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CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK WATER PLAY OPENS MAY 23



Centennial Center Park is perfect for family celebrations or company functions – and reservations are filling up fast. The Park is equipped with picnic tables, restrooms, six barbeque grills, trash receptacles, parking and bike racks.

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 more than 25 square feet (not larger than a 5 X 5)
- ▶ Stages, obstacle courses, inflatable toys, jumpers, etc
- ▶ Smoking is allowed only in designated areas

For more information or to make a reservation, call 303-325-8000 or visit www.CentennialCO.gov/CenterPark.



**Water Play Hours
of Operation:
Memorial Day weekend
through Labor Day
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

Centennial Center Park Hours:

**May 1 – October 31,
5 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

**November 1 – April 30,
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

STATE OF OUR CITY CELEBRATES GREAT PERFORMANCES

We talked, we laughed, and we enjoyed a surprise dance performance.

This year's State of Our City event focused on Centennial's Great Performances of 2014. Mayor Noon's speech highlighted City achievements including live concerts in the new Centennial Center Park amphitheater, recognition in 5280's Top of the Town issue and acknowledgement as a Best Place to Live by *USA Today* and *Money Magazine*, along with numerous groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings throughout 2014.

She also spoke about the City's future and of 2015 being the year of innovation with the City receiving the grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies and hiring a consultant to see what opportunities exist with our current fiber infrastructure.

The event was hosted by the Centennial Rotary Club and emceed by CBS 4 reporter Jennifer Brice, a Centennial native.

"I truly appreciate the Rotary hosting this annual event. This provides the business community, residents and our surrounding neighbors an opportunity to interact and hear about the City's accomplishments and future goals. Of course this is a great way for the Rotary to share information about the tremendous projects they do and the difference they make in so many lives," says Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon.

The Mayor's speech and the videos shown during the event are on the City's website, www.CentennialCO.gov/StateofOurCity.

Proceeds of this event go to the Centennial Rotary Club Foundation. The foundation assists local charities and community service organizations.



District 1 Council Member Voory Moon and District 2 Council Member Keith Gardner were recognized during the State of the City luncheon for their eight years of service to the City. Both are term-limited in 2015.



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EXPLORE AND ENJOY SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS AND RECREATION THIS SUMMER!

Dive into summer at Franklin Pool, ride the slide at Holly Pool, or commit to get fit with a Zumba or Cardio Muscle class at Goodson Recreation Center. Join a youth sports league, ride or race on the BMX Track, play 18 holes at South Suburban Golf Course or Family Sports Golf Course, or play laser tag at Family Sports Center.

Enjoy unlimited access to South Suburban's four outdoor pools and recreation centers by purchasing **South Suburban's Summer Adventure Pass**, valid Memorial Day through Labor Day. The pass is available at South Suburban recreation centers.

FREE Golf for Kids, ages 17 and under on Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 5 p.m. at Family Sports Golf Course, 6901 S. Peoria St., and at 6 p.m. at South Suburban Golf Course, 7900 S. Colorado Blvd.

Holly Tennis Center has opened six new lighted tennis courts to the public. Adult group lessons and stroke clinics begin in mid-June at 6651 S. Krameria Way. Reserve your spot on the court!

Need Childcare for a Day, a Week or the Entire Summer? Children will have a blast at South Suburban's Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St. The full-day licensed day camp for children ages 6-13 includes laser tag, a climbing wall, obstacle course, ice skating, bumper cars and more! Contact Christina Ibarra at Christinai@sspr.org or call 303-754-0552 for more information.

Summer Discovery Quest and Camp X-plosion are camps based at Goodson Recreation Center offer full-day childcare. Camps are designed for children K - 10 yrs., and 11-14 yrs. and run May 26 - August 14.

Fight Boredom with Summer Camp! Choose from more than 200 day camps in the areas of nature, sports, art, technology and more.



Sunset Salutations! Enjoy a free Yoga class in South Suburban's deKoevend Park, 6301 S. University Blvd. Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. No experience is necessary. A Yoga mat will be provided if you don't have one.

Register at ssprd.org or call 303.347.5999 for more information.

CENTENNIAL SENIOR COMMISSION UPDATE

The vision and mission of the Centennial Senior Commission is: "To foster greater understanding of senior citizens in Centennial by listening to their concerns, recognizing their contributions, encouraging greater senior citizen participation in community issues, providing a voice for seniors, and advocating for senior issues as they pertain to the City of Centennial."

There are various opportunities for citizens to be involved in this mission and we invite you to consider joining us.

Detailed information about opportunities for seniors can be found at www.CentennialCO.gov/Seniors.

If you are interested in joining the Senior Commission, we are currently accepting applications. New Commissioners will be approved by City Council Resolution in August.

Library Events

The Senior Commission is partnering with the Arapahoe Public Library District to host a variety of "Active Minds" presentations at the Smoky Hill and Southglenn branches. Topics include The Tuskegee Airmen, Foods for Health Aging, Estate Planning, Using Essential Oils, and Medicare to name a few. Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/Seniors for more information on dates and times.



WEEDS, WEEDS EVERYWHERE!

With summer upon us and the amount of snowfall this year, the growth of vegetation is sure to be vigorous.

The City of Centennial in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture has a zero tolerance for noxious weeds. Noxious weeds are different from your run of the mill weeds because they cause a threat to the eco-system. Therefore, no property is exempt from removing noxious weeds. The list of noxious weeds found in Colorado can be accessed at: www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxiousweeds.

There is no one best way to rid properties of noxious weeds. Each weed is unique and requires a specific approach which can be determined after the weed has been identified. Some weeds can be mowed or pulled, some need a biological or cultural approach and some may need herbicides.

If you would like assistance identifying noxious weeds, and how to eradicate them, please call the City of Centennial 24 hour Citizen Response Center at 303-325-8000 and ask to speak with a Code Compliance Officer.



WACO TO HIMALAYA WIDENING SET TO BEGIN

The widening project of Arapahoe Road from Waco Street to Himalaya Way is scheduled to begin early this summer.

The project will widen the existing roadway with a new four and six-lane section, widen the shoulders, replace existing traffic signals, reconstruct the crossing at Antelope Creek and underground the overhead power lines.

Construction is expected to last through the summer of 2016.

One lane on Arapahoe Road will remain open in each direction during morning and afternoon rush hours. Temporary closures may occur during off-peak hours.

As with any major roadway construction, drivers should expect delays on Arapahoe Road, especially

during rush hours. Message boards will also be placed along the roadway during construction.

If you'd like to receive updates on the project, follow the City on Facebook and Twitter or sign up for e-newsletters at www.arapahoeroad.com.

#MYCENTENNIAL MILITARY VOICES

Do you have friends, neighbors or relatives in Centennial that have served or are serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces? Or maybe your career includes military service? Join in and help spread the word about the City's online military recognition project: **#MyCentennial Military Voices**.

Our goal is to collect personal memories and photos to create a community record to honor and recognize the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces.

To be included, individuals must have lived or worked in Centennial at some point in time. Local veterans and active duty personnel of all ages are invited to participate. Family members may also submit forms on behalf of someone or in memoriam, as long as the individual lived or worked in Centennial. For more information visit www.CentennialCO.gov/Veterans.

STREET SWEEPING

The City's Street Sweeping Program consists of sweeping all the public streets within the City of Centennial. A total of three rounds of sweeping occur throughout the year- spring, summer and fall. During the spring and fall passes, sweepers work in tandem to address heavier debris in the gutters.

The summer program is scheduled to occur from July through August and the fall program is scheduled for mid-September through the end of November.

View the street sweeping schedule at www.CentennialCO.gov/StreetSweeping. Residents are encouraged to register online to receive email notifications regarding changes to the sweeping schedule at www.CentennialCO.gov/NotifyMe. Please note, there are two notification lists associated with the east and west areas of the City, "separated" by I-25. Please review the map before you register to ensure you are registering for the correct area notifications. Residents may also receive notifications by joining the private neighborhood social network, www.Nextdoor.com.

The sweeping schedules are dependent upon the weather and may slightly change to adjust for program delays.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS

Sponsor a City of Centennial event! Attendance at City events has continuously grown the last several years and is expected to increase again this year.

The City is currently offering sponsorship opportunities for three events: Summer Kickoff Concert, Music and a Movie and the 10th Annual Centennial Under the Stars Laser Light Show and Concert.

For information on City sponsor packages and benefits, call 303-754-3358 or email parkinfo@CentennialCO.gov.

Thank you to last year's presenting sponsors Vectra Bank and Rainbow Research Optics! Multi-event pricing and custom sponsorships are available. In-kind donations are appreciated and assessed a value-appropriate level.



FUN TIMES AHEAD AT CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

Summer's here! Come out and experience the award-winning Centennial Center Park featuring three climbing walls, two age appropriate play areas, a water play area and four shelters available for rental.

#MYCENTENNIAL STUDENT VOICES: PEABODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPEAKS UP!

Each year, Peabody Elementary School has a fundraising auction bringing together Peabody families, staff, and the surrounding community for an evening of fun. Peabody students from grades 3, 4 and 5 were asked to participate in a writing contest as a way to get involved.

This year's prompt was: What does Peabody Elementary mean to you? The writing genre was open-ended so students were able to express their opinion in any way. Peabody means a lot to these students and to the community.

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov MyCentennialStudentVoices to see what these students have to say!

FIBER OPTIC INITIATIVE STATUS UPDATE

Late last year, the City hired a consultant to conduct a city-wide survey and inventory its existing fiber optic assets. In addition, we asked the consultant to identify opportunities the City may want to pursue using the fiber optics already in place for City traffic signals.

Just this month, a report of these findings was provided to City Council. The results, opinions and recommendations in the report are based on the consultant's findings. City Council is reviewing the report and will determine further action based on the best interests of Centennial citizens.

RAPID REVIEW THURSDAY

With summer here, you may be planning some home improvements. Building permits are required for new buildings, renovations and additions to existing buildings.

On Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the City's Building division issues the permits listed below over the counter, in addition to the standard over the counter permits:

- ▶ Shade covers
- ▶ Uncovered decks
- ▶ Patio covers
- ▶ Egress windows
- ▶ Basement finishes
- ▶ Fence permits

For more information visit www.CentennialCO.gov/permits or call 303-754-3321.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION?

There are opportunities throughout the year to apply to serve on a Centennial board or commission.

Applications for the remainder of 2015 are available as follows:

- Election Commission:** May
- Senior Commission:** May
- Open Space Advisory Board:** October
- Finance Committees:** November/December

For more information about Boards and Commissions visit www.CentennialCo.gov/BoardsandCommissions.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

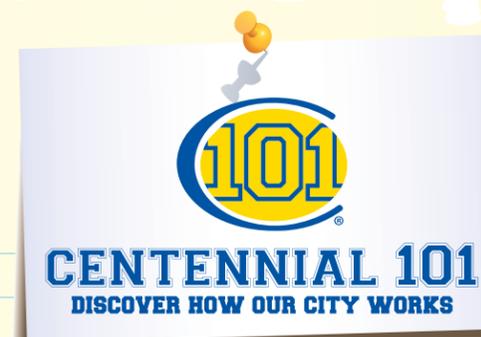
Did you know you can get your passport at the City of Centennial? We are a Passport Application Acceptance Facility! New passport applications are accepted by appointment Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Application forms must be filled out prior to the appointment. The City provides digital passport photos for a fee. You must apply in person if:

- ▶ You are applying for your first U.S. passport
- ▶ You are under age 16
- ▶ Your previous U.S. passport was issued when you were under age 16
- ▶ Your previous U.S. passport was lost, stolen, or damaged
- ▶ Your previous U.S. passport was issued more than 15 years ago
- ▶ Your name has changed since your U.S. passport was issued and you are unable to legally document your name change

Renewal Applications for Adults using form DS-82 are done via mail and not processed at the City of Centennial's passport office.

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov for more information or to schedule an appointment.



GET TO KNOW OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Join us for Centennial 101, a free program to discover how our City works. In just seven weeks participants will understand how Centennial is unique, learn about how our tax dollars are used, experience a mock court trial, and find opportunities to get more involved in the community.

The curriculum for the seven week class is below. Classes will be Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m., beginning August 27. Most of the classes will take place at the City's Eagle Street Facility located at 7272 S. Eagle St.

Applications for Centennial 101 will be available online at www.CentennialCO.gov/Centennial101 from June 15 to July 1, 2015. Hurry! Only 30 participants will be accepted for the Fall 2015 class.

You may be interested in Centennial 101 if:

- ▶ You have an interest in your City and community and want to learn more.
- ▶ You have been involved in the community, or are just curious how the City works.
- ▶ You are new to Centennial - or have lived here since before it was a city.
- ▶ You pay taxes and want to know how that money is being spent.
- ▶ You love local politics - or hate local politics.
- ▶ You like to meet new, interesting people.
- ▶ You want to peek behind the scenes.

Schedule for 2015:*

- Session 1, Aug. 27:** An Introduction to Centennial
- Session 2, Sept. 3:** Where Your Tax Dollars Go
- Session 3, Sept. 10:** A Look at City Planning
- Session 4, Sept. 17:** Roads and Public Infrastructure
- Session 5, Sept. 24:** Public Safety
- Session 6, Oct. 1:** Courts and How to Get Involved
- Graduation, Oct. 5:** Celebration at City Council Meeting

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/Centennial101 for more information.

*Schedule is subject to change.

MAIN PHONE NUMBER FOR ALL CITY INFORMATION
24 / 7, 365 DAYS A YEAR
303-325-8000

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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
- Sign up for District E-Newsletters at**
www.CentennialCO.gov/ElectedOfficials
- Customer Service Survey**
www.CentennialCO.gov/survey

GET CONNECTED

- Facebook.com/CentennialGov
- @CentennialGov
- @CentennialGov



Every Wednesday from noon 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!

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 Meeting

Monday, June 29 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Monday, August 31 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Southglenn Library

6972 S. Vine St.

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SWAMP COOLERS: BAD NAME, GREAT OPTION FOR COLORADO COOLING

Contributed by Erin Mathe, Xcel Energy

You've probably heard of them referred to as "swamp coolers." Terrible name. But they work well in dry climates like Colorado. And here's why: evaporative cooling systems (that's the real name for swamp coolers) keep the home cool by providing a steady stream of fresh, filtered air.

Here's how they work: they cool outdoor air by passing it through water-saturated pads, causing the water to evaporate in it, hence the name. That newly humidified air, which is as much as 15-30 degrees cooler, is then distributed through the home. The fresh, filtered air pushes the warmer air out through the open windows.

Here are some things to know if you're considering a new or upgraded cooling system for your home.

Compared to air conditioners, evaporative coolers:

- ▶ Cost less to purchase, install and maintain
- ▶ Save up to 75% more energy than air conditioners, typically accounting for a 30% savings on the average energy bill
- ▶ Lower inside temperature up to 30 degrees
- ▶ Provide cooling that's traditionally quieter than air conditioners
- ▶ Reduce the amount of dust and pollutants in the air since the air is 100% filtered
- ▶ Don't use ozone-depleting refrigerants
- ▶ Are typically powered by a standard 120 volt outlet

To help lower the financial cost, Xcel Energy offers its customers significant rebates when an evaporative cooling system is installed in the home: from \$250 - \$1,000, depending on the system. It doesn't matter if you're getting a first time installation or a replacement model. You get the rebate either way.

See our list of qualified evaporative cooling contractors in your area at www.xcelenergy.com/rebates or visit a participating retail store.