

**KEN CRUISE & BAILEY THE THERAPY DOG**



One of Centennial’s most beloved volunteers is also one of the most eager. Bailey, a 14-year-old Labrador retriever, can be seen proudly making the rounds with his human companion, Ken Cruise, every week at local senior living facilities, including Brookdale Hospice near Arapahoe Road and Boston Street. “He knows that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we go visiting facilities, and in the morning, he is ready to go,” said Cruise, a longtime Centennial resident and military veteran. “He looks forward to visiting.”

Although hip dysplasia forces Bailey to take things a little slower these days, he still greets residents with a friendly lick and a nuzzle. He gives something that can’t be quantified, yet is so

important: the type of uplifting interaction only a dog can provide.

Once they became an official therapy dog team by Therapy Dogs International, they began spending time at Brookdale Senior Living communities in Aurora and Greenwood Village and at Someren Glen retirement community in Centennial. They spend extra time with Brookdale Hospice patients and family members and provides comfort to individuals and family members during someone’s final hours. Cruise helps the residents feel Bailey’s fur and brings some extra comfort to a grieving family member during these special visits.

Since 2010, the two have made over 500 stops at the senior living communities and provided extra support at last year’s 9 Health Fair at Someren Glen. At each stop, they see 10 or more individuals, which amounts to approximately 5,000 encounters during their eight years of volunteer service. For more information about local volunteering, visit [centennialco.gov/volunteerstories](http://centennialco.gov/volunteerstories).



Centennial Civic Center  
13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.  
Centennial, CO 80112



Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(excluding holidays)



24/7 Citizen  
Response Center  
303.325.8000



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# Calling Centennial Youth!

Have you considered serving on the Centennial Youth Commission?

The Centennial Youth Commission was formed by City Council in July 2003 to provide a voice for Centennial's youth and to encourage greater participation in the issues affecting young people across the City. The Commission is composed of eleven teens from the City of Centennial, ranging in age from 13 to 18. The Youth Commission develops community initiatives, advises City Council on matters affecting youth, and participates in City-wide events. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Centennial Civic Center.

**YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATIONS DUE**

**Monday, March 18 by 5 p.m.**

**Apply online today at [centennialco.gov/youth](http://centennialco.gov/youth)**



SCHOLARSHIPS BETWEEN  
**\$500 - \$1,000**  
AVAILABLE FOR OUTSTANDING  
CENTENNIAL YOUTH!

# 2019 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Are you a current high school junior or senior and a Centennial resident who has had a positive impact on our community? We want to recognize you!

**Applications due  
Monday, April 8 by 5 p.m.  
Apply online today at [centennialco.gov/youth](http://centennialco.gov/youth).**



The City of Centennial wants residents to thrive in their homes as long as they wish no matter the age or circumstance. Therefore, the City has partnered with Arapahoe Libraries to introduce the Interaction Lab located at Southglenn Library. Visit the Lab to learn about universal design and experience cutting-edge tools that enhance your house at any stage in your life. Learn more at [centennialco.gov/lifelonghomes](http://centennialco.gov/lifelonghomes).



## MESSAGES FROM THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### STREET RACING REPORTING

Street racing is an illegal activity in Colorado. If you witness street racing in Centennial please contact the Sheriff's Office at 303.795.4711. When reporting the crime keep in mind the following:

1. Always try to get a vehicle description. Make, model, color and if possible get a license plate number and description of the driver.
2. Always get the approximate location of where the racing is occurring.
3. Report as soon as possible.
4. Let the Sheriff's Office know if it is a reoccurring problem so resources can be brought into the area.

### 5 SAFETY STEPS TO TAKE WHEN OUTSIDE IN LOW LIGHT:

1. Wear bright colored clothing and/or reflective clothing to include a light and/or a reflective band.
2. Know your surroundings and report any suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Office. Always call 911 if it's an emergency.
3. Know your location so first responders can arrive quickly and always let someone know where you are going to be.
4. Do not exercise with both ear-buds in; it is wise to keep one out so you can hear what is going on around you.
5. Bring a cell phone or a noise making device so someone will know your location if you need help.

# ENERGY ACTION PLAN IN PROGRESS

## Electric Vehicle Workshop



Centennial's Electric Vehicle Workshop was a success with nearly 90 attendees and presentations from Xcel Energy, the Colorado Energy Office, and CSU Arapahoe County Extension. Thank you to all who joined us! Presentation slides and electric vehicle information are available online at [centennialco.gov/energy](http://centennialco.gov/energy).



## HOME ENERGY-SAVING IOI

Save money on energy bills this spring by taking advantage of Xcel Energy's home rebates. Find program details online at [centennialco.gov/energy](http://centennialco.gov/energy). Please note: If you are not an Xcel Energy electric customer, you may be ineligible for certain energy efficiency programs and rebates.

### Heating Equipment Rebates

Save in the long run with a high-efficiency natural gas furnace and cooling system. Act now on a limited-time bonus rebate on 95% efficient furnaces. There's no better time for you to replace your furnace with a \$600 rebate, available until March 31, 2019.

### Water Heater Rebates

You can turn hot water into cold, hard cash. Earn a rebate on a high-efficiency natural gas or electric water heater that can help you save energy and money. Water heaters are typically your second largest energy consumer in your home, consuming 18% of the energy you use.



### Home Energy Squad

Does your home have drafty doors, an old thermostat, or inefficient incandescent light bulbs? The Home Energy Squad® can fix these things and more in one visit quickly, efficiently, and affordably. Expert technicians take care of all the little things for you, which can add up to big savings on your energy bill.

# Centennial BUDGET IN BRIEF



**General Fund Revenues:**  
\$76.0 M

**General Fund Expenditures:**  
\$67.4 M

**Cost of City Services  
Per Resident, Per Day:**

**\$1.68**

**Budget Highlights:**

- Transportation
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Public Safety
- Retail Strategy
- Innovation

Find the full 2019 Annual Budget online at [centennialco.gov/budget2019](http://centennialco.gov/budget2019).

**Transportation & Mobility**  
 Centennial's transportation infrastructure provides for the safe, efficient, and reliable movement of people, goods, and services through a variety of networks. City Council approved two decision packages totaling \$11.9 million which includes continued roadway rehabilitation and maintenance, transportation studies throughout the City, new signal light installation and sidewalk construction.

**Signature Centennial**  
 Centennial is dedicated to creating a unique sense of community pride by developing memorable places and experiences that bring us together. City Council approved decision packages totaling \$2.0 million implement roadside improvements, parks and trails projects, and a new shade structure at Centennial Center Park.

**Public Safety & Health**  
 Centennial will continue to be one of the safest cities in Colorado by delivering and supporting essential public safety services for its citizens. City Council approved two decision packages totaling \$3.6 million to continue partnerships with others enabling access to public safety and health services that meet the needs of the community.

**Future Ready City Government**  
 Our City government is attentive to the community's current needs while anticipating future trends. Centennial embraces the infinite life cycle of technology and innovation to increase its competitiveness. The City will continue to be innovative, prepared to leverage our resources and respond to opportunities as they arise. City Council approved decision packages totaling \$502,000 to conduct a street light audit throughout Centennial, continue the City's innovation program and technology improvements to increase efficiency.

**Economic Vitality & Fiscal Responsibility**  
 Our City is successful because of intentional anticipation of economic trends. By doing this, we are sustainable, adaptable, and resilient against economic change. Centennial is dedicated to remaining debt-free by maintaining an appropriate reserve level and continuing responsible budgeting, spending, and investment practices. City Council approved decisions packages to initiate two projects: the Arapahoe/I-25 Regulating Plan and retail and economic development strategies.

**Creating Centennial**  
 By intentionally planning and investing, Centennial will be a desirable, inclusive community through the creation of a lasting built environment that is responsive to current and future generations. City Council approved a decision package to hire one additional full-time Planner.



## The Truth About Japanese Beetles

Japanese beetles are becoming more common across the Colorado Front Range. According to the Department of Agriculture (<https://www.usda.gov>), “the Japanese beetle was first introduced into Colorado in the early 1990s from nursery stock purchased in the mid-western United States.” These insects, in the adult and larval stage, can cause serious damage to turf grass and landscape plants. While the Japanese beetles are in the larval stage of life, they feed on grass roots causing harm to your lawn. Adult Japanese beetles feed on the leaves, buds, and flowers of many common garden and landscape plants.

Studies have shown that the Japanese beetle traps are not only ineffective but also detrimental to controlling the beetle population, because the traps draw more Japanese beetles to the area making it harder to control the insects. The CSU Extension (<https://extension.colostate.edu>) recommends removing the beetles by hand picking them or using an insecticide. Hand removal is effective because it reduces the feeding damage and reduces the production of chemicals produced by wounded plants that are attractive to the adult beetles. The different insecticides available vary considerably in their features, such as how long they can persist in controlling beetles, what plants they can be used on, whether they move systemically in the plant, and their hazard to desirable insects (notably valuable pollinators). Residents can consult any nursery for recommendations on insecticides.

SAVE THE DATE

# NOXIOUS WEED WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 18

9 a.m. - noon

Centennial Public Works Facility  
7272 S. Eagle Street

## SPRING STREET SWEEPING NOTIFICATIONS



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 to adjust for weather delays. To view the sweeping schedule, visit [www.centennialco.gov/streetsweeping](http://www.centennialco.gov/streetsweeping). You may receive notifications by subscribing at [www.centennialco.gov/notifyme](http://www.centennialco.gov/notifyme) and on the private neighborhood social network, [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com).

# Let's talk CENTENNIAL

with  
**Mayor Stephanie Piko**

Mayor Piko has office hours every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Centennial Civic Center. Stop by to meet the Mayor, discuss projects, concerns, ideas or questions. The Centennial Civic Center is located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Road.

## Sign up for info!

CITY NEWS  
[centennialco.gov/notifyme](http://centennialco.gov/notifyme)

DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTERS  
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[centennialco.gov/survey](http://centennialco.gov/survey)

EMERGENCY  
NOTIFICATIONS  
[arapahoesherriff.org](http://arapahoesherriff.org)  
[southmetro.org](http://southmetro.org)

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# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual State of our City

APRIL 17, 2019

Hosted By  **Rotary Club of Centennial**

The Rotary Club of Centennial is once again hosting the annual State of Our City Address and Luncheon with Mayor Stephanie Piko.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Embassy Suites DTC  
10250 E. Costilla Avenue, Centennial, CO

## Join us!

Visit [centennialco.gov/stateofourcity](http://centennialco.gov/stateofourcity) for tickets and more information.



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## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### District 1

Monday, April 29 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
 Southglenn Library | 6972 S. Vine Street

### District 2

TBD

### District 3

TBD

### District 4

Invite District 4 Council Members to an HOA or neighborhood meeting. Email [district4@centennialco.gov](mailto:district4@centennialco.gov) to extend an invitation.

## THE 2019 SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE IS HERE!

**JUNE**

**SUMMER KICKOFF**  
 June 14  
 5 - 8 p.m.

**JULY**

**BREW-N-QUE BBQ & Beer Tasting Festival**  
 July 13  
 3 - 7 p.m.

**AUG.**

**UNDER THE STARS Concert & Laser Light Show**  
 August 10  
 6 - 10 p.m.

**SEPT.**

**CAR SHOW**  
 September 7  
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**CHALK ART FESTIVAL**  
 Sept. 21 - 22  
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 both days  
 (location TBD)



Join us this summer for Centennial's award-winning events in Centennial Center Park at 13050 E. Peakview Ave. If you are interested in providing entertainment, being a sponsor or a vendor contact Luann Morris at 720.464.4861 or [luann@tppevents.com](mailto:luann@tppevents.com).

[centennialco.gov/events](http://centennialco.gov/events)

