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## IT'S COYOTE BREEDING SEASON: BE PREPARED. AVOID CONFLICT.

Coyote breeding season is underway and will continue into the early summer months. This spike in coyote population inevitably leads to more encounters and puts pets and young children that are outdoors and unattended at risk. Coyotes in populated areas, such as Centennial, are less fearful of people and are known to attack pets and approach people too closely.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines in the case you come into contact with a coyote.

- ▶ **Teach your children** about the presence of urban wildlife, to never approach wild animals and to never feed wildlife.
- ▶ **Pet Owners:** Always supervise your pet outside, especially at dawn and dusk. If you must leave your dog outside, secure them in a fully enclosed kennel that is securely attached to the house. Keep them on a short (6-foot) leash and never allow them to interact or play with wildlife.
- ▶ Coyotes can easily jump a six-foot fence. Remove things that attract wildlife to your yard such as pet food, water sources, garbage, fruit from trees, and fallen debris from bird feeders.

### **If a coyote approaches you:**

- ▶ Do not run or turn your back.
- ▶ Be as big as possible; use arm gestures to exaggerate your size.
- ▶ In a loud, forceful voice, command the coyote to go away.
- ▶ If the coyote does not leave the area, back away slowly while still facing it.
- ▶ Pick up any small pets or children that are with you.
- ▶ Carry hazing tools and other deterrents including small rocks, a loud whistle or an air-horn.

All pets should be vaccinated against the rabies virus. Unvaccinated pets that are in contact with wildlife may be subject to mandatory quarantine of 45 – 90 days or six months as determined by the Health Department.

**If you have an emergency regarding this matter, call 911.**  
For additional information, contact the City of Centennial, 303-325-8000, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 303-291-7227.

# CHANGES TO COLORADO VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM

There are some significant changes for the auto emissions inspection program in the Denver-metro area and North Front Range! Collectively, the changes should improve customer convenience for the greatest number of Coloradans in the program area while also protecting air quality.

Among the changes is the extension of the initial model year exemption for newer vehicles from four to seven years. This change reflects improvements in vehicle technology that allow gasoline-powered engines to start out cleaner and stay cleaner longer.

Beginning in the eighth model year, and extending through the eleventh model year, the vehicle inspection process will include an inspection of the On-Board Diagnostics (OBD and OBDII) systems. Instead of a driving test on the dynamometer (the "treadmill" test), vehicles will be "plugged in" to read the codes in their on-board computers.

This means if your "Check Engine" light is on, your vehicle will not pass the inspection. Don't ignore it, get it checked!

Older gasoline hybrid vehicles (beginning in the eighth model year) will require inspection for the first time, also using the OBD "plug-in" test.

Other improvements to make the inspection process easier include adding more all-wheel drive lanes, offering more inspection options for vehicles that previously could not be inspected on the dynamometer, like vehicles with larger or smaller tires, and finally, you can pay with a credit card!

Visit the program's website at [www.AirCareColorado.com](http://www.AirCareColorado.com) for more information on the changes. You may also visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's webpage at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/emissions-testing-changes-2015> for an overview of the program.



## Interested in running for office?



This November, Centennial voters will elect four City Council Members, one from each of four Districts. Election Day is November 3.

City elections are non-partisan, meaning affiliation with a political party is not

required or relevant. Information about running for office is available in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website [www.CentennialCO.gov/Election](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/Election). Municipal elections are administered by the City Clerk, under the Centennial Home Rule Charter, Municipal Code of the City of Centennial and Colorado State Statutes.

Contact Barbara Setterlind, City Clerk, (303) 754-3324 for additional information.



## CHECK OUT THE CITY'S PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS!

In an effort to provide increased levels of accountability and transparency within its operations, the City of Centennial has revamped the performance measurement page on the City website.

The public may now view the current levels of service as well as the performance measurement history of City departments through a series of interactive graphs and executive performance measure summaries.

The City's performance measurement webpage can be found at: [www.CentennialCO.gov/KPM](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/KPM)

## ARAPAHOE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT



The Arapahoe Park and Recreation District (APRD) is a relatively young park district. APRD has been building and maintaining parks, trails, and open space for the residents of the City of Centennial and unincorporated Arapahoe County since 1983. The District is excited about the future possibilities of building more parks, athletic fields, trails, pools and recreation centers to help meet the recreational needs of the District residents and surrounding areas.

The District boundaries have expanded since its formation due to the inclusion of surrounding developments. The current boundary includes more than 10.5 square miles and approximately 52,000 residents. APRD is governed by an elected Board of Directors who represent seven wards within the District. Wards are divided by population and periodically change as the District grows.

APRD has developed 19 parks, more than 14 miles of trails, some of them reaching into the Cherry Creek Trail system which goes all the way to downtown Denver, the Trails Recreation Center, Lookout Park and Pool, the APRD Skate Park, and maintains more than 300 acres of natural native areas. The District shares elementary school play fields under a joint-use agreement with the Cherry Creek School District at eight elementary school locations. APRD also works with local youth athletic groups to provide those leagues with fields to practice and play games.

The Trails Recreation Center, located at 16799 E. Lake Ave., in Centennial just celebrated its 10-year anniversary and is excited about the future. The Center will see continued improvements including flooring upgrades and new equipment purchases in 2015. In addition, the Rec Center will continue to offer fun and educational fitness, aquatics, cultural and leisure and athletic activities and services for all populations.

The Trails Recreation Center offers great community events in the parks. Golf tournament, 5k family run and walk, touch a truck day, summer celebration and other family friendly events are just a few of the events the staff provide. For more information about the District, the Trails Recreation Center, or any of the programs, please visit [www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org)



The Trails  
Recreation Center



## Senior Housing Panel assists City residents with housing issues

The Centennial Senior Commission recently hosted a panel providing seniors an opportunity to speak with experts in affordable housing, government housing and community housing.

Experts from South Metro Housing Options, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Division of Housing, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and Brothers Redevelopment served on the panel.

Housing is a key component of aging-in-place, and the lack of affordable housing options is a key local and regional issue. The shrinking supply of affordable housing is significantly impacting seniors and those who are on a fixed income and unable to match the rising costs of housing.

To view the housing panel video, visit [www.CentennialCO.gov/seniors](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/seniors)



## SENIOR COMMISSION PARTNERS WITH DRCOG TO HELP PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Over the next four months, the Senior Commission is working with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to gather important data related to seniors in our Community.

One initiative is DRCOG's Boomer Bond which is designed to assist local communities in evaluating existing resources, programs and infrastructure for older adults. Results from this evaluation will help Centennial plan and create an age-friendly physical and social environment allowing older adults to remain in their homes and communities as long as they wish. (source: [www.drcog.org](http://www.drcog.org))

In addition to the Boomer Bond, the Commission is working with the National Research Center and DRCOG to conduct a survey of the strengths and needs of Centennial's older adults. This survey, called the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA) is designed to provide a baseline of how the City of Centennial is serving older adult residents, to gauge older adult perceptions of the City and to make comparisons with peer cities. A random sampling of approximately 1,200 seniors will receive this survey via mail.

## Hiring a contractor? Make sure they are licensed with the City!

Surely you have noticed the many new roofs being installed throughout the City. If you are considering a new roof for your home or hiring a contractor to help with some home improvement projects there are a few things you should know.

The City of Centennial regulates building contractors and those performing most major construction work. For general contractors and some specialty trades the

City requires proof of testing for knowledge of the International Building Code (IBC). The City of Centennial does not require roofing contractors to pass a test. We do, however, require that roofing contractors be licensed by the City. If we learn of a contractor performing work without being licensed, we will issue a stop work order ceasing the construction until such time the contractor obtains the license.

A building permit is required for most major roofing work. The permit is to be displayed on the job site. Following completion of construction, the City inspects the work to ensure it meets IBC standards. The City's regulation of contractors and roofing contractors is consistent with that undertaken by other similar municipalities.

For more information visit [www.CentennialCO.gov/CommunityDevelopment](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/CommunityDevelopment)





## Not just a September thing— Youth Commission provides school supplies year round

The Centennial Youth Commission is committed to ensuring educational opportunities for youth in the community and has designated \$2,500 to purchase school supplies for low-income children through the Littleton and Cherry Creek school district foundations.

The Youth Commission hopes to expand the school supplies program in the coming years helping to ensure that students in the community complete the school year with the learning tools and resources they need for a successful classroom experience. The Centennial Youth Commission is always happy to accept your donations, as well as partner with community businesses in this initiative. For more information on what items are needed, or if you are willing to help, please contact Angela Engel at 303-754-3316 or [aengel@CentennialCO.gov](mailto:aengel@CentennialCO.gov)

## Teens, get set for summer now and learn how to get the job you want

In partnership with Arapahoe Douglas Works, the Centennial Youth Commission is co-hosting an open house and employment overview **March 12 from 7 – 9 p.m.** Participants will learn skill development, job searching, resume writing, interview skills and job retention.

Arapahoe Douglas Works is located at 6974 S. Lima St. in Centennial.

The Arapahoe Douglas Works Youth Resource Center is customized to help youth job seekers access employment opportunities.

**Space is limited for the March 12 event.** To register and learn more about the Youth Resource Center visit [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org) or call 303-636-1260.



## CENTENNIAL AWARDED \$1.5 MILLION INNOVATION GRANT

Centennial has long been a leader in innovation, using a contract business model to stay lean and deliver the best quality services for our residents.

Bloomberg Philanthropies announced Centennial as one of 12 U.S. cities selected to participate in the \$45 million expansion of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Teams program. The program aims to improve the capacity of City Halls 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. Centennial will receive up to \$1.5 million throughout three years to create an innovation team, or "i-team."

Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon said, "The City looks forward to putting together an innovative team to address the mobility challenges throughout the City. Transportation is an important issue and one that affects school children, daily commuters, businesses, households/families and especially the often-overlooked and unique mobility needs of our increasing senior population. This is an amazing opportunity to pursue ideas that will enhance our quality of life, even more."

Innovation Team grants were also awarded to Albuquerque, NM; Boston, MA; Jersey City, NJ; Long Beach, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Mobile, AL; Minneapolis, MN; Peoria, IL; Rochester, NY; Seattle, WA; and Syracuse, NY. Bloomberg Philanthropies also announced that two non-U.S. cities will receive i-team grants: Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel.

For more information, visit [www.CentennialCO.gov/iTeam](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/iTeam)

## WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take our brief online survey to let us know:

- ✓ How you receive City information?
- ✓ What influences your quality of life in Centennial?
- ✓ Satisfaction with the City's events at Centennial Center Park?
- ✓ Importance of business/economic vitality?

The survey will be available February through March at [www.CentennialCO.gov/feedback](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/feedback)

## Street Rehabilitation Program Set for 2015

Funding of the Street Rehabilitation Program remains at \$6.6 million to continue to maintain the City's pavement network in "Good" condition.

The 2015 Street Rehabilitation Program includes:

**Mill and Overlay Treatment** – The majority of the annual funding will be spent on approximately 13 miles of mill and overlay treatment, which includes the removal of approximately two inches of existing asphalt surface and overlaying the milled surface with new asphalt.

**Street Reconstruction** – Street reconstruction will occur on approximately one mile of streets that have deteriorated to the point where a mill and overlay treatment is not sufficient. In this process, the existing pavement is pulverized into the road base with a stabilizing agent added to this mixture. A new road surface two to three inches thick is placed on the newly stabilized base.

**Concrete Replacement** - Streets being reconstructed or receiving a milling and overlay treatment will also have concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalk evaluated to identify failing areas in need of replacement

or upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards.

**Surface Treatment** - A portion of the funding will be used on approximately 12 miles for surface treatments, such as slurry seal and crack seal, which prolong the life of pavement. Slurry seal provides an extra five to seven years of life to pavement when applied at the proper time.

Construction for surface treatment will begin in March with mill and overlay and reconstruction work starting in late May or early June. All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of September.

Streets included in the 2015 Program are listed at [www.CentennialCO.gov/StreetRehab](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/StreetRehab) Residences adjacent to or near a project will receive a notification letter from the City two to four weeks before construction begins on their street. Within 24 to 48 hours prior to the work beginning, residents will receive a door hanger listing the specific days and times work will occur. "No Parking" signs may be placed on your street during this time. Please do not park in these zones or work may be delayed and take longer to complete.

A City-wide pavement re-evaluation will be performed in the fall of 2015.

For questions regarding the Centennial Street Rehabilitation Program, please contact the City's Citizen Response Center at 303-325-8000.



## A REMINDER OF SNOWPLOW ROUTES AND PRIORITIES

The City of Centennial's primary focus during the winter snow season is to keep the main arterials and collector streets throughout the City safe for traveling.

- **Priority 1 roadways**– major arterial streets, streets with four or more travel lanes and streets that provide access for fire stations, the Sheriff's Office and hospitals.
- **Priority 2 roadways**– minor arterial and major collector streets that connect major arterial streets to residential streets, including school zones, major office areas and larger retail establishments.

In the event of a major storm when snow accumulation is predicted to be nine inches or more and freezing temperatures are in the forecast, the City Manager may authorize snowplowing all **Priority 3 roadways**, which are primarily the remaining residential streets.

When this service is authorized, residential snowplowing will consist of one plow pass in each direction on each street by a pickup-truck plow. The primary goal of this service is to clear the driving surface of excess, loose snow. Residents should expect these streets to still be in



a snow-covered condition after plows have passed, and the plows will leave a windrow of snow at driveways.

For more information, please visit [www.CentennialCO.gov/snow](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/snow)



## CENTENNIAL CIVIC CENTER

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24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR

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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!

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[www.CentennialCO.gov/NotifyMe](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/NotifyMe)  
**Customer Service Survey**  
[www.CentennialCO.gov/survey](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/survey)

## C'mon... be a Hero. A Snow Hero.

It may be chilly outside but we can still be good neighbors, so grab those shovels! The City of Centennial encourages local businesses and residents to be a “Snow Hero” and clear snow and ice from the sidewalks and parking lots on and near their properties.



Entering its third winter season, the Centennial Snow Hero initiative was created in response to community input on the need for snow removal, especially in business parks and multi-family residential buildings. Centennial does not currently have a snow removal ordinance but encourages all citizens to voluntarily shovel walks directly in front of, within, and adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a snow storm.

The City will recognize those who participate in the volunteer snow removal initiative and keep sidewalks on and near their property safe and clear of snow and ice. Businesses, organizations and residents can be nominated for, “Centennial Snow Hero” recognition through an online nomination process. Spot a Snow Hero doing good work in the community? Simply visit the mobile site at [www.CentennialSnowHero.com](http://www.CentennialSnowHero.com) or the City website at [www.CentennialCO.gov/SnowHero](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/SnowHero) to nominate your Centennial Snow Hero.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### **District 1 Meeting**

Monday, June 29 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Southglenn Library

6972 S. Vine Street

### **District 1 Meeting**

Monday, August 31 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Southglenn Library

6972 S. Vine Street

## FIBER INITIATIVE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Your opinion matters! As part of Centennial's outreach efforts, the City and its fiber optic services consultant are conducting a city-wide survey to gather input from residents, businesses, incumbent telecommunications providers and other stakeholders. This survey will help the City collect vital data and identify opportunities made available by its fiber optic network. City Council may use this information to support a comprehensive feasibility study and business plan or to explore other opportunities developed by the consultant team and the City's technical committee.

In November 2014, City Council approved the contract for the fiber consultant, which will also help the City with an inventory of its fiber assets and develop best practices for current operations and maintenance. This preliminary work is slated for completion in early 2015. The outcomes of these first phases, including survey results, will be presented to City Council for evaluation and to determine further action.

To take the survey, or to find more information regarding the City's Fiber Initiative, please visit [www.CentennialCO.gov/Fiber](http://www.CentennialCO.gov/Fiber)

