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CENTENNIAL

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Halfpenny Brewery Grand Opening, February 2016

Use Explore Centennial to discover local businesses, like Halfpenny Brewery!

EXPLORE CENTENNIAL DISCOVER LOCAL BUSINESSES

It's now easier than ever to shop local. The City of Centennial has a new online tool for connecting the community with local businesses! Visit explore.centennialco.gov (no www in front), and search by keywords or category to find what you're looking for, locally. Spending locally keeps your sales tax dollars working for you, as these revenues go toward City services.

All businesses registered in Centennial have the opportunity for a free listing on this searchable business database. Whether you're looking for a restaurant, entertainment, healthcare, or something else, you'll find options at explore.centennial.gov.

Explore Centennial is a mobile-friendly site, meaning you can take it with you as you go! On the hunt for Centennial's hidden gems? This could be your answer. Don't miss out on this opportunity to discover all Centennial has to offer!

STATE OF OUR CITY

12TH ANNUAL ADDRESS FROM THE MAYOR

The Centennial Rotary Club and the City of Centennial are pleased to announce the 2016 State of Our City Address, scheduled for Thursday, April 28. As Centennial celebrates its 15th year, Mayor Cathy Noon will showcase how the City has developed into one of the "Best Places to Live in America" and how we will thrive well into the future.

Interested in attending? Cost for an individual seat is \$40. To register online visit www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp. Enter event code: CRF0428

STATE OF OUR CITY ADDRESS

Thursday, April 28

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Embassy Suites DTC

10250 E. Costilla Avenue

— SHOP LOCAL —
explore.centennial.gov



#CelebrateCentennial

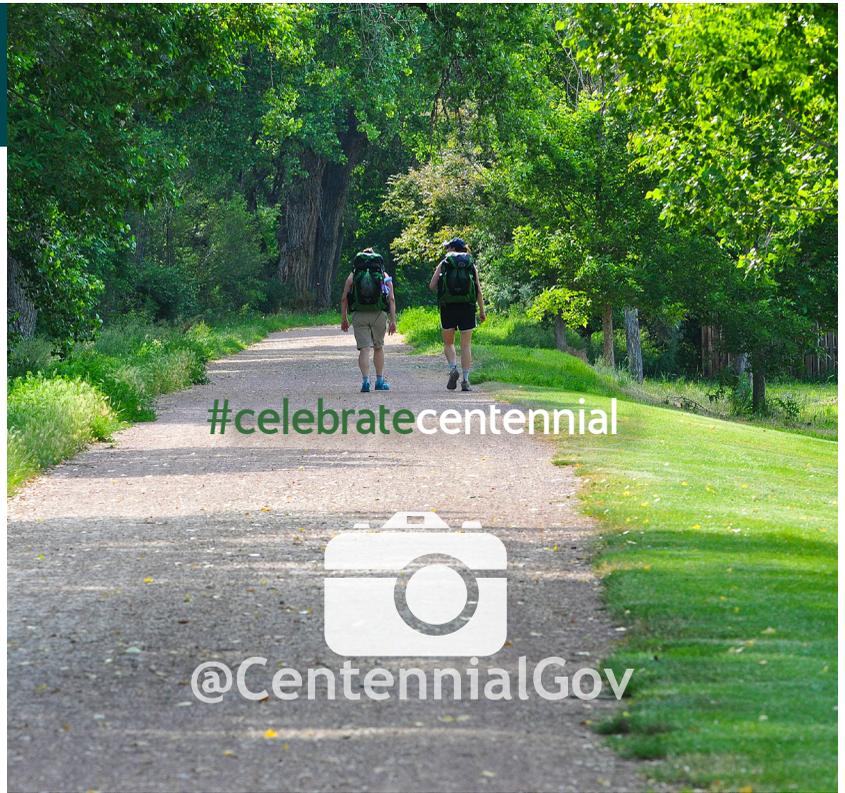
CELEBRATE THE CITY YOU LOVE

Centennial turned 15 last month!

In celebration of this momentous occasion, we will “regram” (share) your beautiful, fun and creative Centennial photos found on Instagram. If you would like to be featured in future posts, use the #CelebrateCentennial hashtag when posting your picture.

Centennial’s Instagram is a fun way to watch video clips, view beautiful pictures of Centennial or get excited about upcoming events!

Follow us on Instagram @CentennialGov, give us a reason why you love Centennial and let the celebrations begin!



BUDGET IN BRIEF

2016 CITY BUDGET AVAILABLE ONLINE

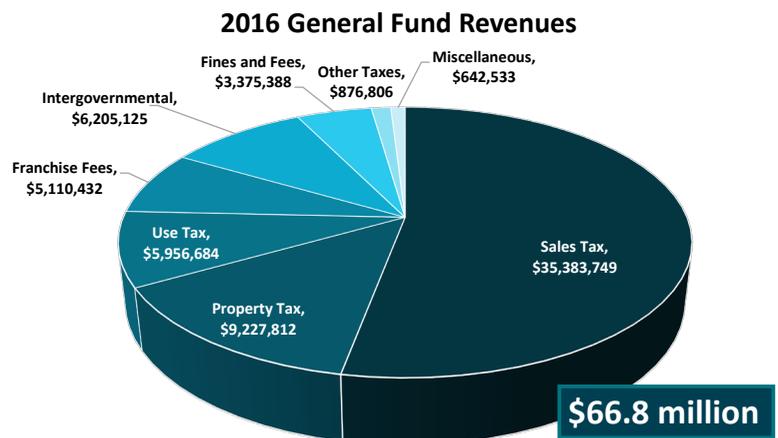
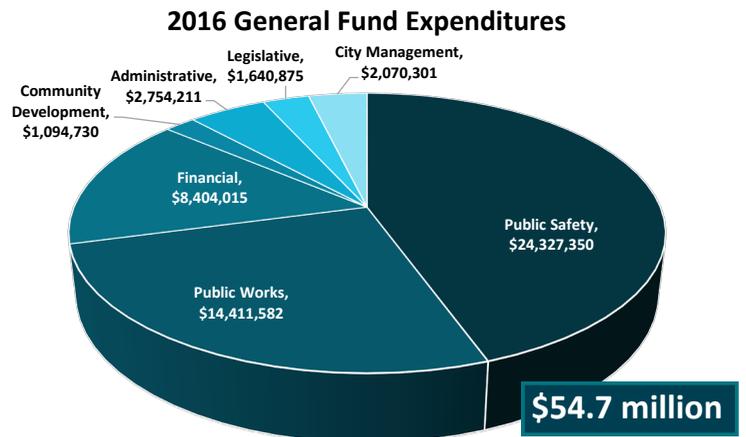
What does the City spend money on and how much do those services cost? You have easy access to these answers by viewing the City of Centennial’s 2016 Budget in Brief at centennialco.gov/budget2016. The Budget in Brief is an overview of Centennial’s annual budget and highlights significant changes and accomplishments.

The City’s General Fund budget for 2016 is \$54.7 million (excluding fund transfers). The General Fund pays for most City services including public safety, public works, community development, finance and administrative functions, among others. For these General Fund services, the cost to serve each resident is expected to be \$1.39 per day.

Revenues for the City’s General Fund Budget are generated from a variety of areas, a large portion of which come from sales tax in the City.

Some of the City’s notable 2016 projects include improving mobility across all modes of transportation in the City, reducing congestion on Arapahoe Road, the continued support for Centennial’s parks and recreation districts, and the development of a new Comprehensive Plan.

BUDGET SNAPSHOT:



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

YOUR VISION CAN HELP SHAPE OUR CITY

When you're out and about do you ever ask yourself "I wonder if something will be built in that field some day?" Or "Does the City have a vision to develop this area?" We want to have those answers for you!

This year, the City is updating its Comprehensive Plan which tells the story of our community values and how we envision Centennial in the future. As part of this initiative the City will be asking for your input in creating a framework to guide the preservation, enhancement, and responsible growth of our City between now and the next 10 to 20 years. A Comprehensive Plan focuses on land use, housing, economic development, community appearance, parks and open space, and supporting infrastructure, services and partnerships.

With your involvement, the Comprehensive Plan will define a vision and future roadmap for Centennial. Residents, business owners, community organizations, and others have an important stake in Centennial's future. Throughout the coming months, there will be a variety of opportunities to provide input through public meetings, interactive workshops, online tools, and other methods.

To learn more about this project or to sign up for notifications, visit centennialco.gov/compplan.

WELCOME TO CITY COUNCIL

CENTENNIAL'S NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

In January, the City welcomed two new and two returning Council Members elected in November 2015. Visit centennialco.gov/propertysearch to see what district you live in, and sign up to receive your district's e-newsletter by visiting centennialco.gov/notifyme.



CANDACE MOON

DISTRICT 1 COUNCIL MEMBER

Candace Moon is currently employed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She is an Air Force veteran, a former law enforcement officer, a certified law enforcement instructor, former corporate manager and small business owner. Moon and husband, Vorry have seven children, 11 grandchildren and have lived in Centennial for 23 years. She takes the term-limited seat of Vorry Moon.

CARRIE PENALOZA

DISTRICT 2 COUNCIL MEMBER

Carrie Penalzoza is a Colorado attorney who has spent years in numerous Colorado municipalities as a city prosecutor. She has been a resident of Centennial for almost 10 years. She and husband, Rich have two daughters. Penalzoza takes the term-limited seat of Keith Gardner.



KEN LUCAS

DISTRICT 3 COUNCIL MEMBER

Ken Lucas was elected for his second term as District 3 Council Member. Lucas has extensive experience in investment banking, financial services, private equity, venture capital and internal auditing. He and his wife of 44 years have two sons and have lived in Centennial for 31 years.

STEPHANIE PIKO

DISTRICT 4 COUNCIL MEMBER

Stephanie Piko was re-elected for a second term in November of 2015 for District 4. She serves as Chairman of the Cherry Creek Water Quality Authority and serves the City on the SEMSWA board. Up until 2014, she worked for the Cherry Creek School District as a Computer Technician. She and husband, James have two sons and have been a residents of Centennial since 2001.



YOUTH COMMISSION IN ACTION

CENTENNIAL YOUTH COMMISSION 2016

The Centennial Youth Commission has had a fun and active start to the year! The Commissioners represented the City at the 2016 Cherry Creek Diversity Conference in January, where they engaged with high school students and professionals from across the state to discuss the appreciation of diversity in their schools and community.

The Youth Commission was joined by Mayor Cathy Noon when hosting a volunteer night at Project C.U.R.E., a local non-profit that provides donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world.

The Youth Commission meets twice a month and participates in City-wide events, develops community programs, performs community service projects and participates in the policy-making process. To learn more about the Centennial Youth Commission, visit centennialco.gov/youthcommission.

Centennial Youth Commission leads a volunteer group at Project C.U.R.E (top); Back Row (Left to Right)- Council Member Candace Moon, Senior Commissioner John Dietrich, Julia Arnese, Caitlyn Holt, Edwina Maben, Delwin Maben, Davis Livingston, Mayor Cathy Noon, Front Row-Hudson McClellan, Commissions Coordinator Kelly Brady, and Council Member Stephanie Piko. **Centennial Youth Commission at the 2016 Cherry Creek Diversity Conference (bottom);** (Left to Right) Chloe Ashworth, Caitlyn Holt, Eleana Welsh, Davis Livingston, Delwin Maben, and Edwina Maben



AGING WELL IN CENTENNIAL

SENIOR RESOURCE WEB PAGE

By Chris O' Mara, City of Centennial Senior Commissioner



Don't miss exciting events and programs sponsored by the Centennial Senior Commission in partnership with the Arapahoe County Library District. Visit the calendar on the Senior Web page, centennialco.gov/seniors, to find webinars on topics of interest to seniors hosted by DORA (Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies) and meetings and seminars affecting the lives of seniors within the community. The calendar is updated as additional events are scheduled.

The Senior Web page also provides resources for transportation, health, housing and volunteer opportunities, among others. Check it out!

PROTECT YOURSELF: DON'T BE A VICTIM OF SENIOR FRAUD

By Nancy Forsythe, City of Centennial Senior Commissioner



No one wants to be a target for scammers. Trust your gut. If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. If someone asks for your personal information ask yourself: Is this a legitimate business? Why would this person be asking for my information? Did I request a particular business to contact me? Ask questions, and don't feel rushed to respond with your information. Contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at 303.795.4711 if you feel you have been part of a scam operation.

SPRING CLEANING

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON

NOXIOUS WEED WORKSHOP

Learn how to identify noxious weeds and how to safely remove them from your property.

Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. to noon
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
13101 E. Broncos Parkway

Space is limited to 35 participants so don't wait to register!

For more information and for reservations, contact Tamra Gregory at tgregory@centennialco.gov.

SPRING STREET SWEEPING

Spring street sweeping is set to begin in March and will continue through May until all public streets are swept. Summer sweeping is scheduled from July through August and the fall program is scheduled for mid-September through the end of November. The sweeping schedules are dependent upon the weather and may change slightly to adjust for weather delays.

Check out the sweeping schedule at centennialco.gov/streetsweeping, and to receive email notifications about the sweeping register at centennialco.gov/notifyme. You may also receive notifications by subscribing on the private neighborhood social network, Nextdoor.com.

CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

It's springtime in Colorado! This could mean warm days or more snow! When severe winter storm conditions are present, please visit centennialco.gov before heading out to the Centennial Civic Center to make sure the City is not on a delayed start or closing early. While this is rare, better to know before you go!

CIVIC CENTER REMODEL

MOBILE OFFICE UNIT

Need to contact the Building Division or Community Development Department? The Centennial Civic Center is currently being remodeled. If you need to obtain permits or licenses with the City's Building Division or Community Development Department, these services are temporarily located in the mobile office to the north of the building until June. All phone numbers remain the same. All other services will be located in their usual facility. If you have questions, please call 303.325.8000.



ARAPAHOE ROAD PROJECT

IMPROVING SAFETY AND MOBILITY

Thank you for your patience during the reconstruction of Arapahoe Road between Waco Street and Himalaya Way. The project is ongoing and the outcome will improve safety and mobility along this stretch of roadway. Since the start of construction in August, some noticeable milestones have been achieved. Learn more at arapahoeroad.com.

MILESTONES

- Overhead power has been converted to underground and utility poles are removed on the north side of Arapahoe Road. The south side of the road is soon to follow.
- The drainage structure at Antelope Creek continues to be constructed.
- Areas along the project are being filled to level the path for the new roadway.

FIBER INITIATIVE

EXPANDING OUR NETWORK

The Centennial City Council recently committed \$5.7 million to implement a fiber master plan. Designed initially for municipal and community anchors (such as schools and public safety), this master plan looks at ways to make the most of existing fiber infrastructure and expand the network in order to create new opportunities. The Fiber Master Plan will allow the City to consider future options such as enhanced public services and economic development opportunities.



Consultant John Honker of Magellan Advisors discusses broadband options with the Fiber Steering Committee.

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Centennial, CO 80112

HOURS

M - F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (excluding holidays)

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CITY NEWS: E-NEWS SIGN UP

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DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTERS

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CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY

centennialco.gov/survey

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

arapahoesherriff.org | southmetro.org

JOIN US FOR



WITH THE MAYOR

Every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., Mayor Cathy Noon is at the Centennial Civic Center to speak with citizens about ideas, concerns, questions- just about anything that's on your mind. Stop by and say hello!

For information regarding accommodations for individuals with disabilities, please visit centennialco.gov.



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 13133 E. Arapahoe Road
 Centennial, Colorado 80112

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Monday, May 23
 6 p.m.
 Southglenn Library
 6972 S. Vine Street

DISTRICT 3

Wednesday, April 27
 6:30 p.m.
 Innovation Pavilion
 9200 E. Mineral Ave.

DISTRICT 2

Wednesday, May 25
 6:30 p.m.
 Koelbel Library
 5955 S. Holly Street

DISTRICT 4

Thursday, May 5
 6:30 p.m.
 Smoky Hill Library
 5430 S. Biscay Circle

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2016 SUMMER EVENTS AT CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

Summer is shaping up to be another eventful season!
 Visit centennialco.gov/events for details.

- JUNE 4** KICKOFF CONCERT
featuring USAF Falconaires
- JUNE 16** SAVOR CENTENNIAL— NEW!
- JULY 21** Enjoy local music, food and beverages for
purchase, perfect for happy hour!
- AUG. 18**
- JUNE 25** CAR SHOW & MOVIE NIGHT
- JULY 16** CENTENNIAL BREW-N-QUE— NEW!
BBQ & Beer Tasting Festival
- AUG. 13** UNDER THE STARS CONCERT
& LASER LIGHT SHOW
- AUG. 26** MUSIC & MOVIE NIGHT
- SEPT. 23—** CENTENNIAL CHALK ART
SEPT. 25 FESTIVAL



Get ready to enjoy the big band jazz sounds of USAF's Falconaires! These professional Airmen-musicians follow in a long blue line of talented Air Force Academy bandsmen who are dedicated to serving our great nation.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or vendor at these events, please contact the City's Communications Director Sheri Chadwick at schadwick@centennialco.gov.