Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture
2021 Annual Report

Northglenn Recreation Center
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2021 City Council
Meredith Leighty, Mayor
Nicholas Walker, Ward I       Julie Duran Mullica, Ward III
Ashley Witkovich, Ward I     Katherine Goff, Ward III
Becky Brown, Ward II         Shannon Lukeman - Hiromasa, Ward IV
Jay Jaramillo, Ward II       Jenny Willford, Ward IV

Arts and Humanities Foundation
Rosie Garner, President
Jill Parsons, Vice President       Lucille Rivera, Board Member
Laura Baukol, Secretary            Gary Rodriguez, Board Member
Kit Steffen, Treasurer             Tanya Rodriguez, Board Member
Donna Cole, Board Member           Joyce Downing, City Council Ex-Officio
Jay Jaramillo, Board Member        Michael Stricker, Executive Director
Jennifer Nevins, Board Member

Northglenn Senior Organization Board
Larry Harvey, President
Betty Anderson, Vice President     Sharon Whitman, Birthday Chair
Vivian Harvey, Secretary            Taffee Henderson, Membership Chair
Barb and Tom Konecny, Treasurer     Lee Stewart, Hospitality Chair
Linda Sanfilippo, Trip Chair        Rosie Garner, Community Service Chair
Sonja Shea, Historian               Kate Fisher, Staff Liaison
Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, City Council Ex-Officio
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Paul Weinrauch, President, Ward II
Karen Knuepfer, Vice President, Ward IV
Mary Mondragon, Secretary, Ward IV
Rob Konrade, Ward III
Andy Hall, Ward I

Ashley Witkovich, City Council Ex-Officio
Amanda Peterson, Staff Liaison
Belia Straushein, Board clerk

Youth Commission

Elizabeth Donnici, President
Meera Bipin, Vice-President
Nazly Soufiani, Secretary
Isaiah Salgado-Rael, Treasurer
Becky Brown, City Council Ex-Officio

Ben Cathcart, Board Member
Zen Kretsinger, Board Member
Amanda Peterson, Staff Liaison

Supervisory Staff

Amanda Peterson  Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Doug Kegerreis  Parks Supervisor
Vacant  Parks and Recreation Project Manager
Justin Perdue  Active Recreation Manager
Michael Stricker  Arts, Culture, and Community Manager
Notes From the Director

This past year brought us both challenges and excitement. Throughout 2021 the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the world and our local community. Staff worked diligently to balance new or changing public health protocols with the community’s desire to re-engage in recreation programs, gather in parks and utilize the trail system. Outdoor fitness classes, smaller groups for day camp and preschool, separating groups in the theatre and hyper-local events are just a few examples of how staff re-imagined programming to meet the needs of the community.

In October, we said goodbye to our old facility that served the community so well for over 45 years and opened the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre opened to the public with a week-long celebration with a VIP Ribbon Cutting, Friends & Family nights, and a festival-style Grand Opening with over 3,000 attendees. The enthusiasm from staff and the community was evident. This $54 million project was completed on time and on budget. Our team, including city staff, FCI (Construction Manager/General Contractor) and BRS (Architect), worked collaboratively to ensure that the completed facility met the expectations of the community.

In the pages that follow, we celebrate employees, share obstacles and provide data regarding facility use.

As we head into 2022, we look forward to adding new recreation programming, seeing a new production on the stage, watching capital improvement projects take shape in several of our parks and enjoying all that Parks, Recreation & Culture has to offer!
Parks, Recreation, & Culture

Parks

Parks Coordinator
Chuck Mason Jr.

Parks Maintenance Worker III
Allan Duckworth

Parks Maintenance Worker II
Taylor Fletcher

Parks Maintenance Worker I
Ruben Samaniego

Parks Maintenance Worker III
Kyle Daniels

Parks Maintenance Worker II
Tyler Vigil

Parks Maintenance Worker I
Danny Aylsworth

Parks Maintenance Worker I
Miguel Garcia

Parks Supervisor
Doug Kegerreis
City of Northglenn

Parks, Recreation, & Culture

Recreation

Recreation Supervisor
Brian Magnett

Recreation Supervisor
Deb Lawson

Recreation Coordinator (Fitness)
VACANT

Recreation Coordinator (Sports)
Roman Ortega

Recreation Coordinator (Aquatics)
Steve Hanson

Recreation Coordinator (Children's Programs)
Cara Hockaday

Head Lifeguard
Elise Jongejan

NEW!

Head Lifeguard
Grady Karaus

NEW!

Swim Coach
Andrew Webber
## Parks Expenditures

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## Recreation Expenditures

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# Recreation Revenue

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## Participation and Utilization

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Active Recreation

Justin Perdue
Recreation Manager

The Recreation Division is part of the Northglenn Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department and provides first-rate recreation programs and services for those of all ages and abilities. Staff focus on improving each participant’s quality of life. Programs and services are offered both indoors and outdoors at multiple facilities and locations, including the indoor full-service recreation facility along with the outdoor aquatics facility, Kiwanis Pool, and numerous parks.

2021 was a year of adaptation and transition for the entire Recreation Team. COVID protocols evolved throughout the year and continued to have an impact on operations and programming. Further, closing the doors of the original facility in September and opening the almost 88,000 square foot facility on October 9th was challenging, but immensely rewarding and a wonderful accomplishment. Overall, 2021 was a successful year!

Recreation Personnel

A large number of personnel adjustments were made within the Recreation Division, including the addition of several key full-time roles. Positions filled during the year include: Recreation Manager, two Recreation Coordinators, two Head Lifeguards, a Guest Relations Specialist, and Custodian. Further, numerous part-time positions were added and filled. Roles and personnel numbers were expanded as part of the new facility opening and there being a need and desire to expand operations, programs, and services in the new space. At times, it has been extremely challenging to fill certain positions and some of the remaining vacancies look to be filled in 2022.
FACILITY OPERATIONS

The new facility is a wonderful asset for the community and has been outfitted with a variety of amenities that will benefit the community for years to come. Knowing the new spaces and amenities would impact facility operations, preparations were made prior to the doors opening. Additional staff were hired and training was enhanced. Training topics included customer service and risk management along with technical training specific to how the building functions.

As part of facility operations, a gymnasium schedule has been developed in an effort offer adequate time for a variety of activities. There are times throughout the week when the gym is completely occupied by formal programming. Outside of those times, there is also times dedicated for drop-in pickleball, drop-in adult basketball, and simply open time for anyone to use the space as they wish.

Additionally, custodial operations have evolved in the new facility. New equipment was purchased, and new protocols implemented to ensure the building is clean and well-maintained. Further, a contractual custodial service was utilized to supplement in-house efforts.

MEMBERSHIPS & DAILY ADMISSIONS

While open, the original facility continued to be a reliable venue for its members and guests, allowing them to attend the classes to which they had grown accustomed to attending, swim laps or attend aquatics fitness classes during designated times, and work out in the strength and conditioning area during operational hours. As the opening of the new facility approached, the excitement of members and guests continued to grow because they knew the new facility was going to offer an augmented version of what they desired. Moreover, they recognized that there would be more value to their membership or daily admission. Forty six percent of visits and admissions for the entire 2021 year took place during the almost 3-month timeframe after the new facility opened.

FACILITY RENTALS

The public continued to find the rooms and spaces within the Northglenn Recreation Center facility as a popular location to host their private events throughout 2021. The new facility is certainly looking to be a popular venue as demonstrated by a significant increase in rentals booked in the community rooms, activity room, party rooms, and gymnasium towards the latter part of the year and people booking events for the upcoming year.
AQUATICS

Northglenn’s aquatics programs, services, and offerings are an integral part of the Recreation Division. The original, new, and outdoor facilities have served as a home for a variety of formal and informal programs and activities, many of which have been extremely popular and in high demand. In order to safely monitor aquatics facilities and instruct aquatics programs, it has been necessary to recruit and onboard additional staff, specifically lifeguards. However, doing so has been extremely challenging. Despite ongoing marketing and recruitment efforts, public interest has been minimal. The applicants must meet prerequisite skills and abilities necessary to become a certified lifeguard. The lifeguard shortage is a nationwide trend, but staff continue to explore ways in which the local shortage can be mitigated.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons remain an extremely popular and vital service. Options for children ages 6 months of age to 12 years old continue to be made available. With COVID protocols changing at different times throughout the year, the swim lesson program was also adapted. When the most restrictions were in place, private lessons were offered in lieu of group lessons. When restrictions were lifted, group swim lessons resumed. Maximum enrollments were initially on the lower side to allow for increased social distancing, but gradually increased when deemed appropriate to do so. Additionally, swim lessons were not offered in August or September as the transition to the new facility began.

SWIM CLUB

The Northglenn Fusion Swim Club program included 70 team members aged 5 to 18, while the Snappers program had an average of 25 participants. The programs focus on promoting the sport of swimming while also teaching life lessons along the way, focusing on teamwork, accountability, and more.
KIWANIS POOL

The summer of 2021 was the first summer since 2018 in which Kiwanis Pool was open for the entirety of the summer season. The pool proves to be a great outlet for the community during those hot months as it is a nice spot to take a family, play, and cool down. Over 9,500 people visited Kiwanis Pool in 2021.

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Group swim lessons were offered during the summer and were well attended with 193 participants over the course of the season. Pool parties were extremely popular and every available weekend for the public to reserve were indeed booked for private pool parties resulting in 32 parties and 86% of the available time slots filled. It also generated a revenue of $7,670. This was a clear indicator of the service bouncing back after 2019 and 2020. Full utilization of the splash pad and bath houses were available and provide a great benefit.

PEDAL BOATS

The pedal boat service, where one can reserve a pedal boat or kayak to use on Webster Lake inside E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, was once again offered in 2021 and saw steady utilization. The boats were available for rent on the weekends during the summer season, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The total number of boat reservations was 10,412 which is an increase from 3,983 in 2019 and, while data is unavailable for 2020, is believed to be well below 2021 use.
FITNESS

The fitness area received a complete overhaul as operations transitioned to the new facility. The square footage of space dedicated to fitness and wellness was greatly increased. In the new facility, there are two dedicated fitness studios, a wellness room, separate areas for strength training, circuit training, and cardiovascular exercise, an outdoor fitness patio, and an indoor track.

GROUP FITNESS & PERSONAL TRAINING

Group fitness continued to see good participation in 2021. The class formats offered were consistent with those offered in previous years and included: SilverSneakers, Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Boot Camp, and a few others. Further, the instructors who were teaching classes were retained and ensured there was consistency across the program. In light of certain COVID restrictions being in place at different times throughout the year, a virtual option for a few group fitness classes was offered. Virtual classes were broadcast through the social media platform, Facebook, and were made available to anyone who was part of the Facebook group, NG Fit. Additionally, previously broadcast classes remained accessible to those who wished to access them after the class took place. Personal training was not highly marketed throughout the year and saw minimal participation.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Children’s and early learning programs are designed to meet the needs of the Northglenn community. Parents and guardians can rest assured their children are safe, in good care, and receiving an appropriate amount of engagement and guidance for their age level and the specific program, itself.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool program is licensed through the State of Colorado and meets all the standards and requirements necessary to be a licensed program. The program is designed the children ages 3-5 and is offered Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-11:30 am. The program focuses on teaching children through developmentally appropriate curriculum that encourages social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development. COVID restrictions impacted total enrollment of the program, but as those were gradually lifted, enrollment increased. The maximum enrollment in each of the two classrooms was 20 children.

During the 2020-2021 school year, there were significant challenges for the preschool program. The two classrooms were routinely utilized for additional multi-use activities, including remote learning sessions for school-aged children, that involved regular room transitioning.

Staff turnover resulted in only one preschool instructor making the transition from the former facility to the new recreation center. The preschool program is now fully staffed and trained and remains a highly successful program.
SUMMER DAY CAMP

The seasonal, licensed day camp was highly successful once again and served a great need for the Northglenn community throughout the summer months as a full day child care option for youth ages 6 to 11. Capacity was limited to 40 total registrants to the COVID restrictions with 20 children in each of the two available rooms with 3-4 staff per classroom. Enrollment priority was given to Northglenn residents.

Day camp participants had a wonderful time throughout the summer. Activities included swimming, games and activities in the gymnasium and classrooms, pedal boat use at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, and weekly field trips. Campers trips including bowling, roller skating, museum and park visits, and include a swing by the Warrior Challenge Arena.

Eleven staff members, four of which were instructors who worked with the program while preschool was not in session, were tasked with planning, leading, and implementing a theme-based camp experience. Half of the seasonal staff were returning camp leaders from previous seasons.

SPORTS

Sports were an important offering throughout the year and provided the community with a positive and healthy outlet. Programs and leagues were offered for both youth and adults. Due to COVID restrictions, staff were not able to offer the full assortment of programs offered in previous years. Programs not offered include winter youth and adult basketball leagues, spring and fall youth lacrosse, Mudapalooza, Paddle & Run Race, and several of the Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics (CARA) programs.

ADULT SPORTS

From the spring to fall seasons, adult basketball and softball leagues were offered. Each league generated enough participation to merit running the league. However, the number of teams registered for a couple of leagues were not as successful as in past years. Additionally, a wiffleball tournament was held in 2021. There was a youth option, as well as an adult option. The tournament was highly successful and resulted in over 20 adult teams and 24 youth teams participating.
YOUTH SPORTS

An assortment of youth sports were offered in 2021. The goal in offering youth sports programs is for them to be affordable and accessible to children in the community where they have an opportunity to develop physically, emotionally, and socially. Programs offered included basketball, volleyball, baseball, and CARA cross country, all of which garnered a good amount of participation. At times, programs have been offered in partnership with external community organizations. This has been done to best meet the community need, even when staff may not have the capacity to offer the same or similar programs alone.

FIELD RENTALS

The demand for renting City sports fields remained high in 2021, beginning in the spring and ending at the end of the fall season. The fields at Northwest Open Space, Danahy Park, Jaycee Park, Malley Park, and Rotary Park were heavily utilized by throughout the week by community user groups. Fields were used for soccer, baseball, softball, football and rugby by groups that include Metro Denver Women’s Soccer Club, Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club, Northern Youth Football Association, Here to Play, Triple Crown Sports and Adams 12 Five Star Schools.
Culture and Community Programs
Michael Stricker
Recreation Manager

Cultural Programs (branded as Northglenn Arts) is a leader in performing and visual arts programming in the North Metro Area. Northglenn Arts produces Northglenn Youth Theatre, Missoula Children’s Theatre, Northglenn Arts Presents, Summer Concert and Movie Series, NYT Academy classes, camps and workshops, Travel Films, Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Ball, Night of the Starz Talent Show, Art on Parade and commissioned public art programs, and other special events. Most of these programs take place at the Parsons Theatre, the largest theatre facility of its kind in Adams County. Continuing 45 years of being an important community asset, the new Parsons Theatre has not only elevated our own programs, but is a theatrical home to over 20 local organizations.

Northglenn Arts was fortunate to retain salaried staff and continue programs within CDPHE and Tri-County Health guidelines throughout 2021. Although program participation and attendance were modified through the first half of the year, the opening of the new state-of-the-art Parsons Theatre and support spaces in the fall was a positive thread keeping our community together during a challenging time.

Staff

Northglenn Arts had much to celebrate in 2021, not only the opening of the new facility but the fulfillment of the staffing plan. The existing Supervisor was promoted to Manager, which then lead to the hiring of a new Supervisor in addition to a full-time Assistant Technical Director, full-time Patron Services Specialist, and a part-time Patron Services Specialist. Both the existing Marketing Coordinator and Patron Services Coordinator went from 32 hours per week to full-time. These additions were welcomed by the long-standing positions of Technical Director and Theatre Coordinator, bringing the Northglenn Arts staff total to nine. An extensive list of contractors is used on a yearly basis, consisting of instructors, designers, actors, technicians, and various other theatrical and artistic positions. Fifty six contractors were hired in 2021.
Manager Michael Stricker represented Northglenn through continued work with multiple neighboring cities and the Adams County Regional Arts and Culture Committee focused on arts and venues consultation and coordination. Additionally, he sits on the Front Range Executive Directors of Local Arts Agencies committee, Rocky Mountain Arts Consortium, Association of Performing Arts Professionals, Western Arts Alliance, as well as partner with Northglenn High School on public art and theatre initiatives. Theatre Coordinator Kimberly Jongejan currently serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Theatre Guild and the Colorado Community Theatre Coalition as Secretary. Kimberly currently serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Community Theatre Coalition (Secretary). She is a trained adjudicator and judge’s productions across the state for the Henry Awards (Colorado Theatre Guild), the Bobby G Awards (Denver Center for the Performing Arts) and the National Youth Arts Awards. As a Professional Member, Technical Coordinator Christopher Waller sits on the National Committee of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology.

Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation

Most contracted services and program expenditures are paid for by the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF). The NAHF is an independently run 501(c)3 organization that raises over $200,000 per year in contributed income; mainly through funding provided by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), individual and corporate donations, and special fundraising events. The NAHF currently has a ten-person volunteer board of trustees, is directed by the City Northglenn Arts Manager, and includes an appointed representative of City Council. One additional community member is in the process of joining the board. The NAHF consistently receives one of the top SCFD awards out of 60+ organizations in Adams County and in 2021 received $119,401. The award includes $30,000 in General Operating Support (GOS.) The NAHF has designated the GOS funds for administration costs, the fall Stonehocker concert series, non-profit cultural organization partnerships through Northglenn Arts Presents, and support for public art projects outside of Art on Parade. The SCFD award also includes $53,900 of program funds for Performance Theatre (NYT, NYT Academy, and MCT), $12,000 for the Summer Concert and Movie Series, and $23,500,000 for Visual Arts (Art on Parade.) This brings the total SCFD funds awarded to the NAHF since 1990 to over $2 million.

Although 2021 continued to see the modification of several programs due to the pandemic, the NAHF, in partnership with the City of Northglenn, not only bounced back from 2020 participation and attendance numbers, opened a new facility, but also committed fully to more diverse offerings. The NAHF embraced the struggles caused by the pandemic, social unrest, and political upheaval of the past year and redoubled efforts to meet diversity, inclusivity, and social equity goals. The NAHF evaluated its vision and programming goals and how they affect the new space, which resulted in a newly developed strategic plan. Through this process, increasing dynamic programming through presenting opportunities became a higher priority to better meet the need for stories that reflect the diversity, inclusivity, and social equity needs in our community. Northglenn has been successful in producing a broad range of youth programming, education, and performance opportunities for decades; however, providing high-quality, professional adult programming has been a challenge. Expanding collaborations with metro area SCFD funded organizations such as the Colorado Symphony to Su Tueatro allowed Northglenn Arts to greatly expand its breadth of diverse storytelling. Additionally, presenting opportunities both nationally and regionally have gained traction and are adding value to Northglenn Arts offerings. The new strategic plan, new staffing, and new Parsons Theatre, represents the beginning of the next significant chapter in Northglenn Arts’ 45-year history.
Northglenn Youth Theatre

2021 marked NYT’s 27th year and in that time the program has worked with over 1,300 youth, many of whom have gone on to careers in the arts. NYT is the crown jewel of the Northglenn Arts because of consistently high attendance, competitive talent pool, educational opportunities for youth, risk-taking show selections, and high praise from critics and audiences alike.

Due to the lingering effects of the pandemic in the spring and the fall move into the new space, the full-scale NYT productions were split into six smaller non-musical offerings.

In the spring, NYT staged the playful Biggity Bad & The Three Little Pigs, the world-premiere of the The Worst Play in the History of Ever by a local playwright, and the classic Pygmalion. The casts consisted of 41 youth with a total (reduced audience size in accordance with CDPHE and TCHD guidelines) of 816.

The fall production was moved to the summer to accommodate the move into the new space. Mirroring the spring structure, the production was broken into three smaller non-musical shows; the youthful My Sister, The Dragon, the classic The Great Gatsby, and the Harry Potter-inspired Puffs. The casts consisted of 50 youth with a total (reduced audience size in accordance with CDPHE and TCHD guidelines) of 1,092.

After the move to the new space, NYT participated in the national All Together Now performances through Music Theatre International (MTI) on November 13 and 14. To celebrate the re-opening of theaters across the country, MTI provided free performing rights to popular musical theatre songs, allowing companies to participate on the same weekend all over the United States to spark ticket sales and attendance to live theatre. Forty eight youth and NYT alumni performed to nearly sold-out houses with 562 in attendance.
NYT Academy

Once again, NYT Academy provided highly customized and rigorous educational opportunities through diverse classes and camp offerings throughout the year. In-person programming occurred with virtual options when necessary. Three hundred fifty youth participated in various camps and classes, up from 247 the previous year - a great number considering the lingering effects of the pandemic. Opportunities included monologue and scene studies, playwriting, dance for the actor, auditioning, music, group voice lessons, accent study, and multiple age-level groupings of acting classes.

Missoula Children’s Theatre

Missoula Children’s Theatre returned for the 33rd season with residencies in May and August. A total of 62 youth were cast, with 402 attending. The program continues to be a perennial favorite, remaining financially healthy and beneficial to youth looking to build confidence and learn the basics of performance.

Northglenn Arts Presents

The ever-expanding Northglenn Arts Presents series brought a wide variety of high-quality and diverse programs to the Parsons Theatre in 2021. In February we celebrated Black History Month with the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance performance of Rise and Move. Butterfly Effect Theatre Company out of Boulder brought their traveling show (that is performed out of the side of a large box truck) to EB Rains Jr. Memorial Park in July. Their performance of JQA (John Quincy Adams) was presented for free to park visitors. As part of the opening celebration of the new Recreation, Senior Center and Parsons Theatre festivities in October, Northglenn Arts Presents was able to bring in several groups and performers to showcase what the future would look like. At the October 6th VIP night, representing NYT, Juliette Molina performed and then later in the program, representing Northglenn Arts Presents, Colorado Poet Laureate Bobby LeFebre spoke and read An Exercise in Ritual, a poem he had written to celebrate the opening of the new space.
At the October 9th Grand Opening event, the new Parsons Theatre was introduced to the wider community with performances and demonstrations by Denver Municipal Band, Belly Dance with Phoenix, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Juniors, and NYT improv. The opening festivities included approximately 3200 people.

The rest of the year then highlighted the full capacity of the new Parsons Theatre by hosting an evening of Chris Daniels & The Kings, Hazel Miller, and Trey Gowdy; two performances of Su Teatro Cultural & Performing Arts War of the Flowers; an evening with FACE Vocal Band; a Veterans Day Celebration with members of the Colorado Symphony; and two sold out nights of Motones & Jerseys: Holiday Hi-fi. The Presenting series in the new space drew almost 2,000 attendees in only two months - an extraordinary amount of attendance considering the pandemic. Collaborations such as these enable Northglenn to provide diverse and impactful programming that we would otherwise not have the capacity to produce ourselves. Northglenn Arts, in partnership with the NAHF, pay a flat fee or split ticket revenue with performing arts organizations to bring fully developed performances to Northglenn for single and multi-day public showings. City staff, marketing, and occasional artistic collaborations are provided by Northglenn Arts and all concession sales go directly to the City general fund.
Summer Concert Series

2021 celebrated the 32\textsuperscript{nd} anniversary season of free outdoor summer concerts. The exciting line-up featured five popular local bands representing varying genres: Mass Hipsteria, My Blue Sky, Jyemo Club, Mama Magnolia and Paa Kow. The last concert featured the up-and-coming Austin band The Powell Brothers. The concerts are permitted for beer sales to create added value for our patrons and to help raise funds for the NAHF to pay for production costs. Both sweet and savory food trucks were provided to expand the appeal of the event. Attendance was back to pre-pandemic levels with an estimated 3,175 attending one of the six concerts. The portable stage and canopy were once again used for the six summer concerts with ProductAV, LLC providing sound production.

Summer Movie Series

2021 marked the 8\textsuperscript{th} year for the free outdoor movie series and was thankfully back at EB Rains Jr Memorial Park after a year of drive-in films at Northwest Open Space due to the pandemic. Films were presented at dusk on Wednesday's in July. A list of films were presented online in January for the public to vote on with the top four being shown: Onward, Black Panther, Ferris Buellers Day Off, and Wonder Woman. The projection system and screen were contracted by Ultimate Outdoor Entertainment and rights purchased through Swank Productions. The July 7\textsuperscript{th} presentation of Onward was shown with Spanish subtitles.
Stonehocker Concert Series

In partnership with the Events division, Northglenn Arts presented an intimate fall concert series at Stonehocker Farmhouse. The series was paid for using SCFD funding to help activate an underutilized city facility. Due the nature of the location and size of the event, the Stonehocker Concert Series was an opportunity to diversify performing arts offerings by scale, location, music style, and patron experience. Each concert can hold 70 patrons with a one-to-three-piece musicians performing. The small-scale series showed both potential and struggled due to the pandemic. One concert was canceled due to the artist getting sick and 64 attended the other two performances. Feedback was very positive.

Art on Parade

Northglenn’s sculpture-on-loan public art program continues to attract artists from around the U.S. The selection committee for Art on Parade included 36 Northglenn residents, park visitors, former and current Northglenn City Council members, NAHF board members, and high school aged students. Typically held in-person, the committee completed the jury process through the Café online system. NAHF contracted with the six selected artists for the on-loan program then arranged for installation and marketing of the artwork. The final artists came from Colorado and Michigan.

People’s Choice

The 2021/2022 People’s Choice award was given to Michigan artist Jeff Best for *Dominion*. The large steel sculpture will be permanently placed somewhere in Northglenn later this year.
Illumination

The inspiration for the Parsons Theatre Lobby Sculpture Project came from the desire to enhance Northglenn’s emerging city campus through sculpture installation, creating civic pride and cultural conversations through the engagement of art. Every aspect of the new Parsons Theatre project was designed to enhance the patron’s experience. From the moment a patron parks their car to the moment the curtain is raised, the individual should be aware that they have arrived; the experience is unique and fulfilling. To assure that journey from the car to the theatre seat is an enjoyable and a transformative experience, the lobby must not only provide exceptional messaging, ticketing services, concessions, and amenities, but should also make a statement that the patron has entered an experiential venue. The Parsons Theatre Lobby Sculpture Project helped to do just that.

The $187,500 Illumination (paid for by the city, NAHF, SCFD and private donors) is a hanging “suspended atrium” sculpture that acts as a red-carpet of sorts, to welcome patrons to Northglenn’s newest public facility. Mark Aeling of MGA Sculpture Studio was awarded the sculpture commission through a national search by a diverse selection committee made up of members of the Northglenn City Council, NAHF, Northglenn Senior Organization, Northglenn Youth Commission and City Staff. The design process took place throughout 2020 with manufacturing and installation occurring in 2021.

Artist statement: “Parsons Theatre will be a multi-faceted community center where individuals gather to marvel and to dream, to share stories and explore the many layers of imagination. A unique venue where the human condition is laid bare for the entertainment and education of all. Like a firework – a beautiful explosion of creativity – the theatre bursts at the seams with life and wonderment. My lifelong fascination with nature and its mathematical patterns led me to seek out naturally occurring patterns that reflect this bursting energy. Much like a firework, a young flower blossom emerges from the stem, this growth symbolic of new ideas and experiences. The elegant Colorado Columbine flower has a unique shape that exudes great energy and beauty. Their bright colors and dynamic shape are like that of a firework, an icon for celebration. The Columbine flower bears many meanings, most notably wisdom, strength, and happiness. Its presence throughout folklore is offered at births, the beginning of spring, as thanks for a loved one’s support, and as a symbol of fortitude upon a project’s completion. The strength and joy that the blossom conveys further reinforces its beauty as a natural form. I want to create a sense of celebration in the Parsons Theatre lobby. A celebration of life and of creativity, a blossoming of ideas. In keeping with this theme and the identity of the venue, Illumination honors Colorado’s state flower while providing a striking centerpiece that elicits joy, wonder, and inspiration for patrons of the Theatre and the City of Northglenn.” Illumination achieves the NAHF goal of adding a powerful and memorable public art installation. The dedication was held as part of the opening of the new Recreation, Senior Center and Theatre, with the artist in attendance.
Permanent Collection

Outdoor public art continued to be installed throughout the community, remaining relatively immune to the effects of the pandemic. The City’s sculpture collection is now valued at over $910,000. Loveland-based Sculpture Service of Colorado was hired by NAHF to clean and provide repairs to the collection including:

What’s Next Dad by Steve Settles (Recreation Center)
Friends by Shirley LaRee Olson (Danahy Park)
Hop To It! by Kim Shaklee (Croke Reservoir)
My Buddy by Victor Issa (Bill Goodspeed Happy Trails Dog Park)
Potato Man by Susan Geissler (NPD Entrance)
High Four by Louise Peterson (Fox Run Central Park)
Open Space by George Manus (Northwest Open Space)
Imagine That by Kathy Anderson (Wyco Park)
Ascension by Ryan Schmidt (Winburn Park)
Double Spinner by Lyman Whitaker (Melody & Kennedy Drive Roundabout)
Blooming Pink Amaryllis Bulb by Sharles (City Hall)
Desert Mother by James Paulsen (Fox Run Open Space)
Bee My Honey by Colette Pitcher (Grange Hall Creek Underpass)
The Shaman by Pokey Park (Centennial Park Sculpture Garden)
Wings of Freedom by Dimitry Domani Spiridon (Justice Center)
See Through Other Eyes by Ellen Woodbury (Oscar Arnold Nature Area Trail)

Treatments to the sculptures were based on the Guidelines for Practice and Code of Ethics as set forth by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC), as well as the Guidelines for Conservation Practices of the AIC Objects Specialties Group.
Special Engagements

The 29th annual Teddy Bear Picnic was moved back outside after being online in 2020, with 100 youth attending the Tiny Mule Songs performance. The Travel Film Series was been a staple in the Northglenn Arts line-up since the mid-1980’s and was very popular amongst our seniors. Due to the target audience being seniors, the Travel Film Series was put on hold through much of 2020 and all of 2021. Thankfully it will be back in 2022. The annual workshop for the SCFD usually held in January was canceled and moved online. Celebrating its 19th year, the ever-popular annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball was held on February 27th as a treasure-hunt style event, allowing our patrons to be outside and in accordance with health guidelines. Many local businesses helped make it a very special afternoon for daughters and the special men in their lives. The theme was Epic Quest and was a sell-out. Northglenn Arts partnered with the Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity (DISE) committee on two films in February to help celebrate Black History Month. The was provided free to DISE and Harriet and 42 were shown.

Night of the Stars talent competition, Denver Municipal Band concert, and hosting the annual Noel Northglenn were canceled due to the pandemic. The Magic Festival was once again held through the Events division but did not use the theater this year due to restrictions.

Rentals

Theatre rentals generated $26,260 in 2021; not a pre-pandemic level, but a significant improvement from $7,947 in 2020. Nearly 8,700 people attended or participated with the 20 rental organization. In accordance with CDPHE and TCHD guidelines, the D.L. Parsons Theatre dealt with greatly restricted allowable attendance numbers through much of the first half of the year which affected potential rentals. During most of August and September the space was restricted to preparations for the move into the new facility. The highly sought-after community resource hosted dance, theatre, and performing arts organizations, and was used for memorial services, heritage programs, business meetings, presentations, and other functions. Extensive planning was put into the new facility and how it would accommodate rentals. The first three months in the new facility saw an overwhelmingly positive response from rentals and their guests. The demand for 2022 and beyond is extremely strong with very little room for extra bookings.
Senior Programs

The Northglenn Senior Center offers social and educational opportunities, fitness programs, directions to resources, and fellowship for area seniors. Services were offered both virtually and in-person through 2021, due to the Northglenn Senior Center being a crucial support system to the outside world for many in our aging population.

Vaccine Clinics

In accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) guidelines, the facility was still closed at the start of 2021. The Senior Center continued to offer many resources, with one huge addition, staff became a resource for area residents to get their COVID-19 vaccinations. Initially, help was given making appointments to existing clinics. The Senior Center partnered with large clinics held at the National Western Complex and Ball Arena. Many of our older residents were not comfortable or did not have the means to make on-line appointments, so staff made these appointments for them. Appointments were found for anyone calling in that met CDC guidelines for receiving a vaccine. On March 2nd, the Senior Center hosted its first vaccine clinic in the old Recreation Center with the CDPHE.

We were able to vaccinate 110 people 65 and over. Two additional clinics were held at the old facility in March and April. In May, the city entered into an agreement with TCHD to host monthly clinics in Council Chambers at City Hall. Staff spent time helping those who wanted vaccines get them, getting the word out about other vaccine clinics and providing information resources to individuals who may be looking for them. Northglenn grocery stores assisted living/senior communities, in-home childcare and low-income areas were targeted with marketing material. Apartment leasing houses were very responsive and willing to post clinic flier information on their online portals and newsletters. Additional Clinics were also held at EB Rains Jr Memorial Park and in the new Recreation Center. To help promote Clinics, vaccine hesitancy was addressed by providing information at the City Grab ‘N Go’s, Summer Concerts and Movies in the park, and the Water Treatment Facility Open House. In addition, staff went door-to-door delivering fliers ahead of monthly clinics. Staff worked with TCHD, Immunize Colorado, and the CO Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (for Spanish translation and outreach to Latinx communities) with regards to awareness campaigns, education, and resource sharing.
Programs and Resources

One-on-one visits were offered to seniors from January to May. The program allowed seniors to safely enter the building, check out a book or puzzle, or simply visit with a staff member. Procedures and physical barriers made it possible for socially distant visits to occur, on a small scale, and help to stop the crisis of social isolation. Those seniors that chose to use this program were thankful for the time outside of their home and appreciated the togetherness. This was also a great opportunity for staff to help provide information and resources.

The beginning of year saw more on-line programs offered, often as live events. This included weekly Bingo games, Book Club, Coffee, Educational classes, and Storytellers from Spellbinders. With help from Recreation staff members, the annual Pig Races were live streamed on YouTube. A Paint with Me class was presented live via RingCentral. Everyone that registered received all necessary supplies to their door prior to the event. Rosie Garner was able to present gardening information at our first virtual Tea Party. Once again staff delivered items to participants doorstep. In this case it was a bucket of goodies (tea bags, honey sticks, a scone, seeds, and program guide) with information on how to connect via RingCentral.
Senior fitness programs continue to be very popular, even on-line. In June, we began to transition back to an in-person fitness schedule. The flexibility of hybrid classes (in person and on-line) helped many of our participants continue to attend classes on the NG Fit Group Facebook page. This format was offered while we closed during the transition to the new space and will be offered during inclement weather going forward. Facebook classes are open to everyone and included Stability, Cardio, Zumba, Yoga, Strength Training, Pilates and more. Staff monitoring classes are able get credit for visits via RecTrac.

Since the beginning of the pandemic the Senior Center has produced a weekly digital newsletter that includes resource information and activities. The newsletter provided a “TV Guide” of sorts for what our seniors could do during the week from the safety of their homes. Staff encouraged participation in fitness classes, as well as finding virtual tours, musical entertainment, theatrical shows, window sharing, educational opportunities and more. The Senior Center held its first-ever online class in January 2021 with 40 seniors in attendance.
The New Northglenn Senior Center

The first few weeks of opening the new facility in October were notable with how very busy staff was with facility tours, educating regular seniors and welcoming new visitors. The Senior Center celebrated by giving away coffee mugs and T-shirts. As staff settled into the new space, programs ratcheted up to include in-person Bingo, Bunco, Cards, T’ai Chi, Birthday Parties, Storytellers, Oktoberfest Potluck, a Pie Bake-Off, a Holiday Tea Party and the NSO Business Luncheons. It felt new, special, old and familiar all at the same time. Also offered was an Estate Planning Workshop, a new Poetry Open Mic program, and Paint with Me classes.

Veterans Day

The new Northglenn Recreation, Senior Center and Parsons Theatre also included the redevelopment of the Veterans Memorial Plaza. Built in 2003, the large memorial has been a centerpiece for the Senior Center in honoring veterans every November 11th. To celebrate the new plaza surrounding the large bronze sculpture, the Senior Center partnered with American Legion Post 22, as well as Mayor Leighty, staff and other dignitaries, in rededicating the space. Attended by over 150 people, the ceremony was capped by a gun salute and was then followed by a free lunch in the new Community Rooms. Girl Scout Troop 65790 participated in the event by serving lunch to the guests and helping clean up, while the Colorado Chord Company performed a cappella versions of patriotic songs. The year prior, during the worst of the pandemic, yard signs were distributed that read “The City of Northglenn Salutes the Honored Veteran that lives here.” An additional 21 signs were leftover and distributed at the 2021 luncheon.
Sculpture Tours
Continuing in 2021, the Senior Center Staff offered Sculpture Tours of Northglenn’s permanent collection. Each week a YouTube video was produced highlighting one of the pieces. The entire collection may now be viewed on the City’s YouTube page.

Medicare Monday
Medicare Monday - presented by the Colorado Gerontological Society was held virtually in 2021. Medicare representatives presented detailed information about Medicare, answered questions, and talked through the many changes in coverage all via Zoom over a three-week period at the beginning of the Medicare open enrollment period.

Northglenn Senior Organization
The Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) once again provided major support for what senior activities were possible. The NSO continued to meet monthly via RingCentral through May and began to meet in person in June of 2021.

The Senior Center is supervised by Michael Stricker and day-to-day operations are run by Senior Center Coordinator Kate Fisher. Representing Northglenn, Kate participates with several organizations including CPRA, AAPS, ACAN, and A-Lift. Her involvement with these organizations increases the senior center’s profile and helps prepare staff for upcoming trends and challenges in senior services and programming. Kassy Riggle was able to dedicate all her time as Senior Center Assistant to the Senior Center in 2021 and was elected the Secretary for the AAPS section of Colorado Parks & Recreation Association.
Parks Operations
Doug Kegerreis
Parks Supervisor

The City of Northglenn’s mission is to enhance the quality of life, health and wellness of our pa-
trons through innovative and diversified park maintenance strategies. We have many local resi-
dents, regional community members and residents from throughout the state seeking our commu-
nity parks to stay active by connecting and exploring with nature. The goals of the department are
to maximize citizen involvement, increase and diversify our economic base, support and encour-
age activities and events, and maintain a safe community. These spaces provide an area for our
users enjoyment, health and entertainment.

During 2020 and 202, the department was faced with the major challenge of operating during the
Covid-19 pandemic. There was an increased volume of day-to-day use of all the sites throughout
the city. The pandemic also presented its challenges with the overall workforce and the ability to
hire seasonal individuals. Within the parks department, a few projects were able to be completed
to enhance the many park systems in Northglenn. The crew continued to play an essential role
throughout the pandemic to ensure that the much-loved and well-used spaces were enjoyable to
all by being clean, well-maintained and safe.
SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

The largest hurdle the department faced in 2021 was the lack of applicants for seasonal employment. During 2021, we filled approximately 60% of our seasonal positions. With the shortage of labor, staff was tasked to focus on day-to-day operations of restroom cleanliness, trash pickup, mowing and trimming turf and open space areas, and mitigating any hazards that may have arisen throughout the season. Staff explored other options with bringing on a rights of way and streetscape contractor towards the end of the season to assist with targeted areas of concern. The potential use of technology-based advancements with equipment are being explored to assist in the maintenance efforts across all avenues. In 2022, we hope to see a better outlook with seasonal employment and have decided to implement the contracting possibilities earlier if needed.

PROJECTS

The parks department was able to complete a few larger projects within the city. A large project that was completed in 2021 was the restoration and painting of all park pavilions throughout the city. This involved the planning and coordination of multiple teams working together with a contractor to paint 16 pavilions.

Staff was also able to enhance the park users experience with the installation of six new water bottle filling stations. With the pandemic, this enabled people to safely obtain water from park sites without having to be exposed to COVID from the use of traditional water fountain stations. Additionally, the parks staff was also able to add seating to the small dog area at the Bill Good-speed Dog Park. These were able to be strategically placed to encourage patron conversation and community, as well as for optimal shade during the hottest parts of the day.

A need that was addressed city wide was the purchase and installation of new dog bag dispensers and bags. Staff was finding it difficult, especially on nice weekends, making sure all dispensers were constantly stocked. The old dispensers and bag systems were only able to hold and dispense 25 bags at a time. With the new units, there are three slots which hold 200 bags per slot making it more efficient for staff and a better experience for users.
WATER QUALITY

Monitoring water quality in Northglenn’s lakes and reservoirs is key in maintaining safe water for fishing and recreational activities. Staff and outside experts monitor fluctuating and seasonal changes within these systems throughout the year.

With the longer dry growing seasons and harmful nutrient rich surface runoff carrying oils and other harmful substances, we see increases in eutrophication and loss of biodiversity. While essential for life, the increase of phosphorus numbers within the waters are a direct effect. Algal blooms are the most visible sign of eutrophication and are frequent occurrences in Northglenn’s lakes during the summer months. These algal blooms are a disruption of the natural ecological processes in freshwater and can be harmful to animals and humans.

We are continuing the use of biochar socks within the lakes and have seen what we believe as an improvement in water quality. The crew removes all socks and deploys new socks and material every year in March.

HORTICULTURE

The horticulture crew oversees 28 annual beds and numerous amounts of perennial beds within the city. Our partnership with the City of Westminster green-house operations to grow 13,000 annual flowers was continued. The staff was able to finish installation and hookup of all individual annual flowerbeds within the city. These have proven to be very beneficial for the overall health of plant material and being able to target each bed for proper water consumption.
FORESTRY

The forestry division had a very productive season making the city’s tree canopy not only grow but thrive. This division is staffed by two full-time employees. The primary responsibilities of the Forestry Division are to prune, plant, tree removals, and mulch trees to maintain a diverse array.

The forestry crew was able to take on many projects throughout 2021. The largest and most impactful project was the new diverse planting of over 100 trees within park spaces. These plantings were necessary to increase Northglenn’s tree canopy providing beauty, shade, and value to each site.

The crew had a very successful year of pruning within the parks and were able to touch every tree in some capacity to improve the overall health, aesthetics, structure, and risk of failure of each tree. A high reach lift that was rented for Holiday decorations was utilized by the forestry crew to reach large mature trees in E.B. Rains Park.

SPORTS FIELDS

The sports complex crew did an exceptional job of maintaining a safe and enjoyable product for all users with the increased demand of play that we saw during the 2021 season. We were able to laser grade two additional fields in 2021, creating a top tier playing surface for all users of the baseball/softball fields. The sports turf crew continues to paint boundary lines for all soccer, football, baseball, and lacrosse programs that are regularly scheduled during the months of February through November.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The parks department continues to play an integral part of all community events within the city by assisting in the preparation and staffing of each event. While several of the major events did not take place due to the pandemic, we saw an increase in smaller events that required a different type of assistance and time from parks staff. “Grab N’ Go’s” were created to provide community events that would allow residents to dine from a food truck and gather safely together. These were a big hit and residents were able to have that community involvement and enjoy the parks at the same time.

The city was an integral part in being able to host and assist with Covid testing sites. Parks assisted with the setup and teardown each week that occurred during 2021. This involved the placement of cones and signage to help guide visitors through the site. These testing sites gave residents access to local resources within the community.

The parks department is always grateful for all of the volunteer support provided by different agencies throughout each season to assist on both large and small projects. Due to the pandemic, volunteer participation was significantly decreased from previous years. We look forward to being able to utilize this resource in 2022 since the volunteers have always been a huge support in assisting with many projects in the past.
Capital Improvement Projects

Wyco & Danahy Sports Court Renovations
The tennis courts at Wyco Park are over 45 years old and have been widely used by the adjacent STEM school, drop-in players, for lessons, and by pickleball players. It has the potential to return to a satellite location for competitive play. Peeling and cracking have resulted in an unsafe playing surface; however, demolition, replacement of the existing asphalt, replacement of the overhead lighting, and resurfacing of the sports court surface and planned to restore this area. Due to the similarity of the work, we are incorporating Danahy court renovations into this project.

The project was originally budgeted at $300,000. A successful request from an Adams County Open Space grant was awarded in the amount of $250,000. An additional $10,000 was budgeted through CIP funds for a bocce ball court at Danahy Park. The total budget for this project is up to $560,000. Construction is expected to take place in 2022.

EB Rains Playground
Due to age and high usage, the Sensory Playground at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park is in need of replacement of worn pieces of playground equipment and site amenities. In addition, the poured-in-place surfacing will be removed and replaced and the entryway arches rehabilitated.

A playground project budget is listed at $625,000 for replacement and upgrades of the play- ground with an additional $3,750,000 from Adams County Open Space and $250,000 from CIP.

The original project has been expanded to include restroom renovations at the park, replacement of the sidewalk wall along the east side of Webster Lake and an ADA sidewalk ramp connecting the neighborhood. If budget allows, we are seeking to include additional hardscape in the form of skateable steps to the skatepark. The total budget for the entirety of this project is $1,375,000. Construction is expected to take place in late 2022.

Kiwanis Pool
The City is working diligently to enhance the mechanical, piping, and deck surface of the Kiwanis Pool and has earmarked one million dollars via CIP through the Adams County and Colorado Trust Funds. We are actively seeking additional grant funding through Adams County Open Space Grant.

The total project budget is $2,000,000 with planned construction to begin promptly after Labor Day 2022.
Jaycee Park Improvements
The Jaycee Park is home to Northglenn’s only lit softball/baseball field and is heavily used throughout the season for adult and youth leagues. The lights and electric services were installed in the 1970s and are slated for updating. Renovation of the scorekeepers’ booths will be included in the project upgrade.

The project was funded through the Adams County Open Space grant in the amount of $170,000 with an additional $220,000 from CIP (Conservation Trust Funds). This project got an additional upgrade and grant from Charge Up Colorado for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station funding $9,000 towards that park improvement. The total budget for the Jaycee Park Project is $399,000.

Croke Reservoir Enhancements
The Croke Reservoir project comprises of a comprehensive education/regulations sign package, including a consolidated thee, reduced sign clutter, ground surface signs at major Reservoir entrances, and signs to deter social trail entrances. The project will install approximately 360 feet of post and cable fencing on the western edge of the wetland and an ADA-compliant second fishing area at the southeast corner of the site.

The total project budget is $120,000 for the upgrades with $40,000 from Adams County Open Space. Construction is anticipated for late 2022.
Justice Center West Park (Odell Barry Park)
Funding has not yet been fully identified for construction of the new park. As such, grant funds were sought to complete the construction design phase of the project, thereby limiting the expenditure of the City funding that has been identified for this project. Grant requests were very successful and the City was awarded grant funding in the amount of $1,500,000. This project still needs an additional $3.5 million to seek funds for construction.

Emergency Park Repairs
The City did not experience significant vandalism of park facilities in 2021 and the majority of the $25,000 account was used to replace failed backflow pumps at Northwest Open Space, pump repair at Kiwani’s Pool, and playground equipment replacement parts.