

# Centennial CONNECTION

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## LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

One of the most spectacular things about living in Centennial is enjoying the close proximity to natural spaces. Between being able to easily visit the 71-mile High Line Canal, Cherry Creek State Park, Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space, and Piney Creek Trail, Centennial residents get to enjoy their own patch of wilderness no matter what part of the city they live in.

The beauty of these natural spaces is in their wildness, a key priority for the City of Centennial in its creation and preservation of open spaces. It's likely you'll spot any number of wild animals on the trails in Centennial, including great horned owls, foxes, bald eagles, white tailed deer and even river otters. Wildlife sightings can be a sign the ecosystem is healthy and active, but some encounters with wildlife can become dangerous. Follow the tips below from Centennial Animal Services to be safe in the event of a wildlife encounter.

### 5 TIPS TO AVOID ATTRACTING WILDLIFE TO YOUR YARD

1. Pick up fallen fruit from fruit trees.
2. Don't leave your pet's food and water outside unattended.
3. Install motion activated flood lights.
4. Do not feed wildlife.
5. Make sure wildlife cannot burrow and live beneath your porch.



**Air horns are excellent tools for encounters with coyotes, mountain lions and bobcats. Scaring away a potentially threatening animal with the loud noise from an air horn keeps you and your party safe while avoiding injury to the animal.**



### TIPS FOR NAVIGATING ENCOUNTERS WITH WILDLIFE

1. Back away slowly and do not turn your back on the animal.
2. Lift your arms in the air to make yourself appear larger.
3. Yell or make as much noise as possible.
4. Call Centennial Animal Services at (303) 325-8070 if you are concerned about the animal's presence.



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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**H**appy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday to The Streets at SouthGlenn! It's hard to believe on August 28, it's been 10 years since the opening of the current Streets at SouthGlenn. The opening of this shopping center revitalized what was a largely vacant Southglenn Mall. Many of us may remember hanging out at the once-trendy indoor mall in the 1970's and 80's. By the late 90's, trends changed, and the indoor mall concept was replaced by open-air "lifestyle centers". This resulted in the transition to The Streets at SouthGlenn, which quickly became one of the region's premier shopping destinations, recognized for its walkable, outdoor experience.

Ten years later, retail trends are changing again. People in search of convenience are shopping online instead of going into a brick and mortar store. Others are choosing to spend their time and money on experiences rather than traditional goods. These national

retailing trends are profoundly affecting the industry, with a decreasing number of big box retailers available and willing to fill vacant big box spaces. Across the country, closed big box stores remain vacant or become uses such as gyms, temporary holiday stores, or other uses that generate limited or no retail sales tax revenue; more than half of Centennial's revenue used to deliver City services is derived from sales tax. As loved as The Streets at SouthGlenn is by shoppers throughout the region, the recent closure of Sears is evidence that the shopping center is not immune to big box store closures. While there are no imminent plans for a Macy's closure, the retailer has announced the closure of many Macy's stores across the country. These changing retail trends require steps to be taken to preserve and build upon the revitalization that began in 2009 when the existing Streets at SouthGlenn opened.

The City's goal is to make sure The Streets at





SouthGlenn we know and love finds a way to respond to rapidly-changing retail pressures while continuing to be a premier experience-driven destination for residents and visitors.

### What's Next?

In an effort to maintain the vitality of the shopping center, the owner-developers of The Streets at SouthGlenn are considering changes to the Master Development Plan (MDP) they may need to request in order to insulate the center from shifting retail trends by including more of what exists there today – walkable retail, restaurants, entertainment, office, and residential uses. They are considering additional residential units because of the high demand in the region, and the boost that additional shoppers would provide to existing stores in the center.

The owner-developers are required to submit

a formal development plan. The components of this plan will be shared at a community meeting likely to be scheduled in late August or early September. The timing of the meeting is dependent upon how long it takes the applicants to prepare and gather materials required by the City for an application. Once meeting details are confirmed, information will be provided through Nextdoor, the SouthGlenn webpage ([www.centennialco.gov/southglenn](http://www.centennialco.gov/southglenn)), and e-mails to individuals that have shared their e-mail with us. The City anticipates the submittal of a formal plan after the second community meeting.

For more information about The Streets at SouthGlenn, visit [centennialco.gov/southglenn](http://centennialco.gov/southglenn).

Photos, above: The Streets at SouthGlenn Ribbon Cutting (2010). Below, from left to right: Southglenn Mall (2009), interior of Southglenn Mall (2009), the fountain at The Streets at SouthGlenn (2010), Movie Night at The Streets at SouthGlenn (2010), Used Book Sale at Southglenn Library (2019).





# Energy Action Plan

## LED Lighting

LEDs, especially ENERGY STAR®-qualified products, typically use 70% to 90% less energy and last at least 15 times longer than the traditional incandescent bulbs. Xcel Energy has teamed up with participating retailers to bring you special discounts – save up to \$3 on select models of LEDs. Find discount LEDs near you and several other rebate programs offered by Xcel Energy at [centennialco.gov/energy](http://centennialco.gov/energy).



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## FREE CHIPPING & MULCH EVENT Saturday, September 14 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bring your branches and bushes to chip and turn into mulch for free on September 14 at two locations:

- 1) South Suburban's Willow Spring Service Center  
7100 S. Holly St.
- 2) Centennial Public Works Facility  
7272 S. Eagle St.

Given the popularity of this event, please expect a wait time of up to 30 minutes. Chippers will shut off at noon sharp. Self-service free mulch will be available at the Willow Spring Service Center throughout the event. Mulch will be available at the Public Works Facility beginning at noon. Please bring a tarp & shovel for your free mulch. Please note: Lumber, salvage materials, or rounds larger than 10 inches in diameter will not be accepted. For more information, contact the Citizen Response Center at 303.325.8000.





Join us for a series of **FREE** programs for seniors in our community!  
RSVP online today at [centennialco.gov/activeseniors](http://centennialco.gov/activeseniors) or call our 24-hour Citizen Response Center at **(303) 325-8000** for more information.



### Digital Storytelling: Developing a Community of Practice

Thursday, September 5 | 2-3 p.m.

South Suburban Family Sports Center—6901 S. Peoria St., Centennial

Interested in learning how to share your story? Join Marty Otañez, Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Denver, as we learn how to communicate personal experiences and memories through digital storytelling. You will learn key elements of the digital storytelling process, as well as the basic technical skills needed to create short videos. A variety of examples will be screened to generate new ideas about story identification and image selection.



### Pain Management: Let's Change the Focus to Change the Outcome

Thursday, September 12 | 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

Centennial Public Works Facility – 7272 S. Eagle St., Centennial

Pain affects us biologically, psychologically, and socially. It affects our time with friends and loved ones, how we view ourselves, and our ability to do the things we enjoy. Because pain affects so many different areas of our lives, we need to treat pain from different angles. Join Dr. Amy Wachholtz, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Clinical Health Psychology program at the University of Colorado Denver, as she discusses different types of pain, how the brain handles pain, and research verified home-based strategies for effective pain management.



### Got Bounce? Exploring the Process of Resilience

Tuesday, September 24 | 2-3 p.m.

Smoky Hill Library – 5430 S Biscay Cir., Centennial

It's essential to equip ourselves with the tools necessary to respond to life's challenges. Join author Jane Barton as she shares various strategies for adaptation and provides insight into the factors that contribute to resilience. This program is co-sponsored with Arapahoe Libraries.

*Note: The views and opinions expressed are those of the speaker and not those of the City of Centennial. The City of Centennial does not endorse the speaker or the views or opinions expressed by the speaker. The City of Centennial does not warrant that the statements or opinions made are accurate.*





THE  
**Centennial**  
**CHALK**  
**ART**  
**Festival**

at  
 THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN

September 21 - 22  
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days  
 The Streets at SouthGlenn  
 6991 S. Vine Street

Watch talented artists create chalk art masterpieces at your feet while spending time at local shops and restaurants at The Streets at SouthGlenn. Vote for your favorite piece during the event! Learn more at [centennialco.gov/events](http://centennialco.gov/events).

**STREET REHABILITATION**



The 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program has begun, which will provide street resurfacing or preservation on 18.1 centerline miles of streets in the City. The preservation of 3.3 centerline miles of streets using slurry seal will be complete by September 30th. In addition, crack seal was applied to 27.2 centerline miles of streets. Mill and overlay will be performed on 14.8 centerline miles of City streets, with work scheduled to be complete by November 1, weather permitting. For additional information regarding the locations that are included in this program, please visit [centennialco.gov/StreetRehab2019](http://centennialco.gov/StreetRehab2019).

**FALL STREET SWEEPING NOTIFICATIONS**



Fall street sweeping is expected to begin in early October and is scheduled to be completed by mid-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, [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.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, and 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  
[centennialco.gov/electedofficials](http://centennialco.gov/electedofficials)

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY  
[centennialco.gov/survey](http://centennialco.gov/survey)

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

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November 16  
3 - 5 p.m.

Centennial Center Park  
13050 E. Peakview Ave.

**The holiday cheer starts at Centennial Center Park! Save the date for Centennial's annual holiday concert featuring songs from local school choirs, a visit with Santa, free cookies and hot chocolate!**





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## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### District 1

October 28  
6 - 8 p.m.  
Southglenn Library  
6972 S. Vine Street

### District 2

October 23  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Koelbel Library  
5955 S. Holly Street

### District 3

September 10  
6:30 p.m.  
Centennial Public Works Facility  
7272 S. Eagle Street

### 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK



# CAR SHOW

• *& concert* •



THE NACHO MEN

Don't miss Centennial's 4th Annual Car Show & Concert! Enjoy food trucks, classic and exotic cars, live music from The Nacho Men and local vendors in the award-winning Centennial Center Park. For more information, visit [centennialco.gov/events](http://centennialco.gov/events).