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STATE OF OUR CITY



The 10th annual “State of Our City” luncheon took place April 17 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Centennial. The sold-out event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Centennial with all proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation.

Mayor Noon reported on Centennial’s excellent financial condition and shared the City’s latest accomplishments and economic development news.

“2013 was all about connections: bringing new businesses to our City, forging strong alliances as we worked on regional transportation issues, and connecting with citizens as we keep our neighborhoods safe, well-maintained and visually pleasing,” said Mayor Noon.

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/StateofOurCity to view the video or download a PDF of Mayor Noon’s full speech.



CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK WATER PLAY OPENS MAY 23

Water Play Hours of Operation

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Park Hours

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

Centennial Center Park is perfect for family celebrations or company functions – and is filling up fast. Reserve space for your party soon or just come by and enjoy the Park! For more information or to make a reservation, call 303-325-8000 or visit www.CentennialCO.gov/CenterPark.

When planning your visit to the Park, please be aware that the following are prohibited unless a permit is issued by the City.

- Alcoholic beverages
- Selling goods or services
- Amplified sound
- Tents, stages, obstacle courses, inflatable toys, jumpers, etc.

Flood Risks: Are You Covered?

Did you know during the September 2013 flooding events in Colorado, out of all the properties affected, only 2,200 property owners had flood insurance? Below are some facts about the September floods compiled by the Colorado Office of Emergency Management:

- 10 fatalities
- 16,000+ damaged homes
- 1,882 destroyed homes
- 750 damaged businesses
- 200 destroyed businesses

Flooding isn't only caused by rain. Flooding can also occur from melting snow, inadequate drainage systems and failed dams. What this means to you:

- Every property is at risk for flooding. Properties located in floodplains are at high risk and are more susceptible to flooding.
- Flooding can happen anywhere and at any time including in areas along smaller creeks and streams that are not shown on any flood map.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has not mapped all floodplain areas.
- Flooding is the nation's number one natural disaster.

Homeowner's insurance does not cover flooding. Flood insurance is only required if you are buying a property with a federally-backed mortgage that is already in the FEMA mapped floodplain. But flooding doesn't only happen in floodplains, and flood insurance is far less expensive if your building is located outside of the mapped floodplain.

The only way to truly protect your home and property from the cost of flooding is to purchase a flood insurance policy through your insurance agent. Please visit www.floodsmart.gov to locate an agent, or refer to the SEMSWA Stay Safe brochure called "Flood Insurance – A Pocket Guide for Property Owners In or Adjacent to the Floodplain" available online at www.semswa.org/floodplainsflooding/floodsafety.html.



MEET CICI!



The City of Centennial has developed a portable interactive kiosk known as CiCi – Centennial Information and Community Interface. CiCi will be at different locations throughout Centennial to provide easy access to City information and provide an opportunity for visitors to do the following...

- Apply for a job
- Make a payment
- Report a problem
- Make a park reservation
- Check a permit status
- Run a property search
- Apply for a passport
- Find a contractor
- Get election information

Come visit CiCi at a location near you!
CiCi's travel schedule:

May - June:

Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir.

July - August:

SouthGlenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.

September - October:

Eagle Street Facility, 7272 S. Eagle St.

November – December:

Trails Rec. Center, 16799 E. Lake Ave.

January – February (2015):

Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd.

March – April (2015):

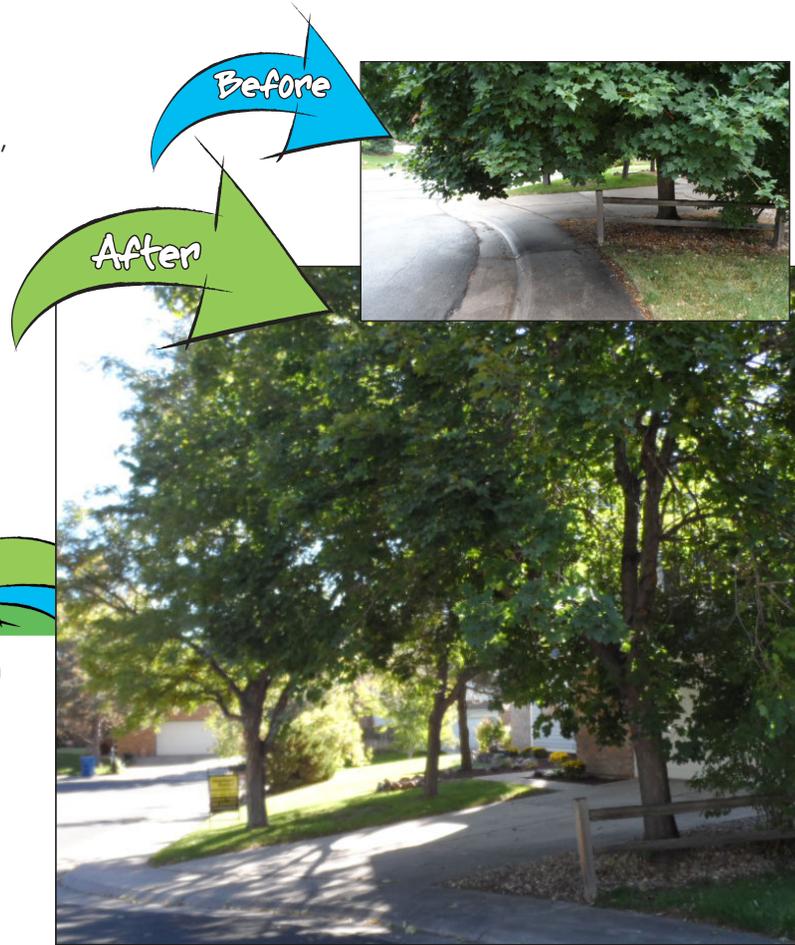
South Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2154 E. Commons Ave. #342

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/CiCi for more information.

Time to Prune

For the safety of the community it is important to keep streets, sidewalks and other public rights-of-way free of vegetation. Low hanging branches or encroaching shrubs should never obstruct the full use of the public sidewalk or roadway.

Property owners should inspect their landscaping to make sure nothing is hanging lower than 8 feet over a pedestrian path, or 16 feet over a roadway. Low hanging branches and encroaching shrubs are in violation of the Municipal Code and create a safety hazard for the community which could knock a cyclist off their bike or force pedestrians to walk in the street.



Make it Fun!

Organize a pruning party with your homeowners association or neighbors. Many trash collection companies pick up bundled branches less than four feet in length. Contact your trash company to determine if they take branches or take a more sustainable approach by sharing the cost to rent a chipping machine and use the chips to refresh your flowerbeds and other landscaping features in your yard.

Please contact 303-325-8000 for more information.

COUNCIL BANS COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES



The Centennial City Council recently voted to ban commercial marijuana businesses, including commercial cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores.

This move comes after City Council adopted a moratorium (or temporary ban) in 2013 to assess the community interest

in allowing commercial marijuana establishments in the City. Most surrounding communities except Denver have also banned commercial uses. The City's technical advisory group made up of business owners recommended a ban; stating that commercial marijuana would not present a good image of our community. This sentiment was also echoed by residents at a number of quarterly District meetings.

The City has prohibited the possession, consumption, use, display, transfer, distribution, sale, transportation, or growing of marijuana on City-owned or leased property such as the Civic Center and Centennial Center Park.

For more information visit www.CentennialCO.gov/MarijuanaRegs.

Other items to note concerning marijuana regulations in the City of Centennial:

Medical Marijuana

- Medical marijuana dispensaries and commercial businesses are prohibited in the City of Centennial.
- The City regulates the manner in which medical marijuana is cultivated, produced, possessed, or processed within a primary residence by a patient or a primary care-giver.

Adult Use \ Recreational Marijuana

- The City's ban does not address the personal right to buy and use adult use recreational marijuana as addressed by the Colorado constitution.
- The City regulates marijuana grown for personal use in a primary residence so as to promote safety and mitigate negative impacts from residential marijuana growing.
- The City has also prohibited the location and operation of marijuana enterprises such as marijuana and/or marijuana product vending machines.

BE AWARE AND BE SAFE DURING COYOTE BREEDING SEASON



Coyote breeding season occurs during the spring and early summer months which leads to a temporary growth in population and sightings. This spike in coyote population inevitably leads to more encounters and puts pets that are outdoors and unattended at risk. Please keep in mind the following:

Guidelines for living with coyotes

- **Pet Owners:** Always supervise your pet outside, especially at dawn and dusk. If you must leave your dog outside, secure them in a fully enclosed kennel that is securely attached to the house. While walking your dog, keep it on a short (10') leash and never let them interact or play with wildlife. Avoid walking near known or potential den sites and thick vegetation where coyotes may seek shelter.
- **Teach your children** about the presence of urban wildlife, to never approach wild animals, and to never feed wildlife.
- **Remove** things that attract wildlife from your yard such as pet food, water sources, fruit from trees and fallen debris from bird feeders.

Should you encounter a coyote in your yard or in an open space:

- Be as big and loud as possible; use arm gestures to exaggerate your size and voice.
- In a loud and forceful voice, command the coyote to go away.
- If the coyote **does not** leave the area, back away slowly while still facing the coyote.
- **Pick up** any small pets or children that are with you.
- **Carry hazing** tools and other deterrents including small rocks, a loud whistle or an air-horn.

All pets should be vaccinated against the rabies virus. Unvaccinated pets that are in contact with wildlife may be subject to mandatory quarantine of 45-90 days or six months as decided by the Health Department.

If you have an emergency regarding this matter, call 911. For additional information, contact the **City of Centennial, 303-325-8000**, or the **Colorado Division of Wildlife, 303-291-7227**.

Nextdoor

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Go to Nextdoor.com and create a site for your neighborhood!



Nextdoor is a free private social networking website for your neighborhood. Nextdoor makes it easy to connect with your neighbors and build a stronger, safer, happier place to call home.

Thousands of neighbors are already using Nextdoor to:

- Find trustworthy local resources, such as babysitters, plumbers and dentists
- Share information on suspicious activity and safety concerns with neighbors
- Organize neighborhood events, such as garage sales and block parties
- Get assistance to find lost pets and missing packages
- Receive emergency notifications and important information from the City of Centennial **(coming soon!)**

Nextdoor's mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods. If you are interested in joining your Nextdoor neighborhood, visit www.nextdoor.com and sign up to become a member.

Featured Service Provider: The Littleton Fire Protection District

Three fire protection districts serve the City of Centennial including Cunningham Fire Protection District, Littleton Fire Protection District and South Metro Fire Rescue.

The first of the three fire protection districts to be featured in this newsletter is the Littleton Fire Protection District (LFPD) led by new Fire Chief Christopher Armstrong, taking over for recently retired Chief John Mullin.

The Littleton Fire Protection District (LFPD) serves residents in portions of unincorporated Arapahoe County and Centennial and covers approximately thirty square-miles. Two LFPD stations are located in Centennial and include:

- Station 14, built in 1972 at Arapahoe Rd. and Colorado Blvd.; and



- Station 15, built in 1979 at University Blvd. and Dry Creek Rd.

According to the 2010 census, LFPD serves 40,726 Centennial residents. Last year, 2,465 emergency service calls were made within the area. Emergency response services include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, dive

rescue and recovery, as well as wild land fire suppression. The cost for services is determined on assessed valuation and number of emergency responses.

The Littleton Fire Protection District is managed by a five-member board, elected at large to serve a four-year staggered term. The LFPD Board is responsible for setting mill levy rates for fire protection, investing funds, developing an annual budget, managing contracts, adopting fire codes, and performing other functions necessary to provide fire protection.

View Centennial's Fire District Map at www.CentennialCO.gov/FireSafety to find which district you reside in. For more information about the Littleton Fire Protection District visit www.littletonfireprotectiondistrict.org.

STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The 2014 Street Rehabilitation Program will treat more than 25 miles of roadway. Surface preparation and concrete replacement work began in April with all street rehab work scheduled to be completed in September, weather permitting.

The 2014 Street Rehabilitation Program will include:
Mill and Overlay Treatment - The majority of 2014 Street Rehab funds will be invested in this treatment, which includes removal of the top two inches of existing asphalt surface and overlaying the milled surface with new asphalt. The 2014 Program includes 14.87 miles of mill and overlay treatment.

Street Reconstruction - Streets in need of this treatment typically have severe cracking and are beyond repair. A process called Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) will be used to reconstruct these streets. The 2014 Program includes 0.52 miles of reconstruction.

Concrete Rehabilitation - Streets receiving a mill and overlay or reconstruction will also receive concrete rehabilitation before the pavement treatment. This effort repairs broken curbs, gutters, sidewalks and other concrete that if left unrepaired will shorten the life of the street. The 2014 Program includes 4.78 miles of concrete rehabilitation.

Slurry Seal - Streets with less severe cracking may be preserved with a slurry seal. When used properly, this treatment will extend a street's pavement life by five to seven years. The 2014 Program includes 9.05 miles of slurry seal.

Hot In-Place Recycling (Heater/Repave) - This process is very similar to a mill and overlay except the



existing pavement is heated, re-mixed and placed, then finally topped with approximately two inches of new asphalt in one continuous process. This treatment is environmentally friendly because it reuses existing materials and significantly less natural resources. The 2014 Program includes 0.89 miles of hot-in-place recycling.

The streets included in the 2014 Program are listed at www.CentennialCO.gov/StreetRehab. Residences adjacent to or near a project will receive a notification letter from the City two to four weeks before construction begins on their street. Within 24 to 48 hours prior to the work beginning, residents will receive a door hanger listing the specific days and times work will occur. "No Parking" signs may be placed on your street during this time. Please do not park in these zones or work may be delayed and take longer to complete.

For questions regarding the 2014 Street Rehabilitation Program, please contact the City's Citizen Response Center at **303-325-8000**.

SENIORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Gail Ploen

For almost five decades, volunteers with the TLC Meals on Wheels program have been providing South Metro's homebound senior and disabled adult citizens with nutritious, home-delivered meals and friendly human contact.

Currently there are 550 volunteers from diverse backgrounds doing a multitude of tasks from preparing the food in the kitchen to delivering 330 hot lunches, five days a week. More than 80 percent of these volunteers are age fifty-five or older.



Gerry Cummins, TLC Meals on Wheels, Board Secretary and volunteer

An extraordinary example of a TLC senior volunteer is Centennial resident of 43 years, Gerry Cummins. Gerry has served on the TLC Board of Directors for more than three years

and is currently the Board Secretary.

According to the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults completed in 2010 by the National Research Center, older adults provide significant paid and unpaid contributions to their community. In Arapahoe County the calculated hours of volunteerism was estimated at \$800 million during a 12-month period.

Gerry devotes approximately 20 hours per week to improving her community and serves on four other boards including The League of Women Voters, her Neighborhood Civic Association and the Centennial Election Commission. She is also the president of Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON).

"The contribution seniors make in our community is vastly underestimated," said Mayor Cathy Noon, founder of the Centennial Senior Commission. "For too long we have looked at seniors from a dependency model, if we could change our perceptions to see older Americans as valuable contributors we could better access an immense resource and better meet the needs of our citizenry."

Funding for the TLC Meals on Wheels program comes from a number of sources including Whole Foods, Littleton Adventist Hospital, Arapahoe Aid to Agencies and the City of Centennial from the Federal Community Development Block Grant. Centennial has one of the fastest growing senior populations in the State.

TLC Meals on Wheels needs more volunteers as it continues to expand delivery routes in the community. To get involved, please contact TLC Meals on Wheels at 303-798-7642 or visit www.TLCMealsOnWheels.org and click the Get Involved banner.

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Summer Street Sweeping



The first round of street sweeping is underway and will continue through July, weather permitting.

Residents may access the street sweeping schedule on the City's website at www.CentennialCO.gov/StreetSweeping and are encouraged to register online to receive email notifications regarding their sweeping schedule at www.CentennialCO.gov/notifyme. The street sweeping schedule is dependent upon the weather and may change slightly to account for weather delays.

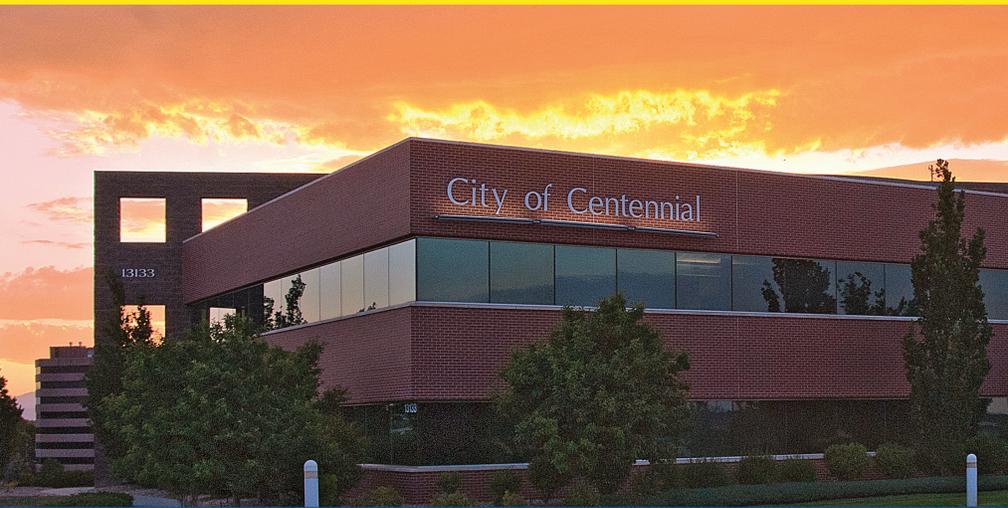
ONLINE SURVEY

TELL US HOW WE ARE DOING!



The City of Centennial cares what you think about our customer service.

Take our Customer Service Survey at www.CentennialCO.gov/survey and tell us how we're doing!



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SIGN UP FOR INFO

Emergency Notification
www.ArapahoeSheriff.org
www.SouthMetro.org

City News - E-News Sign Up
www.CentennialCO.gov/NotifyMe



Every Wednesday from noon to 1:00 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!



Centennial leash law

With summer approaching dogs and their owners will be out and about exploring trails and parks in the City.

It is required, by law, that all dogs must be on a leash of no more than 10 feet in length by a person of sufficient age, size and physical ability to restrain the animal when off the owner's property. Pets should not be tethered somewhere

that allows them access to common areas. Keeping your dog on a leash protects them from unsocial dogs, wildlife, traffic and other hazards and distractions. Always be mindful of those who do not like or are fearful of animals.

Be a good neighbor and keep your dog on a leash, it's the law!

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 Meeting

July 28 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St.



I-25/ARAPAHOE ROAD INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in partnership with Arapahoe County, the Cities of Centennial and Greenwood Village, and the Southeast Public Improvement Metro District, is beginning the next phase for improvements to the I-25 and Arapahoe Road interchange.

This project consists of design and replacement of the existing I-25 bridge over Arapahoe Road, and other improvements to the interchange complex, to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations and safety. This interchange reconstruction project will implement the Improved Partial Cloverleaf interchange recommendation from the Environmental Assessment completed in 2013.

Prior to preliminary design beginning this summer, field work will be completed to gather updated, detailed data. This will include traffic counts, survey, geotechnical borings and utility locates. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2016 and be completed in 2017.

CDOT's Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) funding program, Federal and local entities are all providing funding for this project. RAMP funding is estimated to be \$50.4 million, with local entities including the City of Centennial to provide matching funds for a total of \$68 million for construction.

