



CITY OF NORTHGLENN YEAR IN REVIEW

2022

STRIDING INTO OUR NEW NORMAL

– Mayor Meredith Leighty

Dear residents, businesses and community partners,

After we established the City of Northglenn 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, we began reporting our progress to the community each year. It's hard to believe this is already our fourth Year in Review! I am excited to share we have made huge strides in reaching our goals. That is truly amazing considering we have had to navigate COVID for over two years.

2022 was a year of transition from

pandemic operations to our "new normal." It has been fantastic to engage in person again! Seeing crowds at our new and traditional community events, solid input on our Looking Up! comprehensive plan update, and support for new sustainability efforts like our solar partnership has been uplifting.

This year has also brought some trepidations: we all felt the shift in the economy, job market and how we interact with each other post-pandemic.



Leighty


Yet resilient Northglenn continues to move forward. We plan, build, improve and expand in tune with our Strategic Plan.

Change can be difficult at times, and we could not progress without the support of the community. Thank you, Northglenn, for believing. We are all reaping the benefits of excellent city services, facilities and infrastructure, plus we have many more positive happenings to come.


City Council Strategic Goals


 **High-Performance Government**


 **Community Engagement**


 **Public Safety**

 **Business Retention and Growth**

 **Housing Opportunities**

 **Diverse Community**

 **Sustainability**

 **Infrastructure**

In 2019, a five-year strategic plan was adopted to focus the city government's efforts by setting benchmarks to track and goals to achieve.

The 2022 Year in Review shows that the

city made progress on or achieved a number of these targets while simultaneously providing day-to-day services. This is just a sample of what your city government accomplished this year.

► To view the 2019-23 Strategic Plan, which has been updated to show completed tasks over the past four years, go to www.northglenn.org/strategicplan.



HIGH-PERFORMANCE GOVERNMENT

Rich Kondo was selected as a **Ward 3 representative** May 9. He filled the vacancy created when Julie Duran Mullica left office after moving out of the city.



Kondo



Duran Mullica

Comprehensive Plan Process Nearly Done

Staff spent much of 2022 seeking public input and then putting together **Looking Up!**, the city's new comprehensive plan.

A comprehensive plan is a long-range document that reflects the community's vision, values, and goals for the city's future. Looking into a range of topics through the lenses of equity and resiliency, the goal is it drives the city toward a future that benefits all residents while celebrating its values.

The plan will go to council for approval in February. • www.northglenn.org/lookingup

Jenny Willford was elected to the **State Legislature** to represent House District 34 in the November election. This led to the former mayor pro tem stepping down from her position as Ward 4 representative. Tim Long was selected as the new representative in February.



Willford

Recreation Coordinator Cara Hockaday was named the **Colorado Parks & Recreation Association's** **PIAaY Professional of the Year** in October.

BY THE NUMBERS

177: Resolutions approved by Council

20: Ordinances adopted by Council

13: Straight years the city has won the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada

\$125.8M: Budget passed for 2023

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Dancing Through the Decades, BubbleFest and Groove, Grub and Local Gov were added to the city's long list of events.

• www.northglenn.org/events

For the first time, the city participated in the **9/11 Day of Service**, where residents were invited to do acts of community service around Northglenn.

BY THE NUMBERS

15: Public meetings the mayor and council members had with residents in addition to council meetings or other citywide events

41: Homes recognized by the Yard of the Month program

9: City services that showed a statistically significant positive change from 2019 to 2021 based on the resident survey results released in 2022

18: Residents who received Good Neighbor Awards for their contributions to the community

28: City honorees for the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards. Seven moved on to the county level.

550: Refurbished bikes given to families in the community thanks to donations and the work of the Northglenn Bike Program

>90K: Estimated attendance at the city's six festivals, including 60K at Food Truck Carnival

>15K: Volunteer hours performed for the city

507: Number of vehicles that dropped off debris during Dumpster Days on July 16. 87.26 tons of debris were discarded, filling up 37 roll-offs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Based on guidelines from the state and Tri-County Health Department, **the city adjusted its operating procedures and precautions in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic.** By March, council resumed in-person meetings. Still, the city continued to provide updated testing and vaccine information and support through most of 2022.

The Police Department joined the Colorado Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (CMATT) to combat the ever-increasing motor vehicle thefts in the Denver metro area. This group of law enforcement agencies, investigators and prosecutors work together to build solid cases against thieves and their criminal groups.

Police Chief Jim May and Council Member Becky Brown are members of the Adams County Regional Opioid Council that **will decide how funds received through opioid legal settlements will be used.** These funds are intended for prevention, education and treatment.

BY THE NUMBERS

28: Tons of paper destroyed through the shred event in August

27: Citizen's Police Academy participants

5: Council neighborhood meetings that focused on public safety

Prost Brewery & Biergarten Coming to Northglenn Marketplace

Prost Brewing Company announced it is bringing its corporate headquarters, production and distribution center and a new biergarten to the Northglenn Marketplace.

The brewery portion is set to open in the second quarter of 2023, with the biergarten to follow in the summer or fall.

The facility will create a family-friendly, affordable gathering place for the community to enjoy authentic beer and German chef-inspired food. It will include entertainment, live music, and special events.

BUSINESS RETENTION & GROWTH



The Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) awarded Northglenn the Medium Community of the Year honor for the Karl's Farm development on Oct. 20.

The master-planned community includes 25.8 acres of a wide variety of housing. Residents will enjoy the 3.4 acres of parks and open space along with the convenience of 8.3 acres of commercial space for restaurants, shopping, and services; many of which are already under construction.

• www.northglenn.org/karlsfarm

Eight businesses and one student were honored for their achievements and contributions to the community at the city's 10th Annual Business Appreciation Event on Oct. 27. • www.northglenn.org/bae

+ BY THE NUMBERS

51: Storefront businesses opened (4 net)

230: Jobs created (74 net)

205,752: Square feet of commercial space absorbed (66,108 net)

Net: Total gained minus total lost



• www.northglenn.org/prost

300,000+: People expected to visit the biergarten annually

200: Net new jobs at full capacity

76,074: Combined square feet for the brewery and biergarten when complete

100%: CO₂ capture and reuse

40-50K: Event annual barrel production, putting it as one of the top five craft breweries in the state

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES



Old Rec Center Turned Into Temporary Shelter

Working with Adams County and the Denver Rescue Mission, Northglenn temporarily transformed its old rec center into a short-term housing facility for persons experiencing homelessness that were referred by community partners. Not only did they have a place to stay the night, the people also received consultation and case management from Denver Rescue Mission and Crisis Response Unit staff. The program ran from December 2021 to August 2022.

72: Individuals who participated in the Winter Housing Program

21: Number who exited into long-term housing

A housing needs assessment for Northglenn was conducted. This will allow the city to meet the housing needs of people from all economic backgrounds by adjusting zoning laws and making it easier for residents to improve their homes or move up in housing while staying in the city.

Construction began on affordable senior housing at the Karl's Farm development. Long-time residents will be able to transition into more appropriate accommodations while remaining in Northglenn.

122: Total new residences in Karl's Farm through the end of 2022

DIVERSE COMMUNITY



The city mourned the loss of **Odell Barry**, who passed away on Jan. 2. He was the first African-American mayor of Northglenn and one of the first two honorees of the city's Resident Recognition Program.



Barry

He was a Ward 2 council member for eight years before serving as mayor from Jan. 3, 1980, to Jan. 6, 1982.

On Feb. 14, council voted to name the planned park west of the Justice Center as "Odell Barry Park."



The Parsons Theatre Gallery Wall, the city's first public art gallery, opened Jan. 7. Its first exhibition was work from the Chicano Humanities & Arts Council. The gallery is free and open during operating hours.

+ BY THE NUMBERS

35,464: Total attendance at performances in the Parsons Theatre, which has a capacity of 335

1,157: Participants in the city's youth theatre programs

1,071,122: People utilizing the city's sports fields

105,854: Recreation center room reservation attendees

97,496: Member visits and daily admissions to the rec center, combined

121,669: Participant/spectator visitors to the recreation center



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church celebrated its placement on the National Register of Historic Places on Sept. 11.

WHAT'S UP IN 2023?



Stay on top of what is currently going on with the city at www.northglenn.org. You can also read the Northglenn Connection, which is delivered to every home and business in the city and is also online at www.northglenn.org/connection.

SUSTAINABILITY



A new recycling center opened on the north side of Northwest Open Space, where residents can drop off recyclables.

• www.northglenn.org/recycling

The city teamed up with Adams County and Westminster for the **Adams County Solar Co-Op**. Through the program, residents can purchase panels and electric vehicle chargers at a group rate. • www.solarunitedneighbors.org/adamscounty

56: Northglenn residents out of the 203 members in the co-op.

The **Electric Vehicle Plan** launched in April in collaboration with Xcel Energy. The plan advances infrastructure and use of EVs in the city. • www.northglenn.org/ev

Northglenn remained in **Stage 1 Drought status** throughout the year. The city continued to work to reduce water consumption by 10% while requesting a reduction by residents.

The city worked out a deal to **provide water for Section 36**, the area in Weld County where the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant is located. This enables future development if desired.

Two air quality monitoring stations were installed at Northwest Open Space and the Northglenn Recreation Center through the Love My Air program. Check out the status for the city and region at www.denveraq.com/tricounty.

+ BY THE NUMBERS

200: Residential solar permits issued through October 2022 (up from 175 issued in all of 2021)

4: Bike safety rodeos hosted by the city with community partner support

11: Residences that took advantage of Resource Central's lawn replacement program. This will save around 70,000 gallons of water annually.

33: Sprinkler assessments done in the city through Resource Central's Slow the Flow program, for an estimated savings of 200,000 gallons annually

63: Gardens in a Box sold to city residents, which should save 300,000 gallons of water over their lifetime

INFRASTRUCTURE

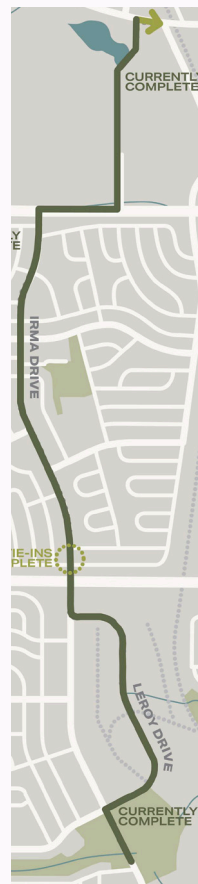


Plans were set in place **for a new city hall to be placed just east of the current facility**, off Community Center Drive. Groundbreaking is set for June 8, 2023, and the new facility will include the latest in sustainable design. This includes Net Zero energy use and CORE Green Building Rating certification. The total cost for this project is \$33.78 million, and will be paid for completely with reserve funds – no new debt will be issued. Also, staff is working to secure grant funding. • www.northglenn.org/newcityhall

Force Main and Lift Station A Replacement Complete

The replacement of Force Main A and Lift Station A was completed in late 2022 after nearly a year and a half of work. Lift Station A is a four-pump system that collects wastewater and pushes it up through Force Main A, the city's biggest sewer line, on its way to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This required a significant amount of construction on the east side of town, and the city would like to thank everyone for their patience. This was a necessary project that increased the efficiency and lifespan of the city's wastewater system.



After more than 200 nominations and hundreds of votes cast in the **NameThatPlow Contest**, the winners have been chosen and are now displayed on six of our city's plows. You can track the plows online at www.northglenn.org/snowplow.

**Betty Whiteout • Darth Blader
Snowbegone Kenobi • Snow Big Deal
Plowy McPlowface • Storm Trooper**

Nearly **one mile of waterline** was replaced underneath Huron Street from 104th Avenue to the south city limit.



The **new Northglenn Recreation Center won the 2022 Public Works Project Award** for structures in medium-sized communities from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association in October. The facility celebrated its first birthday that same month.

+ BY THE NUMBERS

>\$2.35M: Amount the city received in Adams County Open Space grants. These funds will go towards projects at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, Kiwanis Pool and Rotary Park (see more on Rotary Park below)

\$27K: Amount received for a new shelter at Rotary Park from Adams County Open Space grants (\$20K) and the Rotary Club of Northglenn-Thornton (\$7K)

9: Miles of road re-paved



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