



A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE *living with coyotes*

All Front Range communities are home to coyotes, including the City of Centennial. Recently, residents living close to some of the parks, trails, golf courses, and open space areas in Centennial have reported an increase in sightings.

Coyotes have adapted to neighborhoods because our environment supports them. These animals are comfortable in the presence humans and have lost their natural fear of us. Coyotes are quick learners and consistent negative experiences can teach them to avoid people.

Coyotes can be active any time, day or night, but especially at dawn and dusk.

- Conflicts with pets can occur year-round and are more likely to occur during the breeding season (February and March).
- Because young are born in the spring, food requirements of the nursing female and growing young remain high until late summer. As people and their pets spend more time outdoors during this time, the possibility of a coyote encounter increases.

What you can do!

NEVER feed a coyote, either intentionally or by leaving food on your porch. A fed coyote can be an aggressive coyote. If you see or suspect someone is feeding a coyote, please contact the City at 303-325-8000.

If you live near or adjacent to a park, trail, golf course, or natural area, keep small pets in sight while outside or accompany them outside even if you have a fenced yard, particularly after dusk when coyotes are more active.

If you are approached by a coyote:

- 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.
- Always keep your pet on a leash; collect small pets into your arms and keep large pets close to you.
- Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.
- Throw objects (not food) adjacent to the coyote.
- Slowly move towards a busy, populated area. There is no need to run.

Source: Colorado Division of Wildlife

REFRIGERATOR REMINDER

Keep this magnet to help remind your family about living safely near coyotes

AVOID CONFLICT WITH COYOTES!



Protect your pets & keep coyotes out of your yard

- **REMOVE** all sources of food/water
- **YELL** and make a lot of NOISE
- **NEVER** feed or throw food
- **DO NOT** turn your back or run away
- **ACT** big and scary
- **REMOVE** hiding places

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Land Development Code Rewrite Underway

The City of Centennial continues to review and seek feedback regarding the existing Land Development Code. An advisory team is in place and meets monthly through September 2009.

The Land Development Code Rewrite project is part of a continuing effort to implement a vision for the future of the City of Centennial. The new Land Development Code will lay the framework for translating the City's plans to the practice of development. The plans include the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, the Arapahoe Urban Center Sub-Area Plan, the Central Centennial Boundary Plan, the Southglenn Sub-Area Plan (underway) and Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030.

The City's existing Land Development Code, adapted from Arapahoe County's code, is focused on rural/agriculture based zoning concepts, and does not directly provide for the character of development and redevelopment that is envisioned by the City's plans.

As such, in April 2008, the City started work on establishing objectives and strategic direction for updating the code. In November 2008, the City selected a consultant team of Kendig Keast Collaborative, HDR, and White & Smith to assist in the effort.

Advisory Team meetings are open to the public. The meetings are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Centennial Civic Center located 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Project information, meeting materials, and code drafts are available on the project Web site: <http://www.centennialcodeupdate.com>.

Cherry Knolls Shopping Center Update

Please be advised that while the Safeway store located at 6770 S. University Blvd. has closed, the remainder of the shopping center remains open for business. Please continue to patronize the shopping center's retailers!

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3

In the November 3rd election, the City of Centennial has one council seat open from each District, and the city-wide position of Mayor.

Incumbents include District 1 Council Member Rick Dindinger, District 2 Council Member Sue Bosier, District 3 Council Member Rebecca McClellan and District 4 Council Member Ron Weidmann. Mayor Randy Pye is term-limited and can not seek re-election. Mayor Pye, one of the City's founding fathers, has been Mayor since the City's incorporation in 2001.

Packets with basic information for possible candidates are available online or in hard copy from the Deputy City Clerk's office.

Full information packets will be available for candidates July 1.

A candidate for elected office must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a registered elector at the time of nomination and election, primary resident and registered elector of the City of Centennial. Council members must be a primary resident of the district he or she seeks to represent, for at least one year immediately preceding election.

Each City Council candidate must be nominated by a petition signed by at least 25 registered electors residing within the District from which the Council candidate is to be elected. Candidates for Mayor may obtain the required 25 signatures from registered electors residing anywhere within the City of Centennial. Signatures must be obtained on forms issued by the Deputy City Clerk, and circulated only between August 4, 2009 and August 24, 2009.

For further information, please contact Brenda Madison, Deputy City Clerk, 303-754-3302, or bmadison@centennialcolorado.com

Explore Centennial & Shop Local

The City of Centennial wants you to shop local!

The City of Centennial kicked off its Shop Local program March 1 with local businesses and encourages residents to shop locally.

By supporting local businesses, you are actively reinvesting in your community, enriching the local economy, increasing the diversity of available products and services, and improving the quality of life for everyone in Centennial.

Local business discounts include 10-20 percent off, \$5 off purchases of \$25 or more, and "buy one get one" offers.

There is still an opportunity for you to participate and become a 2009 "Passport" holder for the Explore Centennial program. There is no cost to participate in the program.

For more information, call Corri Spiegel, Economic Development Manager at 303-754-3351 or visit www.centennialcolorado.com and click Shop Local on the left side of the home page.



CENTENNIAL STREETS RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Reconstruction on Arapahoe Rd. between Colorado Blvd. and Holly St. is moving on to the next phase!



The immediate impacts to traffic began on January 8 and will continue through the summer of 2009. Traffic is restricted to one lane in each direction

from the west side of Colorado Blvd. to the east side of Holly St. Because of these lane restrictions, drivers will experience delays, especially during rush hours. Thus, alternate routes are strongly encouraged.

Work that has been completed to date:

- Installation of a new storm sewer from Clermont St. to Fairfax Wy.
- Construction of retaining walls between Colorado Blvd. and Clermont St.
- Utility relocations.

Work that will be completed in this phase:

- Removal of the existing roadway surface on the south side of Arapahoe Rd.
- Construction of the new concrete roadway surface on the south side of Arapahoe Rd.
- Reconstruction of the side streets and business access on the south side of Arapahoe Rd.
- Construction of sidewalks and fencing at various locations on the south side of Arapahoe Rd.

- At least one lane of Arapahoe Rd. will be open in both directions throughout the construction process.
- All business access to Arapahoe Rd. will remain open during this project.
- Travelers can expect heavy construction traffic to and from the worksite at various times. Please use caution when driving through the work zone, limit your speed to 30 miles per hour, and obey all traffic signs and directions from flaggers.

For more information, call 720-475-7122 or email us at ArapahoeRoad@pbsj.com

Work continues on University Blvd. and Arapahoe Rd. intersection

The intersection of University Blvd. and Arapahoe Rd. is currently being reconstructed by replacing the asphalt with concrete pavement. All local business access is affected by the construction.

What will be completed:

- Drainage will be improved by installing new storm sewer pipes and inlets.
- The intersection will be widened with new turn lanes.
- Installation of a new traffic signal.
- New asphalt.

The project limits of construction on University Blvd. are from the Big Dry Creek Bridge at the north end to Easter Ave. on the south end. The limit of construction on Arapahoe Rd. is from Race St. at the west end to Big Dry Creek at the east end.

This project is anticipated to be complete this fall. Most of the work will be in the daytime with some night work. Motorists can expect single lane closures on University Blvd. from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Lane closures may also take place from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

For more information, call 720-377-3924 x802 or email daniellel@jalisco.org.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS UPGRADED

Traffic signals at the following locations have been upgraded from incandescent bulbs to light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures:

- Dry Creek/ Chester
- Arapahoe/Himalaya
- Smoky Hill/Picadilly-Liverpool
- Smoky Hill/Himalaya-Orchard

These new signals will reduce power consumption; have less maintenance due to the long life of LEDs; and, improve safety due to superior visibility.

Currently, 30 of the City's 68 traffic and pedestrian signals are outfitted with LED fixtures. As funds are available, the City will continue upgrading the remaining signals.



Parks, Trails and Recreation Update

Using funds from the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales Tax Share-back and Conservation Trust Funds (lottery), the City of Centennial is partnering with South Suburban Parks and Recreation District and Arapahoe Park and Recreation District on a number of parks, trails and recreation projects.

On the west side

- A new "splash pad" opens this summer at The Franklin Pool

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Please license your pet

Animals make great pets and loving companions; however there are five key principles of responsible pet ownership:

- License all dogs.
- Provide permanent ID for all animals.
- Spay or neuter.
- Provide training, physical care, socialization and veterinarian attention.
- Do not allow animals to become a threat or nuisance in our community.

Purchase a Centennial Animal License today! To obtain an animal license application visit www.centennialcolorado.com or call Centennial Animal Services at 303-325-8070.

Permit Fee Policy in place for Solar Energy Devices and Systems

In 2008, the Colorado Legislature passed legislation that limits the amount of money local governments may assess as a permit fee for the installation of solar devices or systems.

To follow the Legislature's directive and to make installing solar technologies more cost effective, the City has lowered the permit fees for residents and businesses in Centennial. The total amount of fees combined cannot exceed \$500 for residential application and \$1,000 for commercial application. Any fee that is imposed over these amounts will be refunded to the applicant.

This permit fee policy applies to all building and plan review fees for active solar energy devices or systems for residential and commercial applications. A permit fee includes fees for building permits, plan reviews, electrical permits, additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to plans and fees for outside consultants for plan checking and inspections or both.

For more information contact the Building Department at 303-754-3321.

Being a Green City

As most of you know, the City of Centennial offices have moved to 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd. Prior to moving to the Centennial Civic Center a number of improvements were made to the former Westerra Credit Union building to allow the City to be more "green" (or sustainable).

Compact fluorescent light bulbs, programmable thermostats, low emission glass and efficient ventilation systems are located throughout the building. All of these items conserve energy in the building.

In addition, the Civic Center has low flow toilets, filtered water, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified HVAC system and automatic light shut off. The garden level of the building, which is where the Municipal Court and Council Chambers is located is fully insulated and has new carpet made of recycled content with no emissions.

Single stream recycling is also implemented at the Civic Center, along with other initiatives. The City continues to look for additional ways to be more sustainable.

CITY SALES TAX and Business Licenses

City of Centennial Sales Tax

Sales tax is important revenue for the City of Centennial, representing approximately 37 percent of the total revenues received by the City. The City sales tax rate is 2.5 percent and is paid by the purchaser of taxable items, collected by the retailer, and remitted to the City.

On January 1, 2009, the City began collecting its own sales tax. Self-collection enables the City to manage its most important revenue more closely. The City will have a more accurate identification of Centennial businesses and can work with these businesses to ensure the collection of sales tax is done properly and the remittances to the City are accurate and timely.

All retailers and businesses that sell taxable services and products in the City of Centennial must have a Retail Sales Tax License.

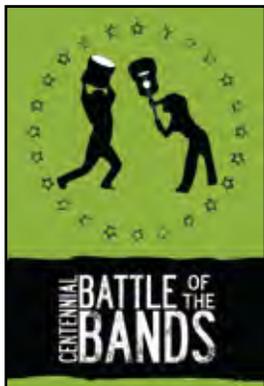
Please contact Michelle Godfrey, Licensing and Tax Manager at 303-325-8000.

City of Centennial Business Licenses

Also effective January 1, 2009, all service businesses that do not sell taxable property or taxable services and that have a physical location in the City are required to have a Business License.

Application forms, sales tax returns, and other information are available on the City's Web site. Look under "Doing Business" on the City's Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com or call 303-325-8000.

2009 CITY OF CENTENNIAL SUMMER EVENTS



Saturday, May 30

*Centennial Youth
Battle of the Bands
1 p.m. – 8 p.m.*

Best Buy at

The Streets at SouthGlenn

- E. Arapahoe Rd. and
S. University Blvd.



Saturday, June 6

*Centennial Spring Fling
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

*Lots of kids' activities – wandering
entertainment, balloon sculptors,
caricature artists, GAME ZONE,
Come Out and Play Pavillion,
Creation Stations, and MORE!*

deKoevend Park

- 6301 S. University Blvd.



**Friday, June 12 –
Saturday, June 13**

*American Cancer Society
Centennial Relay For Life
6 p.m. – 8 a.m.*

Arapahoe High School

- 2201 E. Dry Creek Rd.



Friday, July 10

*Centennial Night at the Movies
(Featured movies TBD)
6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.*

Trails Recreation Center

- 16799 E. Lake Ave.

Friday, July 17

*Centennial Night at the Movies
(Featured movies TBD)
6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.*

Commons Park at

The Streets at SouthGlenn

- E. Arapahoe Rd. and
S. University Blvd.



Saturday, August 8

*Celebrate Centennial Under
the Stars*

6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

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

Centennial Medical Plaza

- 14200 E. Arapahoe Rd.



Inoperable vehicles an eyesore for everyone

We all know how quickly and easily our vehicle registration expiration dates sneak up on us. A tough economy, not having enough time for maintenance repairs, and simply for reasons beyond our control we



may own vehicles that are not operable on our

public roadways or parked on private property.

As defined in the City of Centennial's Municipal Code, inoperable vehicles are a nuisance. The Centennial Code Enforcement Division strives to have these nuisances removed from our roadways and residential areas to

help protect property values, keep neighborhoods clean and attractive and deter crime.

What exactly is considered a "vehicle?"

A vehicle in the City of Centennial is considered any automobile, truck, motorcycle, motorbike, boat, trailer, camper, house-trailer or similar mode of wheeled transportation.

What is an "inoperable" vehicle?

According to the City of Centennial Municipal Code, an inoperable vehicle is one that cannot lawfully operate on a public street for reasons including, but not limited to: lack of current registration and state license plate, non-existent or insufficient equipment for safe operation as required by law. It also includes the inability to be mechanically operated due to mechanical or physical defects or damage such as flat tires, no engine, shattered windshield.

Can I park an inoperable vehicle on my private property?

No. It is considered a nuisance and

unlawful for any inoperable vehicle to be present on private property.

You may contact the City of Centennial Code Enforcement Division with any questions or concerns you may have at 303-325-8000 or visit the Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com. and look under City Services.

Calling all neighborhoods

The City of Centennial is encouraging all neighborhoods, homeowner associations (HOAs) and civic associations to register on the City's 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.

YOUTH COMMISSION PROMOTES YOUTH MUSIC



The City of Centennial's Youth Commission is seeking bands to participate in the Centennial Youth Battle of the Bands on Saturday, May 30, 2009, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. The majority of band members must be under age 21 as of May 30, 2009 to be eligible. Solo performers must be under 21.

This event will be in front of the Best Buy store located at the Streets at SouthGlenn.

The City of Centennial and Best Buy have joined forces to promote this city-wide youth music and community event. This event for all ages will include performances by some of the area's most talented amateur musicians as well as giveaways and games.

If interested in submitting a band to participate in the event, the application

is on the City of Centennial's Web site www.centennialcolorado.com. The Deadline for applications is April 10, 2009.

With the application, please include a well labeled CD, audio and/or video tape with **three songs only**. Studio quality is not necessary, but should represent your group well. The submitted material will be returned. Send all information to: City of Centennial, Attn: Patrick Pratt, 13133 East Arapahoe Rd, Centennial, CO 80112.

In addition to seeking musical talent, the Centennial Youth Commission is also requesting sponsorships. For additional information about sponsorship opportunities contact Patrick Pratt at pprat@centennialcolorado.com or 303-754-3358.



CITY OF CENTENNIAL OFFICES

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Community Planning & Development General Info.

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Inspections Hotline

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Municipal Court

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303-325-8000 or online at

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click Citizen Response button

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Housing Rehabilitation Program



The City of Centennial and the Littleton Housing Authority have established a Housing Rehabilitation Program for homeowners in the City of Centennial. This new program uses funding from HOME funds grants through Arapahoe County. This grant assists City of Centennial homeowners in revitalizing their homes and will be limited to

owner-occupied homes within Centennial's District 1 and District 2.

The Centennial Rehab Program provides low-interest (4.75 percent) loans to homeowners living in single-family homes and duplexes. The loans are customized to fit the needs of the homeowner, with repayment depending upon income and ability to pay. All types of renovations can be made, including repairs to roofing, electrical systems, plumbing, gutters, flooring, heating systems, windows and doors. Small remodeling jobs such as handicap retrofit for kitchens and bathrooms can also be provided through this program.

Kimberly Kingston, Littleton Housing Authority's Rehab Coordinator, is now taking reservations for future work to be done this spring and summer. Please contact her at 303-991-5301 if you have questions about the program or to determine your eligibility. Income limits apply.

Parks, Trails and Rec. Update, cont.'d.

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- A new east/west trail is being built allowing residents greater access to the High Line Canal Trail, deKoevend Park and Goodson Recreation Center.
- Renovations at Goodson Recreation Center including a new lobby area and upgrades to amenities and equipment.

On the east side

- Sports field upgrades to the Piney Creek Hollow Park.
- Piney Creek Trail – paving a final 1,000 foot-long missing segment of trail through a Cherry Creek School District parcel to connect to an existing portion of the trail.
- On- street bike lane and signage to link the West Toll Gate Creek Trail to the Piney Creek Trail.

For more information about these projects visit www.centennialcolorado.com and view page 165 of the 2009 Adopted Budget under City Services/Finance.