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SUMMER HEATS UP WITH FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Night at the Movies CENTENNIAL



July 13
6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
deKoevend Park
6301 S. University Blvd.



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

CELEBRATE Centennial UNDER THE STARS



August 11
12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Centennial Center Park,
13050 E. Peakview Ave.,
adjacent to the Centennial Civic Center



Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Centennial Center Park. Family fun includes a visit from the Radio Disney Road Crew, food, activities for all ages, live music and other entertainment! Stay for the movie *We Bought a Zoo* and end the night with a spectacular fireworks show.

Call Center answers citizen concerns... one call at a time

In May, the City of Centennial's 24-hour, seven-day-a-week Call Center received its 100,000th call and work request since being established July 2008. This equates to roughly 1,490 calls per month or 70 per day.

The Call Center serves as a single point of contact for all resident questions and work requests. Residents can call with any type of request and call center representatives will log the information into a service request tracking system. "Citizen

Responders" investigate the request, verify the location in the City's geographic information system and route the work request to the appropriate department. If repair is needed, a work order is generated along with an estimated completion date. A call center representative will notify the resident of the status of request, and when the work is completed.

The City's 24-hour, seven-day-a-week Call Center may be reached at 303-325-8000.

Come out and play! Centennial Center Park

11 ACRE, \$5.3 MILLION CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK IS OPEN!



Centennial Center Park is located on the north side of Arapahoe Rd, between S. Revere Pkwy and S. Vaughn Way, adjacent to the Centennial Civic Center. The address is 13050 E. Peakview Ave.

The Park's unique design is intended to illustrate the passage of time, featuring historical and educational elements as well as spirals, arches and circles throughout the 11-acre property.

The main plaza provides the historical timeline of the Cherry Creek Basin, including facts and a map of the Cherry Creek Watershed— central to the area's geographic development. Visitors to the Park can also choose between the two "trivia walks" located throughout the Park. The "Colorado Statehood Walk" displays interesting facts about our state while the "Viewfinder Walk" takes visitors on a bit of a scavenger hunt with a designated trail leading to points of interests, both inside and outside of the park.

In keeping with the geographical theme and adding a splash of fun, the Nautilus water playground is central to the design theme in Park and play areas. The amphitheater has been designed to represent four periods of history: Lithic, Archaic, Formative and Classic.



Amenities

Designed for year-round family fun, Centennial Center Park boasts a variety of amenities, including water fountains, nature areas, covered shelters, fireplaces, barbeque grills, bike racks and parking.

The centerpieces of the Park are the unique and expansive play areas. Centennial Center Park features three climbing walls, a toddler playground, hillside playground and safe, fun and unique play equipment.

Many of the natural materials used in the construction of the Park were found locally. The surface of the playgrounds are made from recycled materials that provide a safe, clean, ADA accessible and attractive environment for children.

Funding

Land Acquisition in 2008: \$2,635,380

Funding Sources

Great Outdoors Colorado Grant, in 2009: \$198,750
 Great Outdoors Colorado Grant, in 2010: \$600,000
 Arapahoe County Grant: \$250,000
 Centennial Conservation Trust Fund: \$3,500,000
 Centennial Open Space Funds: \$1,280,000

The City of Centennial's park, open space, trails and recreation program is funded by a ¼ cent Arapahoe County sales tax, of which a portion is shared back to the City each year. This program started in 2003 and was reauthorized in 2011 through 2023.

The City receives an annual allocation of Colorado Conservation Trust Funds from the Colorado Lottery and is eligible for grants from Arapahoe County and Great Outdoors Colorado.

Perfect for family celebrations or company functions– and filling up fast. Reserve space for your party soon– or just come by and enjoy the Park!

Area Available for Private Parties	Reservation Requirements	Features	Capacity	Resident or Resident Business Cost	Non-Resident Cost
Large Shelter	2 hour min.	9 picnic tables Gas fireplace BBQ grills	100	\$50/hour	\$75/hour
Coffee Shelter	2 hour min.	Built in stools BBQ grills	Seating for 20	\$30/hour	\$45/hour

Park Hours

May 1 – October 31, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 November 1 – April 30, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Water Play Area Hours of Operation

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Reservations

Web: www.centennialcolorado.com, *Community* pull-down, click Centennial Center Park

Phone: 303-325-8000

Email: parkinfo@centennialcolorado.com

The following are prohibited in the Park unless a permit issued by the City of Centennial specifically allows:

Alcoholic beverages, amplified sound, tents larger than 25 square feet in area, platforms, stages, obstacle course or inflatable toys, jumpers, etc., overnight camping and selling goods or services.



PUBLIC PLANNING PROCESS TO BEGIN FOR 44-ACRES OF OPEN SPACE

In 2011, the City acquired 44 acres of land from the United States Postal Service to meet the growing need for additional park and open space land in Centennial. This land is located at the southeast corner of Potomac St. and Freemont Ave.

Thirty-nine acres of the site were purchased with Arapahoe County Open Space Share-back funds and five acres were purchased with Centennial General Funds.

In December 2011, the City received a \$55,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to be matched by \$35,000 in share-back funds for a public planning process and to prepare a master plan for this site. The City will select a consultant to undertake the planning process, which will begin the summer of 2012.

The site is located near a number of existing parks and trails. The plan will include ways to link the site with these trails to create a larger network of connected trails, parks and natural open space.

Please look forward to future editions of Centennial Connection for notifications of public meetings and results of the planning process.

The five acres purchased with General Funds could be developed and/or sold for a complimentary use or some other future purpose.

TIME TO LOSE THE CLUNKER IN THE YARD



According to the Municipal Code it is a nuisance and unlawful for any property owner to permit, authorize, allow, park, keep or fail to remove junk or inoperable vehicles located on private property if it is visible from a public highway, street, road alley, thoroughfare, right-of-way, parking lot or parking area. A vehicle is defined as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, motorbike, boat, trailer, camper, or house trailer, and

a trailer shall mean any form of nonautomotive vehicle, sled or equipment designed to be towed by a vehicle.

The vehicle is considered junk or inoperable if it cannot be lawfully operated due to lack of current and valid state license plate or registration; nonexistent, insufficient or inadequate safety or other equipment required by law for legal operation.

If a vehicle is unable to start and/or operate as designed due to a mechanical or physical defect or damage such as; deflated tires; broken or inoperable turn signals; or broken or inoperable headlights; then the vehicle is considered junk or inoperable.

Please contact the City's Code Compliance Division at 303-325-8000 to report or ask questions regarding possible violations.



City street sweeping underway

The City's 2012 Street Sweeping Program consists of sweeping all of the public streets within the City of Centennial. Each sweeping covers 1,250 curb miles. A total of five rounds of sweeping, or 6,250 curb miles are planned for the year.

The second round is currently underway and the third begins in August and will continue through September until all public streets are swept.

Street sweeping begins on the east side of the City and moves west. The fourth and fifth rounds are scheduled simultaneously for October through November, weather permitting.

The City tries to time the last rounds of sweeping after the autumn leaves fall and before the snow falls.

The sweeping schedule is posted on the City website under Services/Street Maintenance. Residents are encouraged to register online to receive notification about the sweeping schedule. Click the E-Services button at the top right of the home page and go to E-News Sign Up. There is a schedule for the east and west side of the City.

The street sweeping schedule may adjust due to program delays.

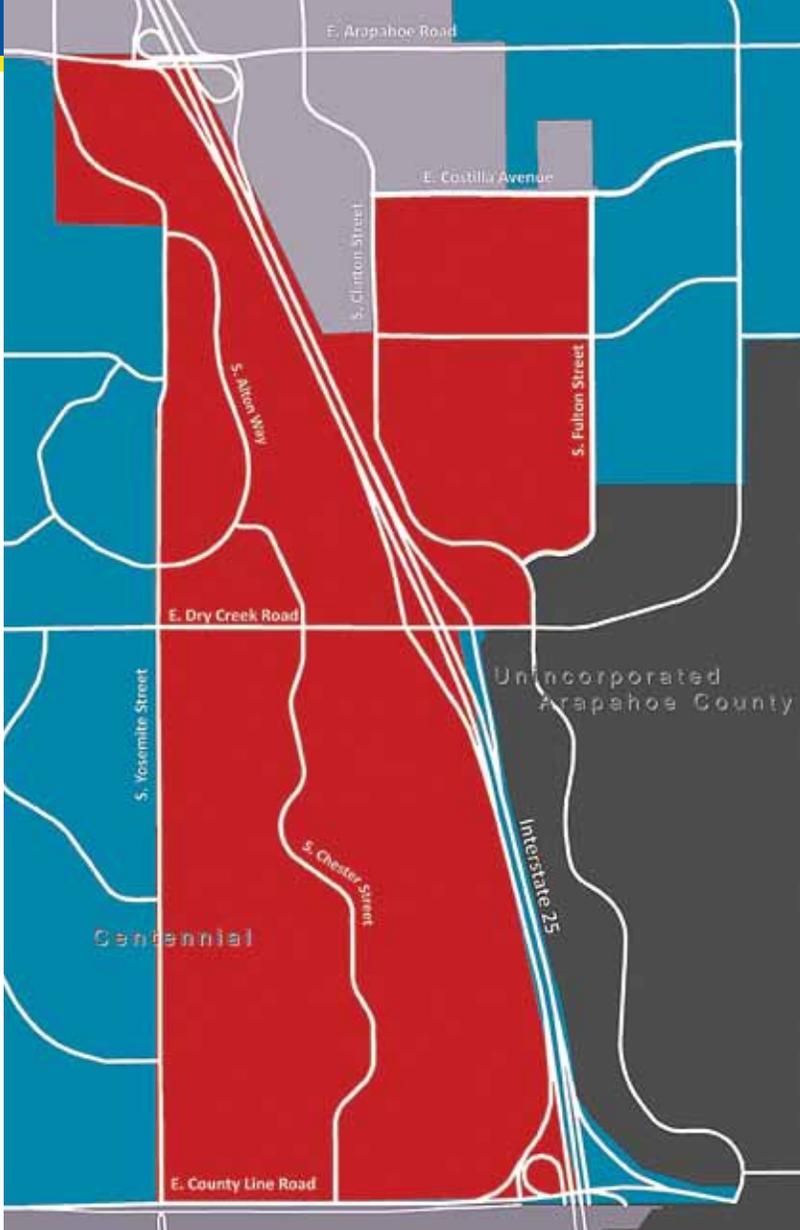
PLAN CENTENNIAL: I-25 CORRIDOR PLAN

Long-term trends in the marketplace and demographic shifts in our community impact growth and development within the City. Planning for these changes ensures the community grows in an orderly, managed and desirable way before development applications are submitted to the City.

Plan Centennial: The I-25 Corridor Plan is the latest City planning effort for one of Centennial's most economically dynamic areas. During the next 12 months, the City will engage property owners, businesses and residents to create a proactive vision for the future growth and redevelopment expected within the study area throughout the next 20 years.

The boundaries of this plan are shown in red on the map at left.

Visit www.PlanCentennial.com for more information on the project and ways you can contribute to defining the City's vision for this area.



Non-commercial agricultural activities to be revised in LDC

Prior to the adoption of the 2011 Land Development Code (LDC) and the Official Zoning Map, an inadvertent error was identified in the LDC that extended the allowance of Non-Commercial Agricultural Activities (NCAA) to all properties zoned Neighborhood Conservation (NC) or Neighborhood Infill (NI). This was clearly in excess of historic allowances that were enjoyed by neighborhoods zoned Residential Agricultural (R-A) and several Planned Unit Developments (PUDs).

A Non-Commercial Agricultural Activity generally means the keeping of domesticated agricultural animals for personal use, subject to the number and type of animals permitted in the zoning code.

The City of Centennial is in the process of correcting this error and drafting regulations that would continue to permit non-commercial agricultural activities in residential zoning districts generally consistent with historic allowances.

Three focus group meetings took place in February with a small group of representatives of neighborhoods zoned NC_{2A} to develop the regulations.

In March a larger community meeting to discuss the recommendations of the focus group and the development of non-commercial agricultural activity regulations in residential zoning districts occurred. Materials reviewed by the focus group may be found on the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com,

from the drop down menus select Departments, Community Development, Land Development Code, Agricultural Activities and Resources.

Recommendations resulting from the focus groups were presented to City Council in April. A public hearing is scheduled during the July 16 City Council meeting. Please check the City's website for confirmation of hearing dates and updates.



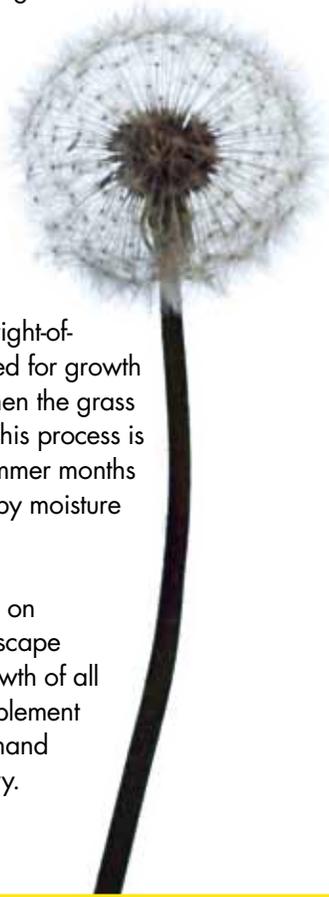
Weed mitigation efforts in progress

The Public Works Department has begun vegetation control throughout the City.

The City uses a broadleaf herbicide to kill weeds and not harm grasses to control the growth of aggressive weeds. Grass species grow more slowly and have added environmental benefits.

Once the herbicide has time to affect the broadleaf species, the right-of-way areas are monitored for growth and mowing begins when the grass reaches eight inches. This process is repeated during the summer months and is greatly affected by moisture and temperature.

Herbicides are sprayed on medians and rock landscape areas to control the growth of all vegetation. Crews supplement machine mowing with hand mowing when necessary.



GREENFIELD CROSSING CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Construction of the Greenfield Crossing at the Piney Creek Trail began in June. This project will complete a segment of trail along Piney Creek, extending its current ending point, east of Piney Creek Hollow Park (across from Cherry Creek Schools and the Greenfield drainage) to connect with the existing trail on the east side of the drainage.

Improvements include a concrete trail surface and wide concrete culvert crossing of the drainage with railings.

This project is funded by the City's Arapahoe County Share-back funds and a grant from the Arapahoe County Open Space program. The Southeast Metro Storm Water Authority funded the permitting and design of the project. Easements for the trail were granted by Cherry Creek Schools and the Greenfield Master HOA for the use of their land.

The Piney Creek Trail is the primary trail serving the east side of Centennial. Residents will be able to bike or walk from Cherry Creek State Park and Regional Trail to the east on trails that extend to C-470.



Don't start a remodeling project without HIP

The City of Centennial's Home Improvement Program (HIP) continues to have participants after a year of being implemented. To date, 44 permits have been issued. Out of the 44, 10 projects have been completed and a total of \$1,200 has been refunded to the participating homeowners.

HIP is a voluntary program designed to help homeowners navigate the home improvement and remodeling process.

This program provides resources and education opportunities so homeowners can secure the most appropriate and qualified contractors, learn the "ins and outs" of the building and remodeling process and make informed decisions when it comes to home improvements.

If a home improvement project includes a building permit with a valuation of \$15,000 or more, the City will refund 20% of the permit fees upon completion of the project and compliance with the program.

For more information, visit www.centennialcolorado.com or call 303-325-8000.





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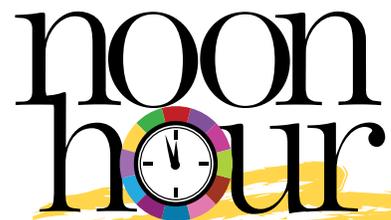
SIGN UP FOR INFO

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!



IT'S SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON— GET OR RENEW YOUR PASSPORT HERE!

The City of Centennial is a Passport Application Acceptance Facility! Passport applications are accepted by appointment on Wednesday 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Thursday and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit www.centennialcolorado.com for more information and to schedule an appointment.



Nominate your Best of Centennial favorites!

The City is seeking nominees and companies deserving of recognition at the Fifth Annual Best of Centennial Business Recognition & Awards Dinner.

This dinner honors the companies and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to their field and have shown continued commitment to Centennial through their daily business activities. The event is Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Centennial.

Award categories are:

Company of the Year (100+ Employees) - Award recognizes a Centennial company for its commitment and contribution to the City through business practices, employees and community involvement.

Company of the Year (<100 Employees) - Award recognizes a Centennial company for its commitment and contribution to the City through business practices, employees and community involvement.

Entrepreneur of the Year - Award recognizes an entrepreneur for his/her commitment and contribution to Centennial through innovative business practices and community involvement.

Flavor of the Year - Award recognizes the restaurateur who knows the way to your heart is through your stomach.

Development/Developer/Project of the Year - Award presented to the

project, development or developer who has made a significant contribution to Centennial.

Youth Commission's Award for Environmental Stewardship - Award is presented to a person or company for outstanding stewardship practices and conservation achievements.

Mayor's Award of Excellence - Award is presented to the person or business who is consistently making Centennial a better place.

Citizens' Choice - Award is presented to a locally owned and operated business recognized by City residents and visitors as one of the best.

Please visit the Best of Centennial web page to download information about the award categories, the nomination form and sponsorship opportunities. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2012.