Celebrating 25 YEARS Centennial Connection

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This year marks a rare opportunity to celebrate three milestones that are deeply connected to the place we call home.

Across the country, communities are commemorating 250 years of the United States. Here in Colorado, we're also celebrating 150 years of statehood. And right here in Centennial, we're proud to mark 25 years as a City.

While each anniversary honors a different chapter in history, together they tell one shared story: from the founding of our nation to the pioneering spirit of Colorado and the vibrant community we've built together in Centennial.

As we celebrate these milestones, we honor the people, places and moments that have brought us here, while looking ahead to the future we're building together.

Learn more about each celebration:
- America 250: **America250.org**
- Colorado 150: **Am250CO150.org**
- Centennial 25: **centennialco.gov/25years**

Three milestones. One shared story. Thank you for being a part of ours.

As Centennial marks 25 years, we look ahead to what's next. "The Next 25: Centennial's Vision for the Future" video reflects on the City's journey—from its founding to today—while outlining a bold vision for the future.

Through strategic growth, community connection, and thoughtful planning, Centennial is building on its success to shape "The Next 25" years!

Visit **youtube.com/@CentennialGov** or scan the QR code to watch!

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MEETTHEMAYOR



Centennial Mayor Christine Sweetland is available to meet virtually and in-person with residents, business owners, and community members.

Schedule a time to meet! Visit **centennialco.gov/meetthemayor**

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E-Scooters & Motobikes

Hospitals See Increase in Injuries

As electric bikes and scooters become increasingly popular for recreation and transportation, local hospitals are reporting a significant increase in serious injuries.

According to HCA HealthONE, seven of its Metro Denver hospitals have treated 149 patients for e-bike and e-scooter-related injuries through mid-July 2026—already surpassing the 133 cases recorded during all of 2025. The number of injuries has steadily increased over the past several years, with 92 cases in 2024 and 53 in 2023.

Doctors are seeing a wide range of serious injuries, including concussions, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and internal injuries caused by handlebars. At HCA HealthONE Aurora, trauma physicians say patients with head injuries related to e-bikes and scooters are now arriving in the emergency department almost every day.

Health officials note that the reported numbers likely underestimate the true total, as not every injury is captured in hospital trauma registries. Even so, the upward trend is clear.

The increase comes as e-bike use continues to grow nationwide. Nationally, e-bike sales have more than quadrupled over the past five years, and teens account for a significant share of emergency room visits involving these vehicles.

Recent fatal crashes involving young riders in the Denver metro area also serve as a reminder of the importance of riding safely. Wearing a properly fitted helmet, following traffic laws, staying alert, and using equipment as intended can help reduce the risk of serious injury.

Whether you're commuting, exercising, or enjoying a ride around the neighborhood, taking a few extra safety precautions can make all the difference.



New Regulations for Class 3 E-Bikes, Electric Motorcycles and Dirt Bikes

On August 18, Centennial City Council adopted **Ordinance 2026-O-13** establishing new regulations for the use of high-powered electric vehicles and bikes on public property, including electric motorcycles, Class 3 electric bicycles, toy vehicles and off-highway vehicles.

The measure comes as electric micromobility devices have grown in popularity and safety concerns have increased, prompting the City to clarify where and how they can be safely operated.

The ordinance classifies electric bicycles by speed and power output, consistent with state law, and distinguishes standard e-bikes from higher-powered electric devices that can reach greater speeds.

Under the new rules, high-powered e-bikes and electric motorcycles are prohibited on sidewalks and trails but are permitted on City streets, where riders must follow the same traffic laws as other vehicles.

Additional provisions include:

- Minimum age of 16 to operate an electric motorcycle
- License, registration and insurance requirements for electric motorcycles, as applicable
- Helmet requirements for riders under 18
- Restrictions on modifying standard e-bikes to exceed the manufacturer's designed or specified speed
- Enforcement provisions, which may include fines, parental liability and impoundment for violations.

The City developed the regulations in partnership with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the City's park and recreation districts to have consistent rules across streets, sidewalks, multi-use paths, parks and other public spaces.

More information on the ordinance and e-bike classifications is available at **centennialco.gov/bikes**.

Know the Difference.

E-Bike, E-Motorcycle or Something Else?
Ride Legally. Ride Safely. Ride Responsibly.



Electric Scooters

- Weighs less than 100 pounds
- Has handlebars
- Powered by electric motor
- Maximum speed of 20 MPH when powered by motor
- May be ridden on sidewalks, trails, paths, or where bicylces are allowed

Low-Power Scooters

- Not more than three wheels in contact with the ground
- Self-propelled
- No manual clutch
- Does not exceed 50cc internal combustion or 4,476 watts (if electric-powered)



E-Bikes

- Fully-operational pedals or pedal-assisted
- Can reach speeds up to 28 MPH
- Has a motor smaller than 750 watts

Where you can ride an e-bike depends on its Class, as defined by horsepower and maximum speed

Class	Description	Max Speed
1	Motor assists only when pedaling. Motor stops assisting at 20 MPH	20 MPH
2	Throttle or pedal assist. Motor stops assisting at 20 MPH	20 MPH
3	Motor assists only when pedaling. Motor stops assisting at 28 MPH	28 MPH



E-Motorcycles or E-Dirt Bikes

- No pedals or pedals that are not functional
- Can reach speeds over 30 MPH
- Has a motor greater than 750 watts
- Are considered off-highway vehicles and/or motor vehicles

Because of these features, they are *not classified* as bicycles under Colorado law.

Laws that apply to dirt bike and motorcycle drivers:

- Not allowed on paths, trails or sidewalks
- Must be 16 or older and have a valid driver's license with motorcycle rider or "M" designation
- Vehicle must be registered, display a license plate and be insured

WHERE CAN YOU RIDE

	E-SCOOTERS	✔	Sidewalks, trails, paths, or where bicylces are allowed
	E-BIKE CLASS 1 & 2	✔	Sidewalks, trails, paths, or where bicylces are allowed
	E-BIKE CLASS 3	▲	Only on bike paths that are within a street or highway
	LOW-POWER-MOTORCYCLES & DIRT BIKES	✘	Not allowed on public streets, sidewalks, bike paths or parks. Ride off-highway only

WATTAGE MATTERS

	LEGAL E-BIKE 750 Watts or Less	No license, insurance or registration required
	LOW-POWERED ELECTRIC VEHICLE 750 - 4,476 Watts	Requires Driver's License, insurance and registration
	MOTORCYCLE OVER 4,476 Watts (50ccs or Higher)	Requires Driver's License, Motorcycle endorsement, insurance and registration

ANY VEHICLE OVER 750 WATTS IS NOT A LEGAL E-BIKE IN COLORADO

No matter what you ride, follow the rules of the road and be safe!

- Staying within the law keeps you and others safe!
- Riding where your vehicle is not allowed can result in fines, impoundment and criminal charges.
- Be respectful. Be responsible. Protect our people, roads, trails and communities.
- Stop at red lights and stop signs and ride with the direction of traffic.
- Slow down at driveways and intersections.

For more information, visit centennialco.gov/bikes

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DNWSL Centennial Stadium Now Open

History happens here.

The wait is over, Centennial! Denver Summit FC took the field – and celebrated a WIN! – for the first time at Centennial Stadium, bringing Colorado's first National Women's Soccer League franchise to our community and ushering in a new era of women's sports, hometown pride and unforgettable moments.

Earlier this summer, Centennial celebrated the opening of the CommonSpirit Health Performance Center alongside Denver Summit FC, project partners and community leaders. The excitement moved from the training ground to match day as players and fans came together for the club's first match at Centennial Stadium in July.

More than a stadium, Centennial Stadium is a place where athletes will inspire the next generation, fans will create lifelong memories, and our community will rally around the game and female athletes.





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YMCA Center of Generations: The Place to Be



The YMCA Center of Generations (COG) located in The Streets at SouthGlenn offers programs and activities designed for both teens and older adults, creating opportunities for all generations to connect.

Older adults can enjoy activities such as mahjong, chair yoga, art club and more from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Teens can take part in programs including Texas Hold 'em, 3D modeling, Tasty Cuisine and other activities from 4 – 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 4 – 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Whether you're looking to explore a new hobby, build friendships or enjoy time in a welcoming space, the Center of Generations would love to see you!

Visit **denverymca.org/centennial-center-generations** to view the programming and join the fun!

Trash Enclosures Help Keep Centennial Clean
Screen it Right. Keep It Out of Sight!

Adopted in 2017, Centennial's Municipal Code Section 12-3-608b states that individual garbage containers must have a cover and be screened from public view except when placed at the curbside for collection.

The intent is to protect the health and safety of citizens by preventing refuse from being scattered, whether by wildlife or weather, and to maintain a clean and healthy living environment – supporting beautiful neighborhoods!

Refuse containers can be screened by:

- Storing them inside an enclosed structure, like a garage
- Placing them behind a solid sight-screening fence
- Housing them in a dedicated refuse container enclosure

Questions about enclosures or need assistance with screening options? Please contact Code Compliance at **codecompliance@centennialco.gov** or **303.325.8000**.



Creating Safer Neighborhood Streets

The City often hears from residents concerned about speeding and safety on neighborhood collector roads – streets that connect residential neighborhoods to major roads throughout the City.



Many of these roads were built decades ago with wide lanes and limited pavement markings. While common at the time, this design did not account for the variety of transportation options we see today, like walking, biking or strolling, in mind.

To help address the neighborhood concerns, the City combines the efforts of Public Works traffic engineering staff and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). Together, they evaluate emerging mobility challenges, collect data and analyze driving patterns to identify locations where traffic-calming measures or other improvements may be appropriate.

The City also offers the *Yard Sign Community Education Program* to help improve awareness and the *Neighborhood Traffic Management Program* to help create solutions that residents can participate in.

Visit **centennialco.gov/traffic** to learn more.

As students return to school, the City and ACSO encourage everyone to do their part to keep our neighborhoods safe. Whether driving, biking or walking, staying alert and following the rules of the road helps create safer streets for all users. Drivers are reminded to obey posted speed limits, come to a complete stop at stop signs and watch for pedestrians, bicyclists and other roadway users.



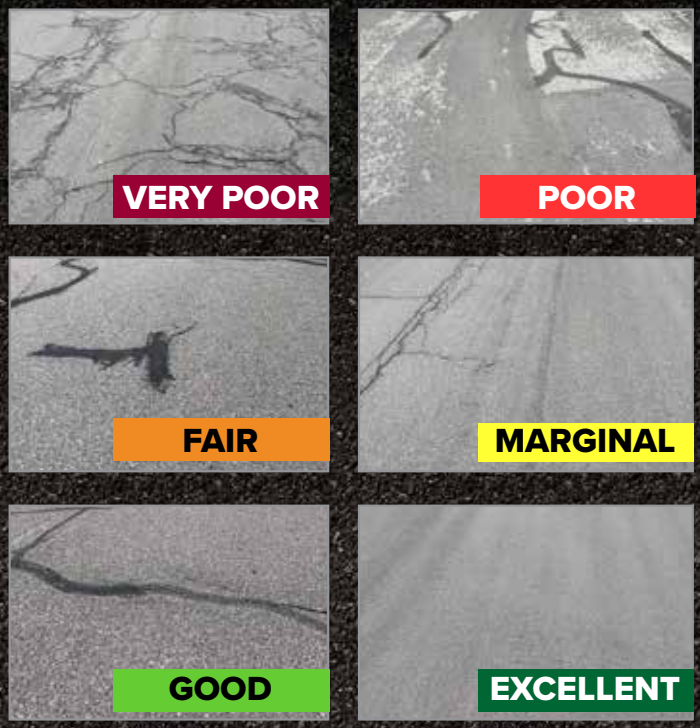
Preserving Centennial's Streets for the Future

From your morning commute to an evening walk through the neighborhood, Centennial's streets, sidewalks and trails help keep our community connected. Maintaining this transportation network is one of the City's core responsibilities.

Centennial Public Works maintains 435 centerline miles, consisting of 1,150 lane miles, of residential, collector, and arterial roads, along with the bridges, sidewalks, and other infrastructure that support safe and reliable travel throughout the City. That's the equivalent of a 12-foot-wide ribbon of asphalt and concrete stretching all the way from here to Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

Many of these roads were inherited when Centennial incorporated 25 years ago and are now reaching the end of their 30- to 35-year average service life, making proactive preservation and rehabilitation more important than ever.

The City uses a data-driven approach to preserve pavement and extend its lifespan. Projects are prioritized using factors such as Pavement Condition Index (PCI), roadway classification field inspections, resident feedback and available funding. A 2025, independent pavement assessment found Centennial's overall roadway network remains in "Good" condition.





The mill and overlay project on County Line Road between Chester Street and Quebec Street recently received the Colorado Asphalt Paving Association's 2025 Best in Colorado Award. The project was a coordinated effort in partnership with the City of Lone Tree and Douglas County.

Keeping City Streets in Good Condition

By leveraging technology, coordinating efforts with utility companies, partnering with local municipalities, and considering community input, the City proactively maintains its streets, extends pavement life, and reduces the need for costly full reconstruction through the annual **Street Rehabilitation Program**.

Each year, the Street Rehabilitation Program includes several types of roadway improvements designed to keep streets in good condition:

- **Concrete Replacement:** Repairs damaged curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and curb ramps before paving. This work typically takes place one year prior to Mill and Overlay.
- **Mill and Overlay:** Replaces the top layer of asphalt to improve ride quality and extend pavement life.
- **Crack Seal:** Seals pavement cracks to prevent water intrusion and slow deterioration. This work is completed approximately five years after Mill and Overlay.
- **Slurry Seal:** Applies a protective surface treatment to help preserve residential streets and extend life of the pavement. Slurry Seal is typically performed 10 years after Mill and Overlay.

Roadway construction typically takes place from spring through fall. Residents living near scheduled projects receive advance notifications, including door hangers, temporary no-parking signs and targeted neighborhood updates.

Learn more about roadway rehabilitation locations at **centennialco.gov/streetrehabmap**.

Have a question about what roadway work is happening on your street? Call our 24/7 Citizen Response Center at **303.325.8000**.



THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Centennial Signature Events Celebrate Community

The City of Centennial's Signature Events continue to bring neighbors and friends together, uniting the community! So far in 2026, residents have enjoyed Celebrate Centennial, our salute to 25 years, along with the 20th Annual Centennial Under the Stars and the Cinematic Symphony featuring the music of Star Wars!

The City is grateful for the support of our event sponsors, as well as the community partners, entertainers, vendors, food trucks and attendees who make the fun and memories happen!

Don't miss the last two events of 2026! Mark your calendars and join us Saturday, September 12, for the **Centennial Chalk Art Festival** at The Streets at SouthGlenn and Saturday, October 17, for **Sip in Centennial** at Centennial Center Park.

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ArapaGO: Transit Connections Plan

Arapahoe County is developing the **ArapaGO: Transit Connections Plan**, a long-range effort to better understand current and future transportation needs throughout the region. The plan will evaluate how people use, or could use, different microtransit and shared micromobility options in our communities. Join the project team for a virtual meeting to learn about the pilot project recommendations.

Transition Connections Plan Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, September 1
6 – 7 p.m.

Register at **bit.ly/090126ArapaGO** to receive the meeting link and/or to receive the recording after the live event.

The project is led by Arapahoe County in partnership with Aurora, Englewood, Centennial, Littleton, Denver South, RTD, and DRCOG.



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