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CENTENNIAL ZIP CODE 80122 IS THE “IT” SPOT IN THE NATION



Realtor.com has identified the most popular ZIP Codes in the nation, where real estate supply is tight and demand is high. Centennial's 80122 ranks No. 3 for velocity of real estate sales combined with healthy economic indicators.

Located on the west side of the City near the Streets at Southglenn, homes here are snapped up faster here than anywhere else in the country, spending just two weeks on the market, according to Realtor.com. Millennial households' median income is a whopping \$88,000 a year, about two-thirds more than their counterparts nationally and about half again as much as their Denver-area cohorts.

Civic Center gets new 24-hour ballot box for November Election

By Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane



All active registered voters will receive ballots by mail in mid-October for the November Election. The ballot will include a statewide tax issue, as well as various measures and races for local municipalities, school and special districts.

You can return your voted ballot by mail with 70 cents postage, or deliver it to one of

26 drop-off boxes in Arapahoe County by 7 p.m. on Election Day. As a new convenient option, a 24-hour ballot box is now available at the northeast corner of Centennial's Civic Center, located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Road.

Arapahoe County also will offer four Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) where citizens may register to vote, update their registration, request or replace a ballot, or vote on an accessible voting machine. In Centennial, your nearest VSPC location is at Arapahoe County Lima Plaza, 6954 S. Lima Street.

Find election information, track your mail ballot and sign up for free Ballot Track notifications by email, phone or text message at www.arapahoevotes.com.

Don't get stuck... know before you go

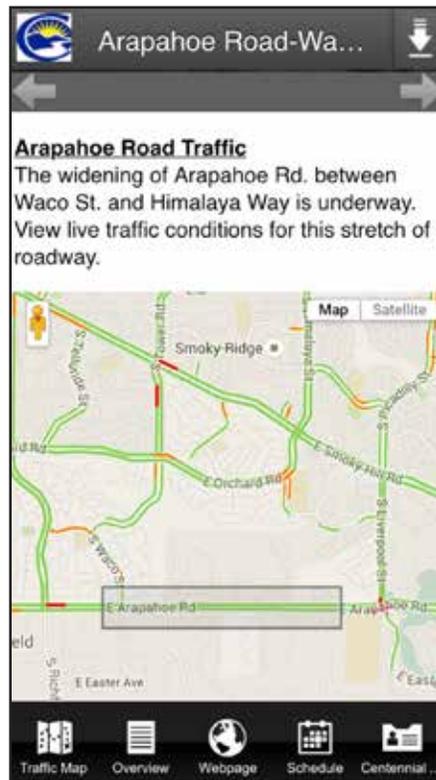
Construction is underway to widen Arapahoe Road between Waco Street and Himalaya Way. Drivers should take extra care and be on the lookout for changes in speed limits and potential lane closures. Traffic delays are expected throughout this next year, for the duration of the project.

The City of Centennial has created a traffic app for this stretch of Arapahoe Road allowing commuters to know traffic conditions before they go.

Visit www.ArapahoeRoad.com to download the free app to your mobile device.

Construction will occur from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with seasonal adjustments. Occasional lane closures should be expected between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. One lane will always be open during the morning and evening rush hours. The speed limit has been reduced in this construction zone.

The new, interim four-lane roadway will be straightened horizontally and vertically for easier navigation, provide easier left turn movements onto the roadway, and enable gradual transitions from six lanes to four lanes and back to six lanes. Three existing signalized intersections will be redesigned as part of the project.



Several existing drainage outfalls along the project will be redesigned and constructed in coordination with the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA).

Additionally, overhead electric lines on both sides of Arapahoe Road will be relocated to accommodate the ultimate six-lane roadway section. The construction will be coordinated with Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA).

Download the mobile app, learn more about the project and sign up to receive the project newsletter at www.ArapahoeRoad.com

Bear with us!



HOW CAN IT BE? ALREADY 15?

This fall, Centennial is celebrating its 15th Anniversary. Celebrate the visionary leaders that turned the dream into a reality, at our Founders Day Breakfast, Sept 12 (see details below). Additional activities are being planned for February, 2016 to celebrate the actual incorporation date of the City.

In honor of the City's 15th Anniversary, the City's logo is receiving a fresh new look. These slight changes, such as modification of the font and addition of mountains on the horizon line, serve to modernize the logo while preserving its original design and character.

The new logo will be implemented gradually, on an as needed basis as items need replacement or reprinting. At this time, existing major assets such as street signs, vehicle and some building signage are excluded from this change.

FOUNDERS' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday, September 12
8 – 10 a.m.**

**Centennial Civic Center
13133 E. Arapahoe Road**

Come join us in celebrating the vote that formed the City of Centennial. In honor of this occurrence, we will be having a free pancake breakfast and recognize the citizens who have volunteered their time by serving on a board or commission. Remarks will be made at 9 a.m.



ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT



COME BACK TO KOELBEL LIBRARY AND ENJOY A FREE SMALL COFFEE

by *Nicolle Davies, Executive Director, Arapahoe Libraries*

If you haven't visited Koelbel Library (5955 S. Holly Street) lately, we invite you to stop by and check out the latest look at the library. Koelbel Library recently finished a comprehensive renovation project featuring a remodeled Koelbel Café with an expanded menu of hot and cold drinks as well as a variety of food selections; an expanded used book store for better browsing; a sun-lit children's area with optimal acoustics; and the opening

of the Forum, a small auditorium for live performances.

Libraries like Koelbel are changing, and the Arapahoe Libraries are responding to community and patron feedback.

Koelbel Library continues to provide access to a vast collection of fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, music, DVDs, eBooks, audiobooks, downloadable content, streaming media, computers, and the latest technology.

Via the Book a Librarian service, library staff are also available for one-on-one consultations to conduct research, offer advice for avid readers, or demonstrate how to use the latest gadgets. Book a librarian online today at arapahoelibraries.org.

We want you to see the new library for yourself! Stop by the Koelbel Café and ask for your coffee loyalty punch card, and we will treat you to one small coffee. We can't wait to have you "come back" to Koelbel Library.

FREE HOA ROUNDTABLE

The City of Centennial and Community Associations Institute are hosting a roundtable event to provide homeowners and HOA Board members the opportunity to speak with experts in the HOA industry. The event is at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 17 at the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Road. Learn how to strengthen and protect your Homeowners Association (HOA) at this FREE roundtable event. **For more information, visit www.hoa-colorado.org.**

Centennial continues to capture top honors



ImFromDenver.com named Centennial Center Park as number one of eight playgrounds in Colorado that make you feel like a kid again.

The Denver Business Journal reported Centennial as #3 on the list of top cities that are best for first-time home buyers. WalletHub ranked 300 U.S. cities for housing affordability, real estate market rank, and living environment, such as crime, weather and recreation.

Centennial ranked high, because it's the second-best city in the country for low crime, according to the list. (Source: *Denver Business Journal*)

INNOVATION @ ALTITUDE

In 2014, Centennial was selected as one of 12 U.S. cities to participate in the \$45 million expansion of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Teams program. The i-team program aims to improve the capacity of cities to effectively design and implement new approaches that improve citizens' lives – relying on data, open innovation, and strong project and performance management to help cities address pressing urban challenges. Innovation Teams function as in-house innovation consultants, moving from one city priority to the next.

Centennial's Innovation Team (i-team) is fully staffed and settled into their new 'Thinkery' located at the Innovation Pavilion in Centennial. The team's academic and experiential backgrounds have been woven together to create the foundation for a world-class group of innovators that is bound to be an important player and regional resource engaged in envisioning the future of our metropolitan suburb.

They are currently focusing on improving mobility across all modes of transportation throughout the City. Some goals the City will address include applying new technologies and creative concepts to help improve traffic flow, reduce vehicle traffic congestion hours and related costs, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety – such as safe routes to schools – and so much more.



Centennial i-team members Melanie Morgan, Data Analyst; Bailey Little, Team Coordinator; Daniel Hutton, Project Manager; and Team Manager Scott Blumenreich.

The team has launched a blog to convey information and solicit input from the community. The blog will be updated regularly to include pertinent information and links to resources they will be using to navigate the universe of innovation.

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/iteam to read the first i-team blog, 'Innovation @ Altitude'

LASER LIGHT SHOW VOTED “BEST OF THE BEST”



Photography by Deborah Grigsby Smith

The 2014 Centennial Under the Stars Laser Light Show was named Best Annual Event in Centennial as part of Colorado Community Media's 2015 "Best of the Best".

The "Best of the Best" is a promotional contest voted on by readers of Colorado Community Media publications. Nominated businesses that accumulate the most votes in its category during a six-week period are declared the "Best of the Best" by Colorado Community Media.

Nearly 6,000 people attended this year's 10th Annual Centennial Under the Stars Laser Light Show featuring live music from The Patti Fiasco, Shel and Love Shack, "the premiere 80's extravaganza band" while enjoying the amazing laser lights.

Thanks to our event sponsors! Rainbow Research Optics, Inc., Point Blank Winery, Arapahoe County Open Spaces, ch2m, Centennial Medical Plaza and Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center.

Check out summer event photos on Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/CentennialGov/albums



Clean up and prepare for winter with proper pruning



It is important to keep streets, sidewalks and other public rights-of-way free of vegetation, like low hanging branches or encroaching shrubs that are obstructing the free and full use of the public sidewalk or roadway.

Every property owner is responsible for inspecting their landscaping to make sure nothing is hanging lower than eight feet over a pedestrian path, or 16 feet over a roadway.

Low hanging branches and encroaching shrubs create a safety hazard for the community and are a violation of the Centennial Municipal Code.

Low hanging branches can scrape someone on the head, or knock a bicyclist off a bike. Encroaching shrubs can force people to walk out in the street and interferes with pedestrian safety.



**You prune.
We chip.**

FREE

Fall Pruning & Mulch Event

The City, in partnership with Terracare Associates, Arapahoe Park and Recreation District and South Suburban Park and Recreation District are hosting a FREE Pruning and Mulch Event

**Saturday, September 26, 2015
8 a.m. - Noon**

West Side Drop-off:
South Suburban Shop Yard
7100 S. Holly Street

East Side Drop-off:
Piney Creek Hollow Park
6140 S. Tower Road

FREE MULCH
for the taking while supplies last!

Branches should be at least three inches in diameter to go through the chipper.

If you are elderly or disabled, call 303-325-8041 to schedule a time we can come by and pick up branches from your home.

Reservation deadline is September 22 by 5 p.m. (or while pick up times last)

City selects consultant for Phase II of fiber initiative

This first step of designing a fiber optic backbone will be coupled with additional strategic planning and initiatives so Council can make an informed decision regarding further development of the fiber network. Ultimately, Council will consider the estimated cost and the goals of the fiber initiative, and provide direction on whether to move forward and complete the fiber backbone.

“Supporting fiber-based infrastructure in the City of Centennial is key to ensuring continued economic development for our community and helps position Centennial for the future,” said District 4 Council Member Stephanie Piko.

Phase I of the Fiber Initiative was completed earlier this year and included an analysis of broadband service in the City, meetings with key stakeholders, and a full inventory of fiber-optic and conduit infrastructure.

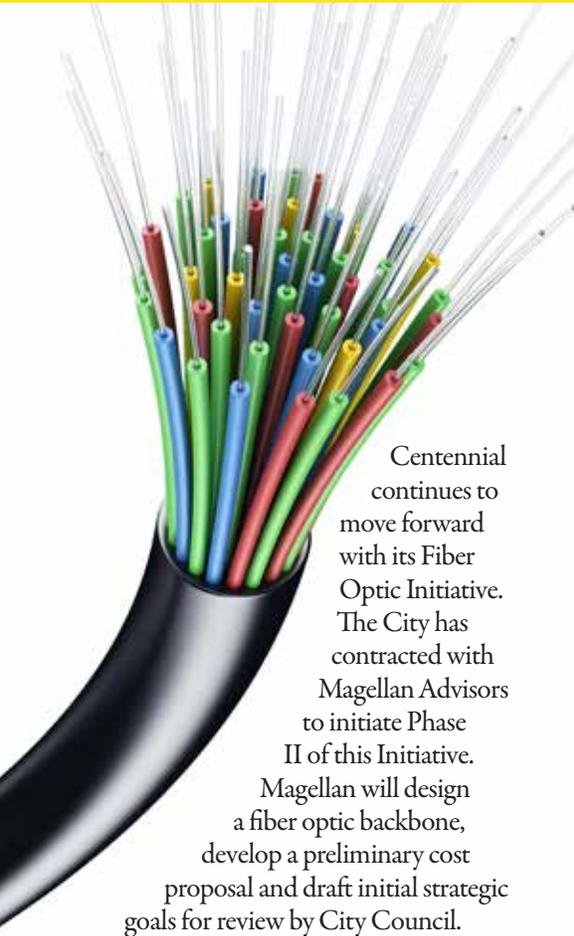
The Phase 1 report concluded that to move forward with any of the recommended approaches, further development of the City’s fiber optic backbone is required before any next steps can be explored.

“Magellan is pleased to assist the City of Centennial develop effective, real-world tested broadband strategies to meet the current and future needs of the City and its community,” said John Honker, President, Magellan Advisors

In 2013, Centennial voters approved a ballot question allowing the City the opportunity to partner with private providers to make use of the City’s existing fiber optic infrastructure. The ballot question was approved by an overwhelming majority of 76 percent.

As a result of the passing of this ballot question, the City is exploring opportunities related to its fiber optic infrastructure. This may increase competition by providing opportunities to a greater number of service providers to partner with the City in using the City’s fiber optic infrastructure to deliver services to residents and businesses. Such competition may decrease costs of services to residents and businesses.

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/Fiber for more information.



Centennial continues to move forward with its Fiber Optic Initiative. The City has contracted with Magellan Advisors to initiate Phase II of this Initiative.

Magellan will design a fiber optic backbone, develop a preliminary cost proposal and draft initial strategic goals for review by City Council.

Magellan has significant experience in the municipal fiber business, having worked with more than 200 cities, including Hamilton, Ohio; Riverside, California; Davenport, Iowa; Baltimore, Maryland; Fort Lauderdale, Florida, among others.

SENIOR COMMISSION NEWS



The City of Centennial Senior Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of six new members: Nancy Caporale, John Dietrich, Nancy Forsythe, Chris O’Mara, Casey Levine and Susan Pye.

Established in 2010, the Commission is made up of nine regular members, two alternates, two elected officials and three ex-officio members representing senior programs.

The Senior Commission is responsible for advising the Centennial City Council and advocating for senior issues, listening to concerns about aging, encouraging greater senior participation in the community and acting as a voice for seniors.

The Commission is currently reviewing the data from the National Research Center’s Centennial Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults and will present their findings to City Council in the upcoming quarter.



The City of Centennial Youth Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of six new members: Jackson Daichendt, Delwin Maben, Edwina Maben, Hudson McClellan, Paul Pak and Eleana Welsh.

Established in 2003, the Commission is made up of nine

regular members, two alternates, an ex-officio representative from the Senior Commission and one elected official. The Youth Commission is responsible for advising the Centennial City Council on youth matters. This past year they have participated in several community service projects and helped start a Municipal Teen Court.

In the upcoming year, members hope to get a better understanding of law enforcement and city responsibilities as well as research the possibility of expanding the Teen Court.

City to receive prestigious award

In October, the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association will be presenting an award to the City for the legislative rezoning public outreach project. The award category is "Project with a Small Budget."

In 2011, the City adopted a new Land Development Code (LDC). The legislative rezoning was the third and final phase to fully implement the LDC. More than 32,000 properties were rezoned, without objection, as part of this process to enhance and protect the character of the City by defining districts according to desired character, ensuring property owners reasonable use of their properties and creating zoning maps for each phase of the legislative rezoning.

This award recognizes the extensive public outreach conducted over seven years for this to be a successful project.

Visit www.CentennialCO.gov/ZoningUpdate for more information.

FALL STREET SWEEPING

Fall street sweeping is scheduled to begin in early October and should be complete by mid-November, weather permitting.

Residents may access the street sweeping schedule on the City's website at www.CentennialCO.gov/StreetSweeping and are encouraged to register online to receive email notifications regarding changes to the original schedule at www.CentennialCO.gov/NotifyMe. You may also sign-up on www.NextDoor.com to receive information specific to your neighborhood.

The street sweeping schedule is dependent upon weather and may change slightly to account for weather delays.

CENTENNIAL CIVIC CENTER

MAIN PHONE NUMBER FOR
ALL CITY INFORMATION
24 / 7, 365 DAYS A YEAR

303-325-8000

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Customer Service Survey

www.CentennialCO.gov/survey

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Every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., Mayor Cathy Noon is at the Centennial Civic Center to speak with Centennial citizens about ideas, concerns, questions – just about anything that's on your mind. Stop by and say hello!

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 Meeting

Monday, November 30 • 6 - 8 p.m.
Southglenn Library
6972 S. Vine Street

District 3 Meeting

Tuesday, September 22 • 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Innovation Pavillion
9200 E. Mineral Avenue

District 4 Meeting

Tuesday, September 22 • 6:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m
Digital/ Call In Meeting
(visit www.CentennialCO.gov for more information)

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS IN CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK!



Saturday, September 12
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday, September 13
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

As part of this family-friendly celebration local restaurants will be creating amazing green chile, fresh salsa, and culinary creations centered on the zesty pepper supplied by local Colorado farms! Free Admission. For more information, please visit www.ColoradoChileFest.com



Saturday, September 19
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 20
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Larimer Arts Association is expanding its annual Italian chalk art festival! Don't miss this free event and watch as talented artists bring masterpieces to life right at your feet. Please visit www.CentennialChalkArt.org for more information.

Centennial Center Park is located at 13050 E. Peakview Avenue, to the north of the Centennial Civic Center.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 21, 4 – 6 p.m.
CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK

Bundle up and bring your friends and family and join in the fun at the 4th Annual Holiday Lighting Celebration! Enjoy local school choral groups, photos with Santa, free cocoa and cookies and top the evening off with the lighting of our 20-foot tree!

