is under active lease negotiations. Additional retailers and restaurants will be named in the near future.

When will The Streets at SouthGlenn open for business?

The first retailers including Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, the new Macy's Home Store and Staples will open in Fall 2008. The Town Center, which includes Whole Foods, Barnes & Noble, the 16-screen cinema and The Commons park, will open in Spring 2009.

Once open, what amenities can shoppers and visitors expect at The Streets at SouthGlenn?

The Streets at SouthGlenn will provide unique amenities to both its visitors and its residents. Shoppers will enjoy free parking throughout the project, valet service and property-wide wireless Internet connectivity. A car wash will be available to visitors while shopping at The Streets at SouthGlenn.

The new, mixed-use center will be home to The Commons, a one-city-block-long park, which will feature a grand fountain and fireplace, mature landscaping, lush gardens and a playground, accented by a splendid outdoor café. Dedicated pedestrian plazas and promenades featuring European fountains will also be a part of the project.

The Streets at SouthGlenn will feature a new library for the Arapahoe County Library District replacing the Southglenn branch on Dry Creek Rd. and University Blvd.

What type of security will be on-site at the new, mixed-use center?

The Streets at SouthGlenn will have a 24-hour, on-site security team to assist visitors and retailers as needed as well as patrol the interior and perimeter of the center. The center will also have a code of conduct to benefit all who visit the center. This code will be enforced by the security team.

For information throughout the development of The Streets at SouthGlenn, please visit www.CelebrateSouthGlenn.com. You can submit additional questions through this Website.

You may also contact Alberta Development Partners directly. Please direct inquiries to Kerry Anderson at 303-771-4004 or kanderson@albdev.com.



COYOTES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ECOSYSTEM



Residents of the southeast metro Denver area have experienced incidents with Coyotes. Communities along the Front Range are expanding and these changes are impacting wildlife. Wildlife territory is shrinking, forcing wildlife to coexist with humans. This article can serve as an educational tool to help residents prepare in the case of seeing a coyote in the neighborhood.

The following is taken from the Colorado Division of Wildlife Website.

Perhaps no other wild animal has endured the wrath of humans, while evoking such genuine heartfelt admiration - than the coyote. Some people curse their existence; native Americans consider them the smartest animal on earth, and many urbanites revel in opportunities to see and hear these vocal predators.

Coyotes are extremely adaptable animals and rapidly adjust to changing conditions. In the past, wildlife managers have found that coyote populations can actually expand rather than decline in response to eradication attempts.

They are comfortable in the country, mountains, or in cities, as long as there is appropriate shelter and food. As a result, people must be aware of their presence and take precautions to avoid conflict with them.

With a better understanding of coyotes and their habitat, humans can coexist with these adaptable and “cunning animals.”

Coyotes are an important part of Colorado’s ecosystems. Their presence

controls the populations of mice, voles, snakes, insects, and more - but as more and more people live near and in wildlife areas, coyotes are finding food sources that are less than natural.

Coyotes, fox, owls, falcons and hawks are natural predators and are a part of our natural ecosystem. You may see a variety of these animals around your home searching for food.



The following are important guidelines to help us live successfully with coyotes:

1. Do not feed coyotes - There are federal consequences for feeding coyotes, and it encourages the coyotes to rely on humans for food. In fact, do not feed any wildlife including

fox, squirrels, and raccoons. If you have a bird feeder, position the feeder so that coyotes cannot get the feed, or the bird.

2. Keep pets in sight while outside or accompany them outside even if you have a fenced yard, particularly after dusk when many wildlife species, including fox, are more active. Raptors (falcons, owls, and hawks) are active at all times during the day.

3. Keep your dog on a leash while taking a walk. Do not let your dog run with coyotes in an open space. Your dog may be playing, but the coyotes are not.

4. Do not leave food outside-pet food or any type of food. Keep your garbage in a storage container that is tightly sealed.

While coyotes provide an enjoyable wildlife viewing experience, it is important to keep your distance and do not approach the animals. Coyotes that live in urban areas can lose their fear of humans.

If you see a coyote nearby, you should:

- Be as BIG and as LOUD as possible; use arm gestures to exaggerate your size and voice.
- Chase them away by shouting,

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NOTE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dear Centennial Citizen –

It is a true pleasure for me to provide this update on the City of Centennial. We continue to make great strides as a City, and are definitely putting our community to work on various committees and task forces that are helping us better define the City and the citizen expectations.

As you have probably heard, we started a community-wide visioning project in August 2007 called Our Vision. Our Voice. Centennial 2030. This grass-roots effort will help us clearly understand the expectations and needs of the community in order to build a solid foundation for our future. Four sub-committees were formed focusing primarily on City Services, Quality of Life, Economic Health & the Environment. The final Visioning Plan will be presented to the community in spring 2008.

In 2007, an Open Space Advisory Task Force was created. In November a comprehensive Open Space Master Plan was completed and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for inclusion into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Site work has begun at the Streets at SouthGlenn redevelopment project. Alberta Development Partners continues to do a great job. After seeing their architectural designs and plans, I believe the Streets at SouthGlenn will truly be a showcase project for Centennial.

Beginning July 1, 2008, the City will take over direct management of all public works related functions from Arapahoe County, including snow and ice removal, street maintenance, traffic management, capital improvements, and animal control. The Arapahoe County Public Works Department staff has done a great job servicing the citizens of Centennial, and I'd personally like to thank them for their dedication to the City over the past six years.

I am extremely proud of our many accomplishments in 2007, and look forward to the many wonderful opportunities that are ahead for Centennial in 2008.

*Sincerely,
Jacque Wedding-Scott
Centennial City Manager*



Public Works Director hired

The City of Centennial has hired Dave Zelenok as the City's Public Works Director. Dave is working with Arapahoe County and the City staff to transition public works functions from Arapahoe County beginning July 1, 2008.

“Dave has a superb background and is an expert in public works,” says Jacque Wedding-Scott, Centennial City Manager.

Dave previously worked as the Public Works Director for the City of Colorado Springs and prior to that worked as the Somerset County Highway Manager in Pennsylvania. Dave feels having both City and County experience is a benefit to Centennial. For Dave, the challenge to develop a vision for Public Works service delivery from scratch is a once in a lifetime experience.

He plans to meet or exceed the community's expectations when it comes to public works services. Dave is very quick to point out that “Arapahoe County has a great group of talented and dedicated people working for them. They have all worked hard and have done the best they could with the resources available. They are good people that should be proud of the work they have done.”

For fun Dave enjoys skiing and mountain activities such as hiking and biking.

HOME RULE CON'T

every local situation. A home rule charter in Centennial is akin to a state constitution. Home rule cities must follow federal and state laws that apply to matters of statewide concern. The charter will only affect local matters. In all cases, no new tax can be increased without a vote of the people.

The Home Rule Charter Commission meets on the second, fourth and fifth (if applicable) Thursdays of each month through February. Meeting dates and times are on the City's Website www.CentennialColorado.com. These meetings are open to the public. Voters will decide on the proposed charter at a special City election tentatively scheduled for June, 2008.

For more information, contact Assistant City Attorney Maureen Juran at 303-754-3391.

COYOTES CON'T

making loud noises, or throwing rocks or sticks toward, not at, them.

- If you have small children with you, make the children stay close by your side.
- There is no need to run away from the coyote, slowly move toward a busy more populated area.

It is the City's desire that you enjoy living around Colorado's wildlife.

SNOW AND ICE *The Snow and Ice Removal Plan was adopted by the City Council in December 2007 and is available on the City's Website: www.CentennialColorado.com.*



Tis the Season... Winter Driving Tips to Keep you Safe

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recommends that all drivers follow a comprehensive safety plan, including the following:

1. Always keep your gas tank full. It can give you better traction and gives you a bigger margin of error if you get stuck

and have to keep the engine running periodically to keep warm.

2. If you get stuck during a serious storm do not leave your car. Run the engine periodically and wait for help.

3. Winterize your vehicle's safety kit by including extra blankets water, flashlight, a shovel, nutrition and/or candy bars, jumper cables, ice scraper, lock de-icer and sand to help gain traction in the event you become stuck on ice or snow.

4. Four-wheel drive does not mean four-wheel stop. A four-wheel drive vehicle will not stop any better in icy conditions.

5. Know your route. During a storm or if one is bearing down, do not go exploring in the back-country without some local knowledge of your route.

The weather can change quickly and violently in Colorado and not necessarily only in the heart of winter.

6. Be sure you have good tires. The Colorado State Patrol recommends at least 1/8 of an inch tread-depth.

7. In poor visibility or white-out conditions, don't drive faster than you can see ahead. Remember you can't see around mountain curves and corners either.

CDOT reminds all motorists to respect winter weather, conduct a pre-trip inspection of your vehicle, leave extra space between your automobile and others on the road, and never drink and drive. Of course, always buckle up!

Information Source: www.cotrip.org/winterdriving/drivingtips.htm

REMEMBER RULES OF THE RIGHT OF WAY

Please remember, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep their property free of anything that could obstruct public areas. If property abuts to public areas such as sidewalks, alleys and streets they need to be free of debris.

Things to look out for:

Trim tree branches that hang over sidewalks or are in view of traffic or traffic control devices.

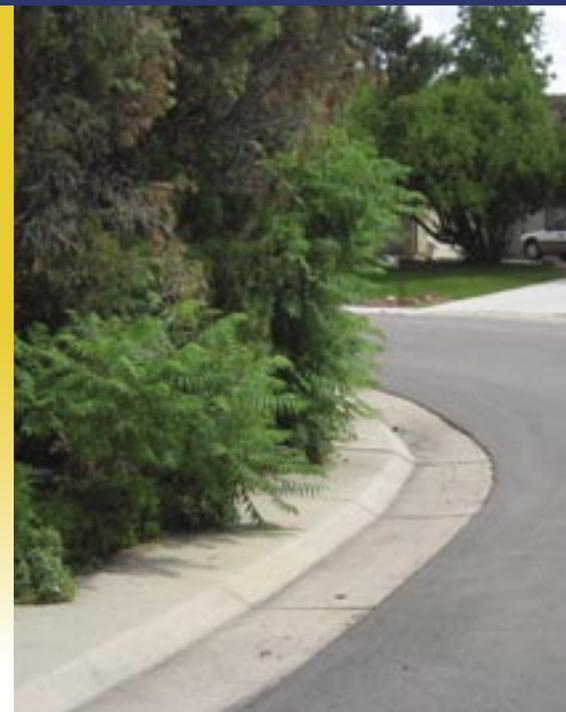
Do not park vehicles on or over the public right-of-way or left in a manner

that could obstruct, hinder or prohibit pedestrians from using the sidewalks or right-of-way freely.

Sidewalks must be kept clear of any debris like sand, mud, gravel or any other hazard that could endanger public safety.

Additional hazards on sidewalks are power cords, recreational vehicles and sports equipment. Garage sale and home-for-sale signs, as well as trash cans and bags also cause obstructions.

In the event a property owner fails to remove or remedy any obstructions that affect public right of way please contact Code Enforcement at 303-754-3320.





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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY WITH A NEW HIRE

The City of Centennial welcomes Corri Spiegel as Economic Development Manager. Corri's responsibilities include attracting new commercial and retail development and retention of existing businesses. She also will identify key strategic annexations for future growth and sustainability of the City.

Prior to joining Centennial, Corri was the Senior Development Manager in Economic Development for the City of Goodyear AZ, a community of 55,000 people in the southwestern region of Phoenix. Her responsibilities included office and industrial development and related business recruitment efforts for the City. **Welcome Corri!**



City of Centennial Newsletter Goes Green

The City of Centennial is doing our part on behalf of the environment. Beginning with this issue of the **Centennial Connection**, the newsletter is now being produced by a Forest



Stewardship Council approved printer, Centennial's own **Cottrell Printing**, located at 7255 South Havana Street.

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry, in this case paper-related forestry, is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial and economically viable way.

FSC certification allows consumers to recognize products that support the growth of responsible forest management. This means the City is being socially responsible to make sure our footprint is as green- and as small- as possible.