



CENTENNIAL INTRODUCES SELF SERVICE KIOSK



For the convenience of residents and for those who are unable to access the City's website, a free standing kiosk is located in the lobby of the Centennial Civic Center (13313 E Arapahoe Rd.). This custom designed kiosk allows people to:

- Make an online payment
- Schedule passport appointments
- Learn about job opportunities
- Complete City surveys
- Access the City's Citizen Response Center
- View community event schedule

The Kiosk is touch screen but also has a familiar trackball (mouse) and keyboard for increased ease of use and accessibility of items. Stop in the Civic Center and explore the ways the Kiosk can make your visit more informative, and efficient. The Civic Center is located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Sales Tax Update

Effective December 31, 2011, the State collected sales tax designated for the Football District expired reducing the City of Centennial's combined sales tax rate from 6.85% to 6.75%.

Electronic Filing & Payments of Sales Tax Returns

Businesses can file and pay sales tax returns online via the City's website. Online filing is fast and efficient for both businesses and the City. It offers many benefits for a business including a "Submission Confirmation" receipt, secure transfer of tax information, and accuracy of the calculations.

Shop in Centennial!

When you shop in Centennial, you pay sales tax that goes directly to the City of Centennial to pay for services. Here are the numbers:

- For every \$100 you spend at Centennial stores, \$2.50 of sales tax stays in Centennial.
- Centennial projects \$24.9 million in retail sales tax collections for 2012.
- Retail sales taxes will make up about 40 percent of Centennial's 2012 budget.



2012 STREET REHAB

For the convenience of residents, maps are available online illustrating streets in Centennial that are included in the 2012 Street Rehabilitation Program. These select streets will receive rehabilitation, such as slurry seal or overlay to extend the life of the existing roadway. Maps are located on the City website under “Departments – Public Works – Construction Projects – Street Improvements.”

This rehab work is scheduled to begin in April and will be complete by the end of August, weather permitting. Residents adjacent to or near a project will receive notifications of construction from the City prior to the start of any work.

Additionally, as part of this Program, sidewalk improvements will be completed in the Vista Verde neighborhood located south of Arapahoe Rd. between Broadway and Clarkson St. This project is funded by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant and is the only neighborhood in the City to qualify for these grant funds. Vista Verde residents will receive an update when the project scope and schedule is finalized. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call **303-325-8000**.

Reconstruction Work Scheduled

Reconstruction of Arapahoe Rd. from Holly St. to Krameria is scheduled to begin early April, weather permitting. One lane will be closed in each direction. Alternate routes are advised. For more information call 303-325-8000 or visit the City website at www.centennialcolorado.com.

Street Sweeping

Spring Street Sweeping will begin in April or as soon as all City streets are clear of ice and snow. Due to the winter storms, streets and gutters have accumulated an abundance of debris and residual leaves from last fall, resulting in the need for a very heavy spring sweep. When your area is scheduled for sweeping, please make sure vehicles are not parked on the street so the gutters may be completely cleaned.

The sweeping schedule is dependent upon the weather and may change slightly to adjust for program delays. Residents can access the sweeping schedule on the City’s website by selecting “Departments-Public Works-Street Maintenance-Street Sweeping.”



Residents may sign up to receive an email notification when street sweepers will be in their neighborhood, which will remind residents to remove vehicles from the roadway, by clicking the E-Services button at the top right of the City’s website, then E-News Sign up-Street sweeping. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works staff at 303-325-8000.



MAINTAIN LANDSCAPING IN YOUR YARD

As the vegetative growing season begins, it is important for residents to remember that the City of Centennial has adopted codes and ordinances which help to regulate the growth of weeds and brush. In accordance with the Municipal Code, it is unlawful for any person to permit the growth of weeds on the front side or rear of any lot or land, including the City's right-of-way located between the property line and the curb face (edge of pavement) of any public street to a height more than eight (8) inches (as measured from ground level).

The term "weeds" means any plant or vegetation that is not intentionally cultivated or is unsightly and economically useless, including grass and brush. The term "weeds" does not include healthy flowers or vegetables, plots of shrubbery and ornamental landscaping.

The City requires that properties be clear and free of noxious vegetation. A plant may be considered "noxious vegetation" if it aggressively invades economic crops or native plant communities; it is a

carrier of detrimental insects, diseases or parasites; or the direct or indirect effects of the presence of the plant are harmful to the environmentally sound management of natural or agricultural ecosystems. Examples include Leafy Spurge, Canadian Thistle, Musk Thistle and Russian Knapweed (for more information, please refer to Chapter 7, Article 6 of the Municipal City Code). It is important to note this list is not intended to be exclusive, but is intended to be indicative of those types of plants which are considered noxious and present threat to the continued economic and environmental value of the lands within the City. Disposal of the noxious vegetation should be performed in a manner which will minimize the reproduction of the noxious vegetation.

Certain shrubs, plants and brush may interfere with pedestrian and street traffic on public right-of-way. Therefore, as landscaping materials begin to grow, residents should be mindful that encroachments on sidewalks or pedestrian walkways and street traffic may constitute a violation. Maintaining

sight lines at intersections is important in allowing drivers' unobstructed views of approaching traffic. Vegetation that obstructs these sight triangles may also constitute a violation.



If these conditions are discovered, or if you observe anything you think may violate any of these conditions, please contact the Code Compliance Division at 303.325.8000. A Code Compliance Officer will visit the location, conduct an inspection and provide direction on how residents can come into compliance with the regulations.

Planning for the future...

NEWS FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



HOME REHAB FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Centennial Housing Rehab Program has funding available to help homeowners in Districts 1 and 2 with their home repairs and remodeling projects. Districts 1 and 2 are west of Quebec to Broadway, north to Orchard and south to Dry Creek (District 2) and County Line (District 1.) The program offers 4.75% simple interest loans amortized over 10 years, with no pre-payment penalties.

A few of the benefits of this program are:



- Construction consulting and project management is provided at NO COST to the homeowner by a program manager with 25+ years experience.
- Project bids are provided by qualified, licensed and insured contractors at NO COST to the homeowner.
- Current loan closing costs are \$36.
- Maximum loan availability is \$25,000 per project.
- Project completion time is 45-60 days
- Loan approval is not based on FICO score
- Customized loan structure- not one loan fits all

The Rehab Manager can qualify you over the phone within minutes!

Contact **Kimberly Kingston** at **303-991-5301** today to see if you're eligible for a home rehabilitation loan.

Centennial Transportation Master Plan

The City is hosting two public meetings about the Centennial's first Transportation Master Plan. Long range transportation needs and potential multi-modal improvements will be presented and discussed at each of these meetings. We look forward to your valued input to help shape the City's future transportation system.

Tuesday, April 17

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Centennial Civic Center
13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Thursday, April 26

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
South Metro Chamber of Commerce
The Streets at SouthGlenn
2154 E. Commons Ave. Suite 342



Information about this project and opportunities to provide comments can also be found on the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com.

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SUMMER COMES ALIVE... CENTENNIAL EVENTS 2012



May 12
Highline Canal Run
 10k run starts at 9 a.m.
 5k run starts at 9 a.m.
 deKoevend Park, 6301 S. University



May 12
Centennial Spring Fling
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Immediately following the High Line Canal Run)
 deKoevend Park, 6301 S. University



May 20-26
Public Works Week
 Various locations
 Get up close and personal with Centennial's public works crews and equipment. For information and location visit centennialcolorado.com or call 303-325-8000.



June 16
Centennial Youth Battle of the Bands
 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
 East Village Park (Parker Rd. at Lake Ave.)

The 4th Annual Centennial Youth Commission Battle of the Bands will feature performance by the area's most talented youth musicians. Sponsored by the Centennial Youth Commission and Trails Recreation Center.



July 13
 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
 deKoevend Park, 6301 S. University
 Featured film:



July 20
 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
 Trails Rec. Center, 16799 E. Lake Ave.
 Featured film:



August 11
 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
 Centennial Center Park, 13550 E. Peakview,
 adjacent to the Centennial Civic Center



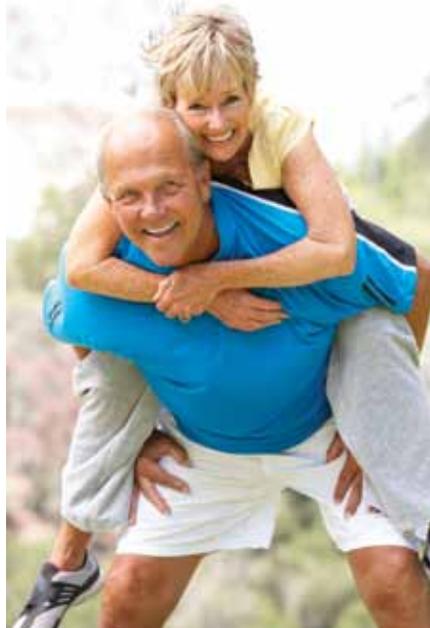
Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Centennial Center Park. Family fun includes a visit from Radio Disney, food, activities for all ages, live music and other entertainment! Stay for the movie (still to be determined) and end the night with a spectacular fireworks show.



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2012

May is Older Americans Month, a perfect opportunity to show our appreciation for the older adults in our community. Since 1963, communities across the nation have joined in the annual commemoration of Older Americans Month—a proud tradition that shows our nation's commitment to celebrating the contributions and achievements of older Americans.

The theme for Older Americans Month 2012—Never Too Old to Play!—puts a spotlight on the important role older adults play in sharing their experience, wisdom, and understanding, and passing on that knowledge to other generations in a variety of significant ways. This year's celebrations will recognize the value that older adults continue to bring to our communities through spirited participation in social and faith groups, service organizations, and other activities.



As large numbers of baby-boomers reach retirement age, many communities have increased their efforts to provide meaningful opportunities for older adults—many of whom remain physically and socially active through their 80s and beyond. Current trends show that people over age 60 account for an ever-growing percentage of

participants in community service positions, faith-based organizations, online social networking as well as arts and recreational groups.

Lifelong participation in social, creative, and physical activities has proven health benefits, including retaining mobility, muscle mass, and cognitive abilities. But older adults are not the only ones who benefit from their engagement in community life. Studies show their interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations enrich the lives of everyone involved. Young people who have significant relationships with a grandparent or elder report that these relationships helped shape their values, goals, and life choices and gave them a sense of identity and roots.

The Centennial Senior Commission is available to answer any questions you may have about senior resources in the City. For more information about the Centennial Senior Commission visit the City website and click the Boards and Commissions section under Government.

Youth at their Best!

The Centennial Youth Commission volunteered to sort donated medical supplies at Project C.U.R.E.'s Centennial Warehouse. Project C.U.R.E. builds sustainable healthcare infrastructure by providing the medical supplies and equipment that medical personnel need to deliver healthcare to their communities. Project C.U.R.E. has delivered medical relief to needy people in more than 120 countries.

**From left to right:
Lily Boettcher, Stephen Walker, Spencer Roberts.**





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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 "Community" section and click "Residents" and then "Neighborhoods;" or call the City at 303-325-8000.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.

District 2 Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St.

District 4 Meeting

Thursday, April 26

7:30 PM to 8:45 PM

Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir.

To find out which Council District you live in and to confirm these meeting dates visit our website at www.centennialcolorado.com.

CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

The City of Centennial will celebrate the official opening of Centennial Center Park Friday, April 27 at 4 p.m. The City will begin taking online reservations April 28 for the large shelter and the coffee shelter. The amphitheater will not be open for public use this spring and summer to allow the grass to establish. An event will be scheduled late summer to celebrate the opening of the entire park that will include the amphitheater.



Centennial Center Park

Call for Entries! The 4th Annual *Battle of the Bands*



The City of Centennial's Youth Commission is seeking bands to participate in the Centennial Youth Battle of

the Bands event on Saturday, June 16, 2012. All band members and solo performers must be under 21 years of age.

For entry information and application, visit the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com. The deadline for applications is April 13, 2012.