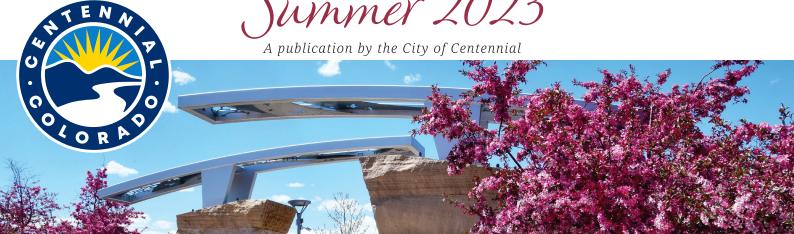
## CENTENNIAL

# CONNECTION Summer 2023



Centennial Center Park Entrance



**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 your convenience by visiting **centennialco.gov/meetthemayor.** 



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## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT



The City of Centennial has launched "My Centennial," a mobile app providing residents another option to submit service requests and report problems to the City. Citizens may download the free My Centennial app through iOS or Google Play to their mobile device to conveniently report potholes, traffic signal issues, graffiti and more as you see them. This mobile app includes an option to snap and submit a photo of the issue or service request with your device and will automatically find the location using GPS, if enabled.

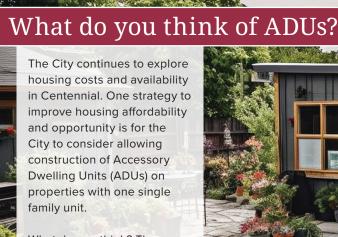
Users of My Centennial have the option to create an account and track the status of their request or submit anonymously. Account holders who submit requests will receive responses from the City's Citizen Response Center confirming receipt of the request and providing updates when the request has been closed. Requests submitted via My Centennial are

acknowledged within one or two business days. Requests will not receive a response during holidays or weekends. These responses are viewable only by the user who submitted the request, not the public.

Additionally, My Centennial allows citizens to:

- View your service requests at any time
- View requests made near your location
- Comment on open requests
- Respond to comments made on your requests

My Centennial is also accessible by visiting **centennialco.gov/ mycentennial**. Service requests may continue to be submitted via the "Report a Problem" button on the City website (centennialco.gov/reportaproblem) or by calling the 24/7 Citizen Response Center at 303-325-8000.



What do you think? The
City would like to know
your thoughts on this draft
regulation, which addresses
the allowed size, location and
height, among other factors.

To learn more about ADUs and review the draft regulation, visit **centennialco.gov/**housing.





# Make memories this summer by enjoying a movie with your neighbors!

Enjoy an outdoor movie with your neighbors courtesy of the City!

In an effort to encourage resident engagement and connection,
Centennial residents can host an outdoor neighborhood movie night by reserving a movie kit from the City until October 2.

#### **MOVIE KITS INCLUDE:**

- Inflatable screen
- DVD player
- Speakers
- Cabling



Available on a first-come, first-served basis, neighborhood groups may reserve equipment for weekends once per year, for free with a \$250 refundable deposit. The kit includes a giant inflatable movie screen and everything needed to host a backyard movie night. Please note, the movie projector is only operational after sunset. More information and to make a reservation visit centennialco.gov/

Kits must be picked up on Friday and returned the next business day – typically Mondays, excluding holidays and other periods when the Centennial Civic Center, located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, is closed.

## City and County Partner on Homeless Services

The City and Arapahoe County are working together to address homelessness in our community. As part of a three-year pilot program, the County has hired Vanessa Gates as the Homeless Outreach Liaison to provide support to individuals and families who are homeless or are at imminent risk of being homeless throughout the County, including Centennial. She will work with regional partners to implement an intentional, collaborative approach to rehousing and provide necessary supports and opportunities to people who are currently unsheltered.

Concerns or requests for a response on matters related to unsheltered individuals should be directed to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 303-795-4711. If it's an emergency, call 911.



### **Read About Current and Upcoming Public Works Projects**

Centennial's public works projects are visible across the City, with several projects currently underway from the western-most corners of Centennial's boundaries to its eastern edges, as well as in-between.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF ARAPAHOE ROAD BRIDGE TO BE COMPLETE THIS YEAR

The reconstruction of the Arapahoe Bridge remains on schedule and is anticipated to be complete this fall. Traffic is currently using the newly constructed south side of the bridge, while work occurs on the north side. Located just east of University Boulevard on Arapahoe Road over Big Dry Creek, the newly constructed bridge will be wider and taller, with safer pedestrian access over and around the bridge. As part of this project, improvements are being made to the Big Dry Creek drainage and waterway system. In the meantime, this area remains an active construction zone, so please pay attention while driving in the work zone. Stay in the loop on the project by visiting centennialco.gov/arapahoebridge.



#### **ORCHARD ROAD WIDENING**

With targeted completion by the end of the year, the City will soon begin a project to widen the south side of Orchard Road from Ogden Court east to the High Line Canal. This project will improve continuity for pedestrians and bicyclists, creating a link to and from the High Line Canal and thereby to adjacent neighborhoods. In addition to widening the road, a new storm sewer line, curb, gutter, sidewalk and an additional turn lane on Orchard Road from South Ogden Court to the High Line Canal will be constructed.

Greenwood Village and Centennial are currently working together to replace the bridge deck over the High Line Canal on Orchard Road. Orchard Road is closed at this location, with anticipated completion by the end of June 2023.





HAWK Signal Example

# A SAFE CROSSING TO WILLOW SPRING OPEN SPACE

To further connect neighborhoods to trails and open space, the City plans to install a new hybrid pedestrian push-button signal on Holly Street south of Easter Avenue this year. The "HAWK Signal," or high-intensity activated crosswalk, is similar to the crossing installed on Holly Street near South Forest Way, north of Arapahoe Road. This signal will provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle connection to the Willow Spring Open Space from the neighborhoods west of Holly Street.

#### **DRCOG FUNDING**

With goals to set the City up for future success and practice financial responsibility, Centennial secured federal grant funding through the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Transportation Improvement Program that is projected to save the City over \$29 million. The grants were awarded for four projects that were identified in the Centennial Transportation Master Plan, which identifies the City's existing and future transportation network conditions and prioritizes near- and long-term roadway improvements. The DRCOG grants will be applied toward future projects planned for: Colorado Boulevard between Arapahoe and Dry Creek Roads, the intersection of South Havana Street and East Easter Avenue, the Lone Tree Creek underpass beneath Arapahoe Road and the Arapahoe Road sidewalks between I-25 and Parker Road. These projects are slated for construction in 2024 and 2025.

# In Focus: Creating Safer Streets

The City's Public Works department continually works to provide a safe and efficient transportation network throughout Centennial. This is achieved through a wide range of programs and initiatives to improve and maintain the City's streets, sidewalks and all related infrastructure. Several key efforts are highlighted below that support Centennial's efforts to empower residents and create safer streets.

Raising Awareness

#### **Temporary Yard Sign Community Education Program**

Drive like your mom lives here.
And she's watching.

@entennial

The City has created a Yard Sign Community Education Program to support and raise awareness for traffic-related safety in Centennial's neighborhoods. This program encourages residents to work with their neighbors to provide a gentle reminder encouraging drivers to slow down and pay attention on neighborhood streets. Temporary yard signs are available annually from April 15 until November 15. The signs may be requested by visiting **centennialco.gov/yardsigns**.

Safety

**Improving** 

#### **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**

In an effort to keep neighborhoods safe and comfortable for all residents and roadway users, Centennial's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program outlines neighborhood traffic mitigation solutions based on requests from residents.



After a resident submits a request, the City conducts a study of traffic speeds and volumes in the area of concern, and qualifying applications become eligible to pursue

traffic-calming improvements. To learn more about this program, visit **centennialco.gov/ntmp.** 

Improving Traffic Flow en oper softwa

#### **Intelligent Transportation Systems**

Since the completion of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Master Plan implementations in 2022 City Staff continues to review traffic signal timing on arterial corridors around the City to prepare for the deployment of real-time adaptive traffic signal operations. Implementation of various ITS elements improves transportation-related safety and mobility issues and enhances operational efficiency by enabling the City to adapt traffic signal operations to changes in traffic flow in real time. The City is also testing several pilot software and hardware deployments to proactively keep the City's infrastructure in better condition and address safety concerns of various types, including: crash prevention, incident management and proactive sign and roadway maintenance.

# Reducing Speeds

#### **Lower Residential Speeds Implemented**

Effective January 2023, speed limits on residential streets are 25 miles hour, unless otherwise posted. This change does not apply to collector streets within residential areas, which are addressed individually based on their design and intended purpose.



SPEED LIMIT 25

# Calming Traffic

#### **Enhancing Residential Streets**

Residential collectors are streets in residential areas that are designed to carry higher volumes of traffic at higher speeds than local roadways. Centennial has a number of residential collector roadways that are wider than would typically be designed or constructed today.

In response to resident concerns around driver behavior and speeds on these wider streets, the City has been reviewing and considering potential improvements to enhance their character with more of a community feel. For instance, the City has been installing striping to better delineate vehicle travel lanes and visually narrow the roadway, which can have a traffic-calming effect. Installation of striping also can significantly shorten the effective exposed pedestrian crossing distances and further enhance safety.



## **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 (FEMA) 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



The internet continues to be an essential part of our lives. In the coming years, it is almost certain to be even more critical in areas such as healthcare, education, financial matters and our daily work lives. In an effort to plan and prepare, the City would like to understand how

these future changes and challenges may impact you. To share your opinions, visit

centennialco.gov/ fibersurvey.





Learn how the City works, what makes us unique and how to be more involved in an interactive seven-week program.

> 5:30 to 9 p.m. Every Thursday August 31 – October 17 Centennial Public Works Facility 7272 S. Eagle Street

- Attendance at all sessions is required.
- Open to all Centennial residents.
- Seating is limited so apply today!

centennialco.gov/centennial101



# Centennial Candidate Information Meeting

Interested in running for office?

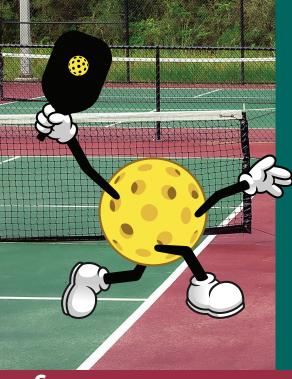
Join us!

6 p.m. on Monday, July 10 City of Centennial Council Chambers 13133 E. Arapahoe Road

#### Learn more about:

- City history
- Candidate requirements
- Legislative powers of City Council
- Petitionina
- FCPA reporting
- What it means to serve in elected office

For additional election information visit **centennialco.gov/election.** 



# Pickleball Noise Impacts Under Consideration

As pickleball continues to grow in popularity so does demand in Centennial. To best protect the public health, safety and neighborhood environment, the City has paused the establishment of new outdoor pickleball courts within 500 feet of a residential community.

This six-month temporary pause is a proactive effort to allow the City time to review and evaluate if additional regulations are necessary. Centennial is working with a noise consultant to better understand potential issues and to determine if new noise regulations

are necessary to preserve the sound environment in our neighborhoods.

The City acknowledges research that finds outdoor pickleball noise is different and potentially more impactful than noise created by other forms of recreational activities like tennis. Also, the City is aware of the cities and towns throughout the US that have enacted distance and noise abatement requirements for outdoor pickleball courts in response to noise concerns and complaints.

The City greatly appreciates the input from all perspectives that has been shared by citizens, neighborhood associations and groups during this process. To stay informed about this topic, visit centennialco.gov/pickleball.



The 4-acre expansion of Centennial Center Park, located at 13050 East Peakview Avenue, is complete and features even more amenities and attractions.

The new features of the park include:

- · Picnic grove and shelters
- Gazebo and gathering space
- Landscaped walking paths
- · Recreational green space
- Restrooms
- · Expanded parking

The park expansion continues to deliver on the City's Signature Centennial strategic priority to be a desirable and inclusive community with a lasting built environment, memorable places and experiences that bring people together through intentional planning and community investment.

The expansion project was funded with a \$500,000 Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant, along with the Arapahoe County Shareback Tax, a voter-approved quarter cent Use Tax. Over half of the revenues from the tax directly support community partners - cities, towns and recreation districts – through the County's Grant and Shareback programs.







# Did You Hear?

The City is excited to announce that Centennial Center Park splashed into the No. 5 spot on the USA TODAY 10 Best Splash Pads (2023) list.

# SPLASH PAD WATER PLAY HOURS

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



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EVENT



My Centennial App – Download or visit centennialco.gov/mycentennial



To register for event updates by email visit **centennialco.gov/events.** 

AUG
12
5 pm - 9 pm

#### **CENTENNIAL UNDER THE STARS**

**CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK -** 13050 E. Peakview Avenue

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 •

SEPT 16

#### CHALK ART FESTIVAL

THE STREETS AT SOUTHGLENN - 6851 S. Vine Street

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 •

OCT
21
1 pm - 5 pm

#### SIP IN CENTENNIAL

**CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK - 13050 E. Peakview Avenue** 

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 may be purchased in advance.

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

DEC 2 1 pm - 3 pm

#### **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK - 13050 E. Peakview Avenue** 

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

• Youth Choirs • Food Trucks • Family-Friendly Activities •

• Santa • Free Cookies, Cocoa and Cider •



Every other year, Centennial conducts a Community Survey to learn how the City is serving its residents, to gauge perceptions and evaluate Centennial against other municipalities. A random and scientific sample of 3,000 households will receive mailed invitations to participate, and their confidential responses will be weighted and analyzed. If you receive a survey, please take the time to respond and let us know how we're doing. The more responses received, the more accurate the results will be.

If you did not receive a mailed survey, the City is providing an online option for all Centennial residents to complete the survey from July 10 to July 24. Please visit **centennialco.gov/survey** to complete the survey. Results of select response topics are used in developing a strategic work plan and informing future budget requests. We hope to hear from you!