

CENTENNIAL CONNECTION

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Bridge in deKoevend Park



MEET THE MAYOR

Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko is available to meet virtually and in-person with residents and business owners.

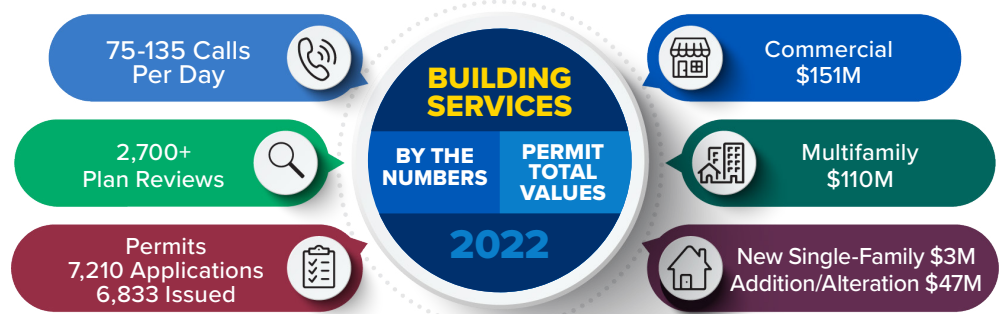
Schedule a time to meet at a time that's convenient for you, visit centennialco.gov/meetthemayor.



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CITY MARKS 1ST ANNIVERSARY FOR IN-HOUSE BUILDING SERVICES



Reviewing more than 7,200 permit applications and 2,700 plans in 2022, the City's new Building Services team has hit the ground running since the division transitioned from a contract to in-house model last year. The goal in this shift was to increase oversight and influence over how building permit services are provided to the Centennial community.

The Building Services division is responsible for issuing contractor licenses and reviewing, permitting and inspecting all physical structures in the City. Embracing a customer-service philosophy, the division is evaluating how services are delivered to the community and working to enrich the customer experience. Contractor luncheons provide opportunities for face-to-face feedback,

and the City is enhancing its online customer interface, City website and customer how-to guides.

One of the main roles of the division is administering building codes, which underpin the work of architects, engineers, builders and developers. Later this year, the City will evaluate adopting updated building codes. Centennial currently administers 2015 International Code Council building codes.

Learn more about the City's Building Services division at centennialco.gov/building.



Arapahoe Road Bridge Reaches Final Phase

One of the most significant roadway projects for the City, the reconstruction of the Arapahoe Road bridge over Big Dry Creek (near University Boulevard), is on track for completion this year. The south side of the existing bridge has been demolished and reconstructed. Traffic shifted to the new portion of the bridge in January, making way for the next and final phase of the project: demolition and reconstruction of the north side.

This project furthers Centennial's vision to connect neighborhoods, communities and shopping centers. In addition to aligning with the City's strategic goal to provide safe, efficient and reliable transportation and mobility, this bridge replacement also embodies the City's Signature Centennial strategic goal. The bridge has been designed to aesthetically complement adjacent residential neighborhoods and shopping centers including The Streets at SouthGlenn.

Youth and Senior Center Coming Soon!

The City of Centennial has entered into an agreement with the YMCA to provide programming for youth and older adults in Centennial. Located at The Streets at SouthGlenn, the YMCA will provide health and wellness programming for older adults, engagement opportunities for middle-schoolers and intergenerational activities.



Light Up Your Business Venture with Spark Centennial

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS, ENTREPRENEURS AND CREATIVES:

The City of Centennial is accepting applications for the 2023 Spark Centennial Experience Accelerator Cohort. The program is a sandbox to create, prototype and test experiential ideas and new business models to create meaningful customer connections through for-sale experiences. Program benefits include workshops, mentorship, expert insights and access to networks, as well as opportunities to secure \$2,000 or other non-monetary offerings and resources for prototype and business development. Learn more and apply now at centennialco.gov/spark.

City Council Meetings Move to Tuesdays

Effective January 2023, City Council meetings have moved from Monday nights to Tuesday evenings. To learn more about City Council meetings, visit centennialco.gov/agendas.

Know Your FLOOD RISK

SEMSWA, the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, is your resource for flood risk information. Visit semswa.org or call SEMSWA at 303-858-8844 for information about Federal Emergency Management Agency flood risk maps, the National Flood Insurance Program and information related to other flood risk areas and local drainage problems not shown on FEMA maps, such as:

- Floodplain and floodway maps, in relation to your property
- Property/structure flood risk status evaluation and comments
- Requests to revise or amend FEMA flood risk maps
- Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements
- Elevation Certificate review
- Flood hazard area development permit requirements



LIFE is UNPREDICTABLE

Make sure your insurance covers unforeseen natural disasters and circumstances.





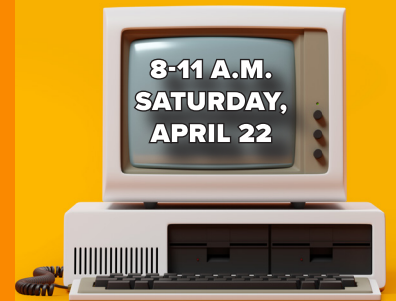
60-Year-Old Water Line To Be Replaced Under Yosemite Street

THE SOUTHGATE WATER DISTRICT IS REPLACING A 60-YEAR-OLD, CAST IRON WATER MAIN THAT RUNS UNDER YOSEMITE STREET

This water main was originally installed in 1962 and has had two significant failures in the last eight years. The total extent of this large and complex project is from Easter Avenue in Centennial to Brook Hill Drive (near Lincoln Ave.) in Lone Tree. The Centennial portion consists of the replacement of 8,600 feet of water line. Over 5,000 feet of this replacement will be performed using a trenchless technology to minimize the impact of the project on the public. Existing fire hydrants also will be replaced in this area. The total cost of this project will be paid from Southgate Water District reserve funds that were earmarked for this project.

Scheduled for completion in November, the project will entail lane closures so other routes are advisable if possible. Ongoing updates, schedules and emergency contacts are available on Southgate Water District's website at southgatedistricts.org.

Got Old Electronics? Safely dispose of old electronics and related items at the annual E-Recycling Event hosted by Jacobs on Saturday, April 22. Electronic recycling services will be available for residents 8-11 a.m. at the Centennial Civic Center, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road. The event is free, however a donation of two or more non-perishable food items or a \$5 minimum monetary donation benefiting the Salvation Army Centennial Corps is requested. Be sure to delete your information from electronic devices before recycling. The event is exclusively for household recycling; no commercial loads will be accepted. To learn more about accepted items, visit centennialco.gov/ERecycling-2023.



Vision to Transform Arapahoe/Yosemite Commercial Center into 'Iconic Gateway' Underway

A collection of 23 properties at the southwest corner of East Arapahoe Road and I-25 are the focus of a City-initiated Regulating Plan to set forth a vision for transforming the area into an economically vibrant, pedestrian-oriented, cohesive mixed-use environment. Arapahoe Urban Center District No. 4, or AUC-4, was identified in the Centennial NEXT comprehensive plan as a potential "iconic gateway" for Centennial, yet currently is largely characterized by aging commercial buildings, limited and functionally obsolete infrastructure and a lack of coordinated private reinvestment.

The Regulating Plan will provide a framework to show how future development will cohesively fit into this area. The City began work on the Regulating Plan in 2019 after no cohesive redevelopment proposals were received from the private sector, with work slowing to focus on distributing aid to local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic but ramping up in 2022.



Before submitting the Regulating Plan, the City is seeking input and ideas from residents, and it is conducting outreach and engagement to inform and gather feedback from adjacent neighborhoods and property and business owners. Visit centennialco.gov/auc4 to review the draft plan and share your thoughts.

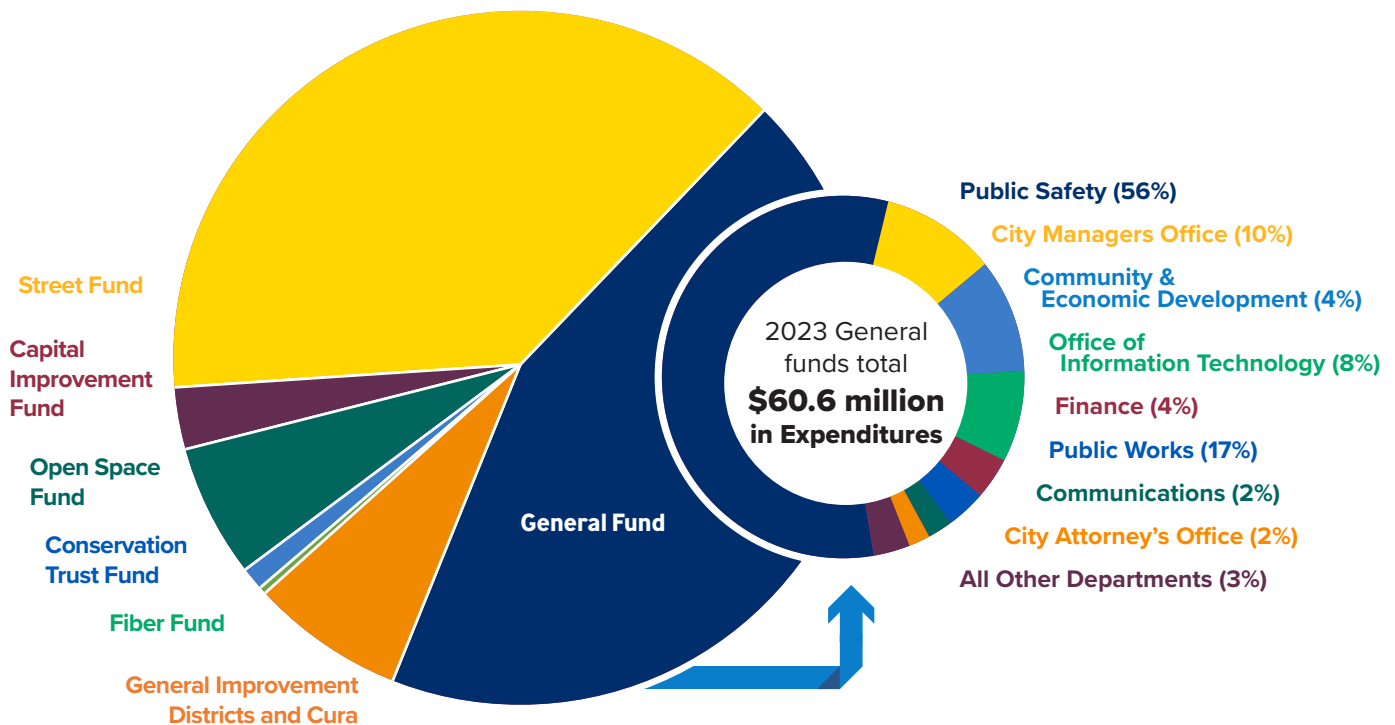
Centennial BUDGET AT A GLANCE

For the first time ever, the City of Centennial adopted a biennial budget for 2023-2024, providing a roadmap for Capital Improvement Projects, programs and service levels the City anticipates accomplishing in the next two years. Following are highlights from the City of Centennial's 2023 Adopted Budget. The annual budget constitutes

the legal authority of the City to appropriate and expend public funds. For the community, a budget also serves as a communications and operations guide for the City by detailing strategic projects, service levels and programs that fulfill the policy direction of City Council. For more details about the City's budget, **visit centennialco.gov/budget**.

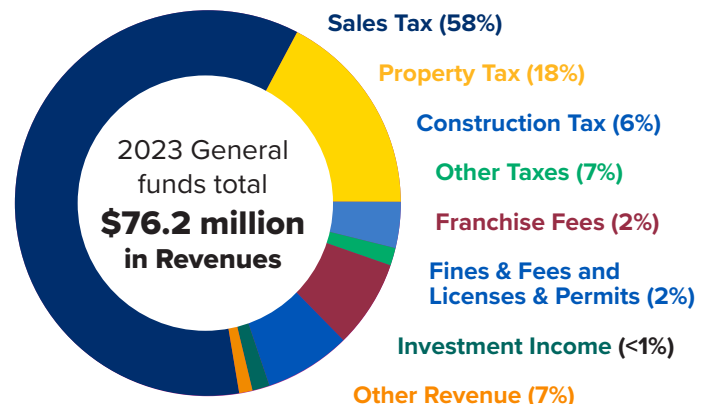
2023 EXPENDITURES

The City plans to spend \$137.8 million (an increase of 2% over the 2022 adopted budget) for the following types of goods and services in 2023.

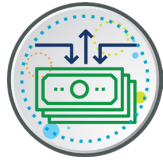


2023 REVENUES

The City calculates funds that will be derived from general funds and other sources to total \$76.2 million in 2023. These revenues represent an increase of approximately \$5.0 million (7.0%) from the 2022 adopted budget (\$71.3 million).



2023 Goals HIGHLIGHTED STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



ECONOMIC VITALITY

Centennial's access to an educated workforce, superior infrastructure and predictable policies provides an environment where businesses flourish.

EXAMPLES:

- Retail center strategies and projects for City retail corridors
- Business outreach tools and programs



FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Through prudent budgeting and investment practices, Centennial demonstrates fiscal responsibility and is resilient to economic change.

EXAMPLES:

- Long-range financial forecasting
- New Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 87



FUTURE-READY CITY GOVERNMENT

Our government is attentive to the community's current needs while anticipating change. Centennial is innovative and prepared to leverage technology and resources to benefit our community.

EXAMPLES:

- Next-generation infrastructure pilot program
- Electric vehicle charging stations for City fleets



PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH

Colorado and partners with other agencies to ensure access to public safety and health services that meet the needs of the community.

EXAMPLES:

- Grant funding opportunities
- Pedestrian crossing safety improvements



SIGNATURE CENTENNIAL

Through intentional planning and community investment, Centennial is a desirable, inclusive community with a lasting built environment, memorial places and experiences that bring people together.

EXAMPLES:

- Open space project regional partnership funding
- Neighborhood improvement and engagement grants



TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Centennial's transportation network provides alternatives for the safe, efficient and reliable movement of people, goods and services.

EXAMPLES:

- Pedestrian and bike corridor options exploration
- Orchard Road Widening Project

PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

VISION

The City of Centennial is a connected community where neighborhoods matter, education is embraced, businesses are valued, and innovation absolute.

MISSION

Driven to provide exceptional service to the Centennial community.

CORE VALUES

Collaborative
Intentional
Service-Oriented
Innovative

1,300+ Contribute to Housing Study

Since the City launched its Housing Study and Policy Development Project in April 2022, 1,317 citizens have contributed their thoughts and ideas, including 471 survey responses and 846 votes and comments at 11 in-person events.

Four strategies to address housing needs in Centennial are currently under consideration based on the public's input. Additional public outreach will occur in spring and summer this year. Visit centennialco.gov/housing to learn more about each strategy and to sign up to provide feedback on this important issue.



Enhance Your Neighborhood and Spur Connection with Community Grants

The City is once again offering a two-part Community Grant Program in 2023. Don't miss these opportunities for funding assistance to improve community engagement, strengthen neighborhood identity and enhance neighborhood collaboration. These programs are intended to reduce code violations and spur investment within neighborhoods through the support of resident-led improvement projects and engagement opportunities. Visit centennialco.gov/communitygrants for details and application materials for both grant opportunities.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

- Grants up to \$500 awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted
- Application period opens April 1

The Neighborhood Engagement Grant program provides grants up to \$500 to residents, HOAs and community organizations located in Centennial to support community-building events such as neighborhood block parties, movie nights and social gatherings.

LARGE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- Select proposals awarded grants up to \$10,000
- Application period: March 1-April 3

The Large Community Improvement Grant program supports larger-scale, community-based improvements such as neighborhood signage, fencing, landscaping enhancements, place making and community gardens, among others. Groups may submit proposals to be considered for a limited number of grants totaling up to \$10,000 per project.



You Prune.
WE CHIP!

Hosted by the City of Centennial, Jacobs, Terracare Associates and South Suburban Park and Recreation District

May 6 • 8 a.m. – noon (sharp)

EAST SIDE DROP-OFF

Public Works Facility
7272 S. Eagle St.

WEST SIDE DROP-OFF

Willow Springs Service Center
7200 S. Holly St.

Bring tree limbs and woody plant materials for recycling. Lumber, salvage materials or rounds larger than 10 inches in diameter will not be accepted.

Free mulch will be available at the Willow Spring Service Center throughout the event, and the Public Works Facility will have mulch available starting at noon, while supplies last. Bring a tarp and shovel.

Wait times may reach 30 minutes during peak periods. Call the Centennial Citizen Response Center at **303-325-8000** for details.

State of our City

Join Mayor Piko at the
17th Annual State of Our City

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on May 11
Wings Over the Rockies
13005 Wings Way

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Centennial Visit centennialco.gov/stateofcity for details and to purchase tickets.

Noxious Weeds Workshop

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

Noxious Weeds Workshop
9 a.m. – noon on May 20
Centennial Public Works Facility
Classroom & Hands-On Learning!

This is a free event. Space is limited so register now by contacting Tamra Gregory at **303-325-8041** or tgregory@centennialco.gov.





2023 *Signature* EVENTS

Mark your calendar to attend Centennial's 2023 events. Admission is free to these events; food and beverages are available for purchase. Enjoy the community amenities, connect with other residents and take in the sunshine, live music and local fare. For details and to register for event updates by email visit centennialco.gov/events.

WEEKNIGHTS

**JUNE
JULY**

6 pm - 8 pm

DISTRICT SUMMER SOCIALS

DETAILS TO COME

Bring the family and camp chairs to visit with your local City Council Members and fellow residents at these weeknight informal gatherings at select parks in each District throughout the City.

- Live Music • Yard Games • Local Vendors and Food Trucks •

SATURDAY

**AUG
12**

5 pm - 9 pm

CENTENNIAL UNDER THE STARS CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

A community favorite for the past 18 years featuring all the makings of a memorable summer celebration for the whole family.

- Live Music Featuring 6 Million Dollar Band • Local Vendors • Food Trucks •

SATURDAY

**SEPT
16**

10 am - 4 pm

CHALK ART FESTIVAL THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN

Watch as local artists create sidewalk masterpieces using only chalk and their imaginations. Arrive early to spend the day outdoors browsing local businesses and vendors while enjoying live music.

- 30+ Chalk Artists • Live Music • Family Activities • Local Vendors •

SATURDAY

**OCT
21**

1 pm - 5 pm

SIP IN CENTENNIAL CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK



The Sip in Centennial event combines two favorites, Brew-N-Que and Whiskey Warmer, for one amazing afternoon. Must be 21+ to partake in alcohol tastings. Tickets for tastings may be purchased in advance.

- Colorado Breweries and Distilleries • Food Trucks • Live Music •

SATURDAY

**DEC
2**

1 pm - 3 pm

HOLIDAY EVENT CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

Enjoy holiday songs provided by local youth choirs and celebrate the holidays.

- Youth Choirs • Food Trucks • Family-Friendly Activities •
• Santa • Free Cookies, Cocoa and Cider •

Centennial Center Park
13050 E. Peakview Ave.

The Streets at SouthGlenn
6851 S. Vine St.

Visit centennialco.gov/events



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WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU.



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



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Response Center
303.325.8000



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Psst

Check Out Centennial's Passport Services

If you're in need of a new adult or minor U.S. passport, or a passport renewal for minors, consider Centennial's passport operations located within the Centennial Civic Center, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road. The office now offers photo services and more appointment reservations.

Appointments for processing passport applications are available from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and may be scheduled in advance by visiting centennialco.gov/passport. You can bring your own eligible photo with you to your appointment, or have your picture taken by the City for an additional fee.



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Signature
EVENTS

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City Adopts First-Ever Biennial Budget for 2023-2024

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