



June 10, 2008

SPECIAL ELECTION HOME RULE CHARTER

May 16- May 27, 2008: Ballots will be mailed to active registered Centennial voters. The ballot will contain only one question for voters to consider - whether to approve the proposed Home Rule Charter.

The entire proposed text is available prior to the election on the City's Website at www.CentennialColorado.com and in the City Offices.

June 10, 2008: **ELECTION DAY**
Ballots must be **RECEIVED** by 7:00 p.m. on this date.

Ballots may be mailed or delivered in person to the City office drop-off site.

THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL *on the move*



The City of Centennial officially owns the Westerra Credit Union building which will soon be the new city offices. The Westerra Credit Union located at 13133 East Arapahoe Road is located just blocks east of the current city offices. The City purchased the building for \$3.77 million and anticipates a November 2008 move.

Currently, the City leases space and has been since the City's incorporation. The building lease terminates at the end of this year.

"The City has been very cautious in managing its resources, and in looking at a variety of financing options, the recommendation was ultimately made to pay cash for the building. In the end, the biggest advantage is that the City will outright own its first asset," says Centennial City Manager Jacque Wedding-Scott.

Concurrent to the building purchase, the City has purchased 14.84 acres of vacant land surrounding the building site. Eleven of the 14.84 acres will be dedicated to parks, trails and open space purposes, and the balance of 3.84 acres will be a multi-purpose use – to be determined in the future. The City paid cash for the land as well, using \$2,635,380 of Open Space funds for the park land and an additional \$334,540 in cash for the 3.84 acres out of the general fund.

Westerra will continue their teller activities from the building through the end of July and then will move operations to another venue.



Calling all neighborhoods!

The City of Centennial is encouraging all neighborhoods, homeowner associations (HOAs) and civic associations to register on the City's newly redesigned Web site. Each neighborhood group can list, at no charge, its meetings, location, and web address online.

By registering your neighborhood, you will receive the latest information about what is going on in your City and a Neighborhood Resource Guide. Visit www.CentennialColorado.com and go to the Living section and click on Neighborhoods.

OUR MISSION...

The City of Centennial staff is dedicated to providing a high quality of life, delivering superior customer service and achieving the highest professional standards.

We strive to uphold our Mission by making an impact on our organizational Values...

**Efficient • Effective
Responsive • Accountable
Innovative • Respect
Integrity • Partnership
Trust • Personal and
Professional Enrichment**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Shop Local

Three new features have been added to the City's Website dedicated to promoting Centennial's local business community. The Local Flavors and Neighborhood Niches pages feature a different locally owned and operated business each month.

The next feature of the Shop Local section will be a categorized and searchable community business directory. Dedicated to businesses operating and located within Centennial.



Cochlear Americas Coming to Centennial

Cochlear Americas, the world's leader in advanced hearing solutions, has signed a long-term lease agreement to relocate its U.S. headquarters to Creekside at Cherry Creek office park in the city of Centennial.

Cochlear Americas will occupy more than 74,000 square feet of space at 12929 East Peakview and 13059 East Peakview. The move will consolidate the company's two separate Englewood facilities, moving 200 corporate executive and operations employees into one location by the end of June 2008.



Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030

Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030, is a citizen-led effort to define what is important to the future of Centennial.

Following intensive information-gathering from meetings, on-line surveys and a statistical telephone survey, citizen committees formed around four areas:

- 1) Economic Health, City Services
- 2) Community Quality of Life
- 3) Citizen Engagement, and the
- 4) Environment

Facilitated by the consulting firm of GBSM and meeting more than 20 times over the course of four months, the committees wrote vision statements and action plans for the City's consideration.

Among the goals set forth was a commitment to a clear vision for the community, and "a sense of how Centennial citizens want to be governed and how they want to engage with their leaders to build a better world for ourselves and our children." The Visioning plan was presented to City Council in mid-April, 2008.

To view the vision statements and action plans visit www.CentennialColorado.com

THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN

Josh's Journal – March/April, 2008

Construction is in full swing at The Streets at SouthGlenn. Macy's Furniture Gallery, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods and Staples are on the fast track to completion. All four stores will be open to customers this fall.

The remainder of the project including the office space and residences will open in spring 2009.

Although little remains from the building of the former Southglenn Mall, many trees from the site's perimeter have not been touched since the demolition. This will soon change. A majority of the trees on site will be temporarily relocated to be re-used in the new development.

Crews are removing 30 trees of all types and ages from around the site and temporarily planting them in demolition-free areas. Large trees, like those around the Wells Fargo building, will be excavated from their native ground and will be lifted, by crane, to other areas. Smaller trees, like those from the University entrance, will be lifted out of the ground and replanted in one fell swoop by a spading machine.



Relocating Trees at The Streets at SouthGlenn

Josh is the Project Historian/Assistant Project Manager for The Streets at SouthGlenn project. Josh lives in Littleton and is in the class of 2008 at Englewood High School.

To read more about Josh's Journal, please visit The Streets at SouthGlenn page at www.CentennialColorado.com

Senior services available to Centennial citizens

Senior citizens who need assistance in maintaining their home may be eligible to receive free services from Arapahoe County.

Generally scheduled in three to four hour blocks, typical services include:

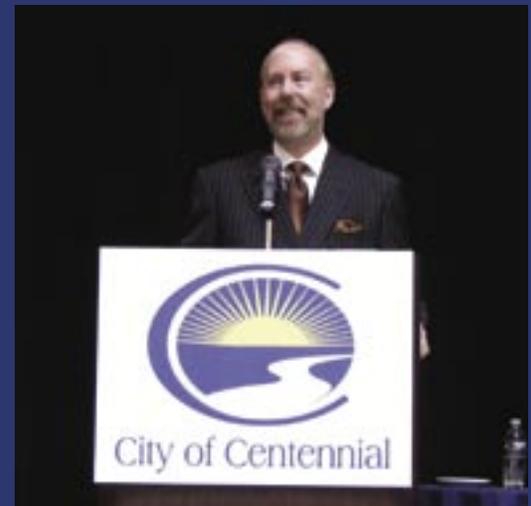
- Assistance in unpacking after a move to subsidized housing
- Assistance in cleaning, organizing and de-cluttering an apartment or home
- Spring or fall yard work such as raking or picking up sticks and branches
- Help in preparing for HUD inspections
- Washing indoor windows and first floor windows outside
- Major cleaning such as the refrigerator, oven, bathrooms and more

To be eligible for the program, clients must be Arapahoe County residents, 60 years or older, unable to perform these chores due to health problems and have limited resources.

In addition, the County also provides transportation services to and from doctor's appointments and dining centers through "First Ride Transportation for Seniors" as well as on-going light housecleaning through the homemakers program.

While there are no fees for these services, donations are welcome as they help the County to serve more people.

For more information, contact the Arapahoe County Senior Resources Division at 303-738-8080 or pdean@co.arapahoe.co.us.



Centennial Mayor Randy Pye gave his State of Our City Address April 17, 2008 at the Embassy Suites in Centennial. His speech highlighted economic development, visioning, transportation, land use and more. To view the Mayor's speech visit www.CentennialColorado.com



Explore

CHERRY CREEK VALLEY ECO PARK

Right In Your Own Backyard



Map courtesy of Arapahoe County



Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park offers residents an exciting nature preserve worth exploring any of time of year.

The educational nature park, located at 7500 S. Jasper Ct., south of Arapahoe Road and east of Jordan Road, was jointly developed by Arapahoe County and the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District.

Recently, several features have been added to the Park to enhance visitors' experience and to protect its natural habitat from the surrounding urban environment.

New projects recently completed include a Council Gathering Ring with landscape boulder seating, an Outdoor Stepped Nature Classroom with stone seating, new entry monuments and the Park's pedestrian bridge, 57 new evergreen and deciduous trees, and split rail fencing on the Park's western boundary.

The Park also features a boardwalk across the wetlands, a floating dock on the pond, educational signage providing a self-guided tour of the area, overlooks and benches along the creek and pond, and picnic tables and restrooms.

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS *for Self-Guided Tours of the Park*

MAY / JUNE

Look for songbirds and other small creatures, but be careful not to disturb young families.

JUNE 21

The Summer Solstice – The longest days of the year with more daylight hours to enjoy the Park.

JULY / AUGUST

Look for and identify animal tracks and birds; plums, chokecherries, native grasses and wildflowers. Learn about the Cottonwood Tree, the resident giant and largest living organism in the Park's ecosystem.

2008 CITY OF CENTENNIAL SUMMER EVENTS

June 6-7, 2008

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

6 p.m. – 8 a.m.



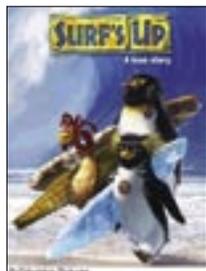
Eaglecrest High School

5100 South Picadilly Street,
Aurora

(The City of Centennial is a platinum level sponsor of this event.)

Night at the Movies
CENTENNIAL

Friday night, June 27, 2008



Pre-movie entertainment

begins at 6:30 p.m.

Movie Surf's Up will begin at dusk

Trails Recreation Center

16799 East Lake Avenue,
(Orchard Road & Buckley Road)
Centennial

Friday night, July 18, 2008



Pre-movie entertainment

begins at 6:30 p.m.

Movie Bee Movie will begin at dusk

deKoevend Park

6301 South University Boulevard,
(Arapahoe Road & University Boulevard)
Centennial

CELEBRATE
Centennial
UNDER THE STARS

Saturday night, August 9, 2008

*Celebrate Centennial
Under the Stars*

6:00 p.m.

*Movie Alvin & the Chipmunks
will begin at dusk*



*This family event includes free health screenings,
interactive fitness demonstrations, vendors from
throughout the City, family activities, entertainment,
food and a twilight movie ending with a spectacular
fireworks show.*

Centennial Medical Plaza

14200 East Arapahoe Road, Centennial



Beautiful Flower... *You may want to look again!*



Prime locations for noxious weeds are disturbed sites such as roadsides, sites cleared for construction, areas that are overused by animals or humans, wetlands, and riparian corridors. Noxious weeds also hitchhike on vehicles, equipment, and in commodity shipments.

Citizens' involvement in keeping a neighborhood clean is important.

If you have a concern about weeds or questions about City codes please call **(303) 754-3313** or email **codematters@centennialcolorado.com**.

Weeds over 8 inches are considered a violation of the Municipal Code and can be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

It may look like a beautiful flower, but it is actually a non-native weed called "noxious" in Colorado. These weeds have gotten this name because of their invasiveness, aggressiveness and the rate in which they spread. Noxious weeds are difficult to control, and most are very adaptable. They withstand a

variety of harsh conditions, including climate extremes, drought and poor soils.

There are approximately 1 million acres of noxious weeds in Colorado.

PUBLIC WORKS TRANSITION UNDERWAY

Centennial leaders have selected CH2M HILL OMI as the City's partner for public works services. This partnership will enhance the level of service the City delivers to its citizens.

Beginning July 1, CH2M HILL OMI—based in neighboring Englewood—will manage all public works functions for the City, such as traffic engineering and operations, permit processing, inspections, administrative services, and street and roadside maintenance, including snow removal.

CH2M HILL OMI has partnered

with DMJM Harris and American Civil Constructors (ACC) to provide the public works services to the City.

Since its incorporation in 2001, Centennial has contracted with Arapahoe County for public works services. In 2007, the City hired its own public works director, Dave Zelenok, and began exploring other service delivery alternatives.

Through a new public-private partnership, the City now will directly manage public works operations relying on CH2M HILL OMI to implement

all services and meet high performance standards set by the City.

The new partnership will be guided under a five-year contract that the City must review and re-approve annually. A seamless transition between county operations and City-controlled operations is scheduled for the month of June. Other intergovernmental agreements that the City has with Arapahoe County will remain unchanged, such as the 10-year public safety services agreement with the Sheriff's Office signed earlier this year.



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720-874-6750 (until June 30)

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Public Works Service Requests

720-874-7623 (ROAD) (until June 30)

pothole@centennialcolorado.com

Sheriff (Emergency ONLY)

911

Sheriff (Non-emergency) Report Crime or Graffiti

303-795-4711

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New Animal Control Contract

The City of Centennial has selected the Humane Society of the Pike's Peak Region (HSPPR) as the new provider for the City's animal care and control services through a formal Request for Proposal process. HSPPR is recognized as the highest-rated organization ever reviewed by the National Animal Control Association.

HSPPR will coordinate the service transition from the Arapahoe County Animal Control staff beginning in April for full implementation July 1, 2008. HSPPR will locate at Centennial's Municipal Building for convenience for the citizens. The City will also be issuing a Request for Proposal to identify qualified Animal Shelter candidates for service beginning July 1, 2008. Further information will be available on the City's Website as the process unfolds.

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER. . .



You can help maintain our streets by reporting potholes to 720-874-ROAD (7623) until June 30, 2008, or directly to the City of Centennial at 303-754-3323. Callers are asked to be as specific as possible, noting the street name, the direction of travel and other information they think might be helpful. Reporting and repairing the damage quickly can prevent further deterioration and helps reduce costs while improving traffic safety. We are anxious to make repairs where needed.