FROM THE **GROUND UP** Dirt has been moving, and work on the foundation is right on schedule for the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre! The new construction, located behind City Hall just south of the current center, will offer 85,000 square feet of community benefits including swimming, fitness areas, preschool, arts & culture programming, classes, events and performances. **Estimated completion is** late 2021. Feb. 2020 • Issue 266 Northglenn Connection

Northglenn Underground

Major Water, Wastewater Infrastructure Work Coming

WATER &

When we turn on the faucet or flush the toilet, few of us think about all the mechanisms behind making them work ... unless there is a problem. The City of Northglenn operates all water and wastewater service within city limits, and we prefer it when you don't have to think about it. However, consistent maintenance, investments in upgrades and replacing aging parts of the system are critical to maintain a high level of service. "Northglenn Underground" highlights this work. In the next year we have several large water and wastewater projects in the works to make sure we utilize best practices and replace aging infrastructure.

Water

We operate a 14-million gallon-per-day water treatment facility. It is open 24/7, and averages 2.5 million gallons of output a day in the winter and nine to 10 million a day in the summer. All of the water comes from Clear Creek to Standley Lake Reservoir. A 48-inch water line brings the water to our plant.

Our big water projects this year include:

- Upgrades to filters to improve performance and maintain clarity
- · Improvements to the water treatment process to increase conservation
- · Painting one of the large water tanks

We also do water line replacements every year, following a long-term plan to keep the system in shape.

Wastewater/Sewer

There are 120 miles of sewer mains that whisk away our used water to our wastewater treatment plant north of the city. Though the system utilizes gravity as much as possible,

not everywhere is downhill. We have Northglenn 10 lift stations different of UNDERGROUND sizes, shapes and ages spread throughout the city that pump the waste

up to a forcemain that then carries the waste until gravity takes over again.

Once the wastewater reaches the plant, it's treated and some of the water goes to farmers for irrigation, and the rest empties into Big Dry Creek and then the South Platte to be used by others on down the line.

Big wastewater projects this year include:

- A large pipeline and lift station replacement along Irma Drive. This project will have a definite impact on the area – though the cost of not replacing it would have a much bigger impact!
- The reservoir pump that

takes treated wastewater to farmers will also be replaced.

• A new lift station is going in near 120th Avenue and Race Street, funded in large part by a developer; it should be operational this fall.

We also invest continuously in storm drainage improvements and wastewater collection sites.

Though water and wastewater are areas that are highly regulated with significant oversight at state and federal levels, the real goal of the Northglenn Public Works team is to make sure residents do not have to give it much thought because they know it is reliable and safe.

On The Web: Go to www. northglenn.org/projects for more information about all the major city-led projects going on in Northglenn. \oplus

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SEEKING INPUT REC

We want your input! The design team for the new recreation center is now working on the indoor play space and

and future facility users. Go to www. *northglenn.org/newreccenter* to vote on

sea, outer space or prehistoric. ▶ Voting closes Feb. 10.

seeking community input from residents your favorite theme – jungle, under the

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Presidents Day - Feb. 17

- City Hall, the Northglenn **Municipal Court and** Maintenance & Operations Facility will be closed on Mon., Feb. 17, in observance of Presidents Day.
- That night's study session has been cancelled.
- The Northglenn Recreation Center and Northglenn Senior Center will be open.
- Trash pickup will be on a normal schedule.

Council Assigned to Committees, **Looks at Status of City Streets**

Here is a recap of recent votes, a glance into the most discussed topics and a look ahead for City Council. Council votes on two types of items: An ordinance (CB) is an enforceable law or regulation that requires two majority votes by council to pass; a resolution (CR), is a decision, opinion, policy or directive and only requires one majority vote to pass.

JAN. 6 - SPECIAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY STUDY SESSION

- Ward 1 City Council Member Appointment -Randall Peterson: passed unanimously
- City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments •

JAN. 13 - REGULAR MEETING FOLLOWED BY STUDY SESSION

- Five individuals were interviewed for commissions.
- 50th Anniversary Resident Recognition Program: Tamara Burke, Wes Frame, Mary Mondragon and Kim Snetzinger
- Presentation of Adams County Education Consortium Award: in recognition of the City of Northglenn's support of the Adams County Career Expo for 10 years
- Consent Agenda: the designation of public posting places (CR-2), reappointed Elizabeth Candelario to the Historic Preservation Commission (CR-3) and 25 council committee assignments (CR-4 through CR-28) – passed unanimously
- Marijuana License Requirements (CB-1941): to make local laws regarding ownership and reporting changes consistent with state laws - passed unanimously
- Adams County Census Position Liaison Intergovernmental **Agreement** (CR-29) - passed unanimously
- Supporting the Initial Resettlement of Refugees (CR-30): granting local consent to resettlement agencies for initial resettlement in Northglenn if necessary, as requested by Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains, International Rescue Committee and the African Community Center - passed unanimously
- Study Session topic was the 2019 Pavement Condition Assessment •

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Study Session:

Mon., Feb. 3 and March 2, 6 p.m. The Feb. 17 study session is cancelled due to Presidents Day.

Regular Meeting & Study Session: Mon., Feb. 10 and 24,

6 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. meeting

COUNCIL AGENDA

Below are a few topics City Council is scheduled to discuss in February and early March. Please note agenda items are subject to change.

- Snow and ice level of service
- Traffic calming
- Civic Center construction update (including new recreation center, senior center and theatre)
- Year-end economic development report
- Code enforcement level of service
- Sustainability program implementation

COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEES

City Council members represent our city on 25 different committees, plus sub-committees and as liaisons to schools in their ward.

Some of the roles are regional, like the North Area Transportation Alliance and Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee, and our representatives will vote on issues on behalf of our position.

Some are Northglenn organizations, like the Arts & Humanities Foundation and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and are an avenue of communication and support. Others are liaison positions, such as the Adams 12 Five Star School Board and North Metro Fire Rescue District, which help us understand issues facing those organizations and provide an opportunity to share about our community happenings.

It's crucial for our City Council members to participate in these committees so they have what they need to make effective local decisions, plus we are able to take advantage of regional efforts, communicate how issues affect Northglenn residents and more. For a full listing of committee positions, go to www. northglenn.org/citycouncil.

ROADS IN GOOD CONDITION. **BUT WORK NEEDED**

One action item under the Infrastructure strategic plan goal pertains to roads. This study session gave an overview of results of a recent study on pavement conditions and presented a recommended course of action to improve quality of both arterial and residential streets.

The current average pavement condition index (PCI) rating in Northglenn is 60 (considered "good" by industry standards), though the majority of streets are in the "fair" and "marginal" category.

A software program has been acquired to help prioritize work using factors such as available funds, PCI, traffic levels and more. The program will also provide a variety of reports to track progress towards goals.

A one-time \$2.2 million investment in 2020 is proposed to support road projects this year and would boost the quality of roads in several areas.

Finally, council was asked to consider increasing the annual amount designated for the residential street program from \$800,000 to \$1.25 million for 2021-2024.

Details on the presentation are available in the Jan. 13 council packet at www. northglenn.org/webdocs.

COUNCIL MEETINGS & STUDY SESSIONS

City Council is required to have two meetings a month. They also typically have two study sessions monthly to learn about and discuss topics in-depth. Finally, special meetings are scheduled if more time is needed to complete city business.

Time/Date: Council meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Study sessions are on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. as needed.

Location: Study sessions and council meetings are held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 11701 Community Center Dr.

WATCH & LEARN

Council meetings and study sessions are shown live on Comcast Channel 8 or 881 HD in Northglenn and on www.youtube. com/cityofnorthglenn.

Channel 8 Rebroadcast NG Schedule:

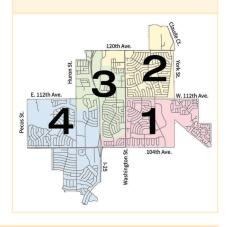
- Sunday, Wednesday and Friday: Meetings at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., study sessions at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday. Thursday and Saturday: Study sessions at 7 a.m. & 7 p.m., meetings at
- Monday: Meetings at 7 a.m., study sessions at 1 p.m.

Watch videos at www.youtube. com/cityofnorthglenn or www. northglenn.org/webdocs.

Audio recordings are available the day after meetings occur at www. northglenn.org/webdocs.

CITY WARDS

This map shows the wards in the city. If you are unsure of what ward you live in, please call 303.450.8757.



WARD 4

🕀 **On the Web:** Go to *www.northglenn.org/webdocs* for audio, video and documents from council meetings and study sessions.

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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MAYOR

WARD 1



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HIGH-PERFORMANCE GOVERNMENT

Getting to Know Your Council Members: Ward 1

Randall Peterson

Peterson was appointed in January 2020 to a term that expires November 2021. Randall was born and raised in Northglenn, and returned to live in the Fox Run area in 2015.



Peterson

He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Metro State in 1996, a master's in secondary education from the University of New Mexico in 2001, and his law degree from the University of Denver in 2010. Randall has been a secondary social studies teacher for 16 years, and also spent four years practicing civil litigation and educational policy work.

He now teaches for Mapleton Public Schools and at Front Range Community College. He has volunteered (pro bono) to give legal representation to underserved communities and veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan who have suffered traumatic brain injuries as a result of their service.

- Why did you run for office? I believe that local government can be an example of great possibilities of what can be done without the gridlock and partisanship we see on the federal level. I love and care about Northglenn and want to give back to this community.
- · What issues are you most interested in addressing in the next year? Locally - business retention, growth and development are a high priority. In addition, I care about opportunities for our seniors and our youth to ensure that they are fully at home in Northglenn. Regionally - quality of life issues are at the heart of what our residents want and deserve, including transportation, infrastructure, affordable housing and recreation opportunities in a sustainable community that values open space and balances development with conservation and local sustainability.
- What do you like most about Northglenn? Northglenn is unique because it's more than a suburb, it's a hometown. This is a place where residents know and value their town; it has character, history and a true sense of community. This is a place to raise a family, live, thrive and retire. Our community is proud to be Northglenn and call it home.

Ashley Witkovich

Witkovich was elected in November 2019 to a fouryear term. A Northglenn resident since 2014, she lives in the Leroy Neighborhood near Larson Park. Ashley



Witkovich

married her best friend Brandon 11 years ago, and they have four dogs: Emmy, Hodor, Ollie and Bayley. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Central Florida in 2006 and her master's degree in political science from the University of Colorado-Denver in 2015. Ashley has volunteered with the city since she moved here,

including shoveling snow for those in need through the Snow Stormers program, Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association of Northglenn (CPAAAN), chair of the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board, serving as a neighborhood beautification judge and at big community

- · Why did you run for office? I became interested in local government and community development while going through graduate school. I have greatly enjoyed my volunteer experiences with the city, and City Council was a logical next step for me to expand my volunteerism in the community while also utilizing my education.
- What issues interest you the most? I am most interested in any community issues involving the safety of our neighborhoods, our streets and our residents. These are the issues most important to my neighbors. Northglenn is involved in many regional issues due to our location in a large metropolitan area, and the regional issue I am most interested in involves homelessness. This is a concern for residents so it should also be a concern for City Council.
- · What do you like most about Northglenn? I love the small town feel of Northglenn despite being in a large and growing metropolitan area. I also love our parks, our homes and - most of all - our people.

nthe Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/ randallpeterson or www.northglenn.org/ashleywitkovich to read the entirety of the pieces.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Input from residents makes a difference - the mayor and council members appreciate hearing from you! Here are options to learn more about council action and weigh in:

- Anyone may address council at a regular meeting. Comments about agenda items are heard at the beginning of the meeting, and comments on any subject are heard at the end. Comments are not taken at study sessions.
- You can also call or email the mayor or council members to share your opinion on city issues (contact information on page 2).

GOVERNMENT BRIEFS

PUBLIC HEARING: Recreational **Programming**



Thurs., Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive

Do you have any opinions or suggestions for recreational programming in the city - either in parks or at the rec center? The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is hosting a public hearing and would love to know what you think. They'll use your input to make recommendations to council.

If you can't make the meeting, you can submit your opinion at www.northglenn. org/parksboard. For more information, call 303.280.7821.



Award for Audit

For the 30th year in a row, the city's Finance Department earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is the audited yearend financial statement for the city. The certificate is the highest recognition in government accounting and financial reporting.

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Animal Impound303.288.3294
Building Permits303.450.8745
City Hall303.451.8326
City Clerk303.450.8756
City Court303.450.8701
City Manager303.450.8709
Economic303.450.8743 Development
Fire (non-emerg)303.452.9910 (North Metro Fire Rescue)
Graffiti Hotline303.252.3849
Communications303.450.8713
Neighborhood Services 303.280.7876 (Code Enforcement)
Parks & Trails303.280.7821
Planning & Zoning303.450.8739
Police (non-emergency)303.288.1535
Police Records303.450.8892
Rec Center303.450.8800
Senior Center303.450.8801
Snow & Ice Removal303.450.4001
Streets303.450.4001
Trash & Recycling303.450.4004
Utility Billing303.450.8770
Volunteering303.450.8904
Water303.450.4045 Conservation Hotline
Water/Sewer Problems303.450.8770
Water/Sewer303.451.1289 24-hour Line

NORTHGLENN CONNECTION

The Northglenn Connection is delivered monthly to residents as a reference for city information and to learn about what is happening in the community. This and past editions are also at www.northglenn.org/connection. Contact John Eisel at jeisel@ northglenn.org for any questions, comments or concerns.

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November 2019 General Fund Financial Report

- 2019 Annual Budget

Total

Revenue

■ 2019 Actual Year to Date 2018 Actual Year to Date

Figures are through the end of November.

General Fund Expenditures Year to Date is 80.8% of the 2019 Annual Budget

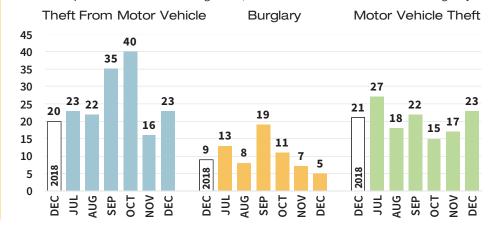
Forfeits

Total Revenue Components \$23,095,855 \$705,770 License User Charges Fines &

Go to www.northglenn.org/transparency for more detailed reports.

December 2019 Crime Statistics

These charts show statistics from the Police Department for theft from a motor vehicle, burglary and motor vehicle theft in the city over the last six months and from December 2018. To report a non life-threatening crime, call 303.288.1535. Dial 911 in an emergency.



HOUSING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City Establishing Homelessness Task Force

Members of Community Invited to Join

Helping people experiencing homelessness is important for communities throughout the area, Northglenn included. address homelessness in a caring

and considerate way, the city is establishing a Homelessness Task Force.

This task force will be made up of community members. Anyone interested is encouraged to apply. This includes concerned residents, professionals who deal with issues related To come up with solutions to to homelessness, the faith community and individuals who

have experienced homelessness.

Some of the goals for the new task force include:

- Researching Northglenn's issues with homelessness and identifying challenged populations
- · Seeing what extra services the city could provide, including educational efforts and

connecting with local partners

- Identifying short and long-term challenges and solutions for the city's homeless population
- Seeking information from local and regional homelessness experts

As work progresses, the task force will provide City Council with recommendations on how

the city could address this issue. Homelessness is one focus area for City Council; it is part of the Housing goal in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

If you are interested, or for more information, go to www. northglenn.org/homelessness. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 18.

Citizen's Police Academy Classes Start March 11

Through the Citizen's Police Academy, Northglenn residents can find out about the daily activities of the Police Department. Participants will learn through lectures, hands-on experience and demonstrations.

Applications are being taken now for the next session, which runs March 11 through May 20. Most classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights at the Northglenn Justice Center, 50 W. Community Center Drive. Two off-site tours will be held during the 11-week academy.

Please sign up at www.northglenn.org/ policeacademy by Feb. 26. The academies are on a first-come, first-served basis, with limited space available. You must be 18 years of age or older and either live or work in Northglenn to register.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY TOPICS

- Patrol procedures
- Traffic accident investigations
- Law enforcement careers
- Tour the police training academy
- Police training
- Investigations
- Officer survival
- ADCOM/police dispatch
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Critical incidents

For more information, contact Officer Jeramie Lund at 303.450.8851 or jlund@ northglenn.org.

TRAFFIC STATS

December 2019 traffic statistics compiled by the Police Department:

- Traffic Summons: 131
- Traffic Accidents: 142

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACADEMY, ELECTIONS

Citizens Academy

Get a behind-the-scenes look at North Metro Fire and its operations by joining its Citizens Academy from April 1 through May 13.

Each weekly session will include classroom and hands-on educational activities that are fun and engaging.

Please sign up by March 2 at www.nmfr. org/citizensacademy.

Board of Directors

Want to serve on the North Metro Fire board of directors? Nomination forms are due Feb. 28. Go to www.nmfr.org/ election2020 for more information.

MINGLE IN THE NEW YEAR



Mayor Meredith Leighty hosted her first Mingle with the Mayor on Jan. 21 at Parry's Pizzeria & Bar. Along with meeting and talking to the mayor, the residents who came heard about the new recreation center and snow removal.

Adams County Hosting Free Tax Preparation

Adams County

Adams County is sponsoring a free federal and state income tax preparation program to individuals and families with a combined income of \$56,000 or less who need help preparing their tax returns. Working with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the state of Colorado, volunteers who have been trained and certified by the IRS provide basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing.

If interested in this free service, please bring the following:

• Social Security cards for yourself and

your dependents

- · A photo I.D.
- · A copy of last year's tax return
- All W-2, 1098 and 1099 forms (proof of any additional income received)
- Any deductible expenses

This program is available at the Adams County Human Services Center, 11860 Pecos St., Westminster, room Plum B, on the following dates and times: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 28 through April 9.

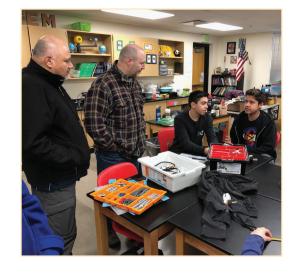
For more information, go to www. adcogov.org/free-tax-preparation.



Get your yard in shape this spring! Visit www. resourcecentral.org/gardens to order your water-wise

Garden In A Box starting in March. City of Northglenn customers qualify for a \$25 discount while supplies last.

Five Star Leadership Academy to Visit Two City Schools



Adams 12 Five Star Schools

The Five Star Leadership Academy is an opportunity for Adams 12 family and community members to increase their knowledge of district and state education affairs. The learning program creates a sense of shared responsibility and partnership, empowering graduates with information and resources needed to step into leadership roles within our schools, district or community.

Each month, the program covers the ins and outs of public education, from finance and governance to curriculum and safety. This month, the group of nearly 60 participants will take a bus to visit two schools in Northglenn to learn about different learning styles.

STEM Lab, 11700 Irma Drive, equips students for success in a diverse, interdependent and changing world through a STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics) education centered on innovative, hands-on learning.

Malley Drive Elementary, 1300 Malley Drive, follows the National Education Association's Community School Model that supports students to achieve success in academics as well as support their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Five Star Leadership Academy is a free, one-year program for family and community members that begins each September. Online applications are accepted in the April prior. Meetings are once a month on Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Educational Support Center (ESC), 1500 E. 128th Ave. in Thornton.

For more information on the academy, visit www.adams12.org/FSLA.

Energy Savings Available for Northglenn Businesses

Northglenn has developed a community-wide Energy Action Plan in collaboration with Xcel Energy Partners in Energy.

Partners in Energy is a two-year process of identifying energy and sustainability goals, actions to achieve those goals and an energy vision for the city.

The Energy Action Plan identifies energy savings for residents, city facilities and businesses. (See business goals and strategies to the right.)

Northglenn businesses can help the city achieve its energy goals by taking advantage of the many offerings available to reduce energy bills and improve energy efficiency.

If your business is less than 50,000 square feet, you qualify for a FREE energy audit that helps you understand your energy use. It includes the free installation of LED light bulbs, faucet aerators and pipe insulation. You'll also receive recommendations on other actions you can take. For a little bit of time, you could reduce energy

and expenses - for free!

For businesses over 50,000 square feet, you can receive an onsite energy audit for a minimal cost.

To learn more or to schedule your audit, please visit www.xcelenergy.com/business.

CITY ENERGY ACTION **PLAN FOR BUSINESS**

Goals:

- Connect with 400 businesses and engage 115 in Xcel Energy programs over 2017.
- Achieve communitywide commercial energy savings of 2% annually over

2017 for the next three years.

Strategies:

- Promote business energy literacy and share resources.
- Explore options for additional energy project incentives.

Our energy vision: The Northglenn community will conserve its resources and promote sustainability through energy awareness, renewable sources and collaboration to provide an exceptional quality of life and resilient future for residents and businesses.



On Dec. 23, Mayor Meredith Leighty and the Economic Development Division presented prizes to the winners of the 13th Annual Count the Lights contest. These youth had the closest guesses on the number of lights – working or not – on the antique firetruck. It overlooked Interstate 25 in November and December from inside the Northglenn Marketplace.

A special thanks to the Northglenn Historic Preservation Commission for providing the firetruck, and the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority for sponsoring the contest.

The following kids won:

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First	\$1,000	Sherman Kage	18	Haxtun
Second	\$500	Sean Carpenter	9	Littleton
Third	\$250	Malaika Bell	12	Thornton
Fourth	\$150	Donny Nelson	11	Northglenn
Fifth	\$100	Lyric Manzanares	8	Brighton





In 2018, The Good Couch North staff climbed Mount Elbert with a couch to raise funds for Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

On The Edge of Their Seats

Philanthropy, Quality Drive The Good Couch North

Note: This is the third in a series of stories featuring winners from the 2019 Business Appreciation Breakfast. Go to www.northglenn.org/bab to see videos about all the winners.

Nick Reichert, owner of The Good Couch North and winner of the 2019 Northglenn Rookie of the Year Award, opened the store in 2018 with a goal to provide high-quality furniture to every income level while also giving back to the people who need it the most.

"Knowing we have made a difference enough to be noticed and get this award feels great," said Reichert.

Reichert and a friend started by picking up free couches on Craigslist and refurbishing them in a garage. They quickly outgrew the space, which led to leasing two storefront locations, including the store in Northglenn, 425 W. 115th Ave., Unit 5. After delivering a couch to a customer who was moving into their first permanent home, The Good

Couch was inspired to partner with the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. In 2018, the staff hiked a couch to the top of Mount Elbert and back down to raise funds for the nonprofit. For each couch it picks up, The Good Couch gives a monetary donation to the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

In addition to helping the community, The Good Couch is doing its part for a cleaner planet. Each year, over 9.8 million tons of furniture go to the landfill. The Good Couch estimates that it will save 750,000 pounds of furniture from going to the dump.

The Good Couch offers free pick up of unwanted couches. Each refurbished couch is inspected and goes through a five-step cleaning and refurbishing process. They also deliver for free.

For more information, call 303.246.2174 or go to www. the good used couch.com.

ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS NOW

Nearly all Northglenn businesses may be eligible to earn tax credits when purchasing equipment, training employees or providing health insurance. To earn these credits, you must be pre-certified and re-apply annually before making any qualifying purchases.

For more information on Colorado's Enterprise Zone program, go to www. adamscountyed.com/opportunities/ enterprise-zone. For further questions, contact Karra Walker at kwalker@ adamscountyed.com or 303.453.8518.

NEW BUSINESSES: DECEMBER 2019

- High Ride Cycle leased 2,450 square feet at 2145 E. 120th Ave., Unit H. This indoor cycling studio offers instructorled, high-intensity classes. They employ four people. For more information, call 303.477.0793 or go to www. indoorcyclingnorthglenn.com.
- Phenix Salon Suites welcomed the following businesses to their location at 10620 Melody Drive, Unit F. Each employs one person:
- Pat's Place offers hair services including cut, style, color, perm, relaxer, corrective color, balayage, ombre, blowouts and waxing. For more information, call
- The Lone Hare is a hair salon offering cuts, style, balayage, ombre and waxing. For more information, call 720.591.8596.
- Too Glam to Give a Damn offers hair services including cut, style, color, perm, relaxer, corrective color, braiding,

- ethnic hair, balayage, ombre and blowouts. For more information, call 720.365.2641.
- Quantum Pump and Controls leased 3,900 square feet at 10750 Irma Drive, Unit 4. This water and sewer contractor employs one person. For more information, call 720.237.4500.
- Senior Hub leased 3,900 square feet at 10190 Bannock St., #105 and employs four people. Senior Hub is returning to Northglenn, which will allow them to better utilize agency funds, combine their food pantry and Meals on Wheels programs into one location, and have in-suite training space and a dedicated conference room to host more senior classes. For more information, call 303.426.4408 or go to https://seniorhub.org.
- Tailored Glo leased 1,772 square feet located at 2145 E. 120th Ave., Unit C. This tanning salon employs one person. For more information, call 720.872.8398.



INFRASTRUCTURE

¿ City Manager's Column: A Letter from Heather Geyer

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Infrastructure Vital for Providing City Services

This issue of the Connection takes a deeper dive into Infrastructure, which



is critical for the city to provide quality services. Our infrastructure in Northglenn ranges from the amenities you see in parks, the trails you walk on and

the roads you drive on to deep below the surface, where water travels to homes and wastewater flows to our sewer plant. However, when things fall apart, everyone notices! The pothole in the road, the crack in the sidewalk, drainage backups, a water main break, lights out ... the list goes on of public amenities that drastically improve our quality of life, yet are often taken for granted.

The Strategic Plan has a significant focus on short-term and long-term Infrastructure priorities. Currently, City Council is discussing our Pavement

PROJECT UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

I'd like to take a few moments to update you on some recent city projects.

- Melody Drive road work Before repaving the street we corrected some structural issues and made some infrastructure upgrades. One of the needed parts (a valve) took longer than anticipated to arrive and prolonged the duration of the work. We are now back on track and plan to repave the road this year.
- 115th Place, Phillips Drive, Truda
 Drive and Grant Street road paving
 To ensure the quality of the final product is at the level we expect, the

contractor is revisiting some areas. Again, this increased the duration of the work, but will mean a better road for a longer period of time.

Kiwanis Pool – The quality of some
 of the concrete work did not meet
 our expectations and we required
 the contractor to make corrections.
 Though this means the pool will
 open a season later than originally
 expected, we want to make sure
 our users have the best experience
 possible for years to come. We look
 forward to a fun grand opening
 event to kick off the 2020 summer
 season!

In 2019, Northglenn invested over \$12 million on over 30 different projects in our community, with the support of numerous contractors.

The vast majority of our endeavors stay on schedule, but sometimes unexpected challenges arise like weather delays, materials shortages, specialized parts and unforeseen structural issues, just to name a few.

Though delays may be disappointing or inconvenient at times, we remain committed to using tax dollars wisely and securing a high quality finished product. Thank you for your patience!

Condition Index Report (PCI) and building a five-year plan to address roadway maintenance needs. We will soon have a comprehensive street condition report that, combined with traffic patterns, will help us prioritize repairs and replacements to use our resources to the maximum benefit.

Please take some time to read a few of the infrastructure-related articles in this month's Connection or check out the strategic plan (www.northglenn. org/strategicplan). It may help you understand some of the whys behind the "cone zones" or hows behind what takes priority – all put into place to best serve our residents.

KEEP NORTHGLENN BEAUTIFUL



No matter where you live in Northglenn, there's a park, trail or riverbed nearby that could use a little spring cleaning!

Volunteers Sought For Highline Canal Cleanup in March

Help keep Northglenn beautiful as part of the Farmers' Highline Canal Cleanup! Join more than 200 volunteers in cleaning up over 30 miles of Greenway Trails, riverbeds and walkways. Lunch will follow.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part. This includes sports teams, church groups, fraternal organizations, school groups or just proud patrons of our parks and trails.

In case of inclement weather,

- When: 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, March 14
- Where: Locations throughout Northglenn
- Registration: Call 303.450.8800 or go to www.northglenn. org/playnorthglenn to register. RECTRAC CODE: 10118001
- Contact: Jenni Murphy, jmurphy@northglenn. org or 303.450.8904.

the cleanup will move to March 21.

SMOKING, VAPING PROHIBITED IN CITY PARKS

As part of our effort to make our community the healthiest it can be, the City of Northglenn would like to announce that all parks, open spaces and recreational facilities are now tobacco, smoke and vape-free.

Any exposure to secondhand tobacco or electronic smoke is harmful; there is no risk-free level.

Creating a smoke-free park is a way for Northglenn to make our outdoor spaces even more inviting to all and geared toward healthy living.

Enjoy the beauty,

City of Northglenn Park Hours: 5 a.m.-10 p.m.

Visitors on Skateboards, Inline Skates and Bicycles Should Yield to Pedestrians.

No Unleashed Pets

No Smoking or Vaping

No Glass Containers

No Camping

No Overnight Parking

No Feeding or Damaging Park Property

No Feeding or Harassing Wildlife

Amplified Music

Archery

Vending

Alcohol

Organized Use of Park Areas

Vour cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For any comments, questions, or concerns, call 303.450.880.

Co to www.northglenn.org/parks for more information about this venue.

WELCOME!

Signs like these will soon be placed at all city parks, letting visitors know about the general rules and regulations.

relaxation, sports and family fun our parks provide while breathing easy with clean air!

2020 US CENSUS

The 2020 Census is right around the corner and we need your help making sure everyone is counted in Northglenn. For the first time, you can choose to respond online, by phone or by mail. By April 1, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. For more information, go to www.northglenn.org/2020census.

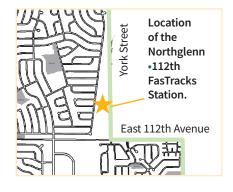
Artwork for FasTracks Station

Crews Work on Infrastructure

Crews continue to make progress on construction at the Northglenn•112th Station, located north of East 112th Avenue on York Street.

Ongoing work includes installation and testing of communications equipment, signage and station amenities (trash cans, benches and bike racks). Train testing is taking place along the entire alignment. In addition, RTD is training its own operators and will conduct pre-revenue testing of the line upon substantial completion of construction.

RTD and the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation have approved funding to include public art at the station, including sculptural elements and artistic wraps on the communications "houses."



• Park Ranger: \$14.33

APPLY IN FEBRUARY FOR SUMMER JOBS WITH THE CITY

Thinking about a summer job? Go to www.northglenn.org/jobs starting Feb. 10 for more information or to apply for the following seasonal positions:

- Seasonal Job: Pay Per Hour
- Day Camp Aide: \$13.65
- Day Camp Leader: \$14.33
- Day Camp Director: \$15.05
- Roving Rec Leader: \$14.33
- Lifeguard: \$13.65
- Lifeguard Instructor: \$14.33
- Head Lifeguard: \$14.33
- Pedal Boat Attendant: \$13.65
- Cashier: \$13.65
- Laborer: \$14.33
- **Specialist:** \$15.05





Self-Defense Class: Fri., Feb. 21, 6-7:30 p.m., Northglenn Recreation Center

Gain the psychological awareness and verbal skills – not just physical training – to successfully escape, resist and survive violent attacks. For people ages 6 and up. Prices are \$40 for residents, \$45 for non-residents. RECTRAC CODE: 11075001

REGISTRATION WITH RECTRAC

For events with an eight-digit RecTrac Code, sign up by calling **303.450.8800** or going to *www*. northglenn.org/playnorthglenn. Make sure you have the accompanying code available.

RECREATION CENTER & D.L. PARSONS THEATRE

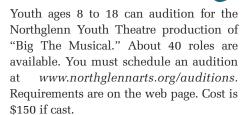
The Northglenn Recreation Center, 11801 Community Center Drive, is southeast of I-25 and 120th Avenue.

Inside the recreation center is the **D.L.** Parsons Theatre.

YOUTH THEATRE AUDITIONS:

"Big The Musical"

Feb. 4-6, D.L. Parsons Theatre



Essential Oils Workshop

Wed., Feb. 12, 5-6 p.m., Rec Center

Learn how essential oils help you minimize stress, maintain focus, balance emotions and more. Prices are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. Please RSVP by Feb. 5. RECTRAC CODE: 10642001

Weight Room Orientation

Fri., Feb. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Rec Center

If you are new to the weight room, this is a great place to start! Cost is free. For people ages 16 and up. Please RSVP by Feb. 20 for this free class. RECTRAC CODE: 10425001

A CAPPELLA CONCERT SERIES **Face Vocal Band**

Fri., Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m., D.L. Parsons Theatre

Face is an internationally acclaimed all-vocal rock band from Boulder who have captivated audiences for over a decade. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students, seniors and military, and \$8 for groups. Go to www.northglennarts.org for more information or to buy tickets.

COLORADO ADVENTURES Ninja Nation

Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., meet at the Rec Center

Ninja Nation arenas feature a variety of obstacles that are safe, fun and challenging for ninjas of all skill levels. Open to youth ages 8 to 14. Prices are \$40 for residents, \$45 for non-residents. Please RSVP by Feb. 15. RECTRAC CODE: 10965001

Yoga Nidra

Wed., Feb. 26, 6-7:15 p.m., Rec Center

Enjoy 45 minutes of restful yoga postures followed by 30 minutes of relaxation and meditation. This experience helps reduce stress, anxiety, insomnia and fatigue. All experience levels are welcome. Prices are Please RSVP by Feb. 19. For people ages 16 and up. RECTRAC CODE: 10424001

\$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

Cupcake Decorating

Tues., March 10, 6-8 p.m., Rec Center

Celebrate the spring by designing four cupcakes using pipe frosting. All supplies will be included. For people ages 16 and up. Prices are \$50 for residents, \$55 for non-residents. Please RSVP by March 3. RECTRAC CODE: 10641002

Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball

Feb. 29

See back page for more information.

Senior Center Events > 11801 Community Center Drive in the Northglenn Recreation Center

Chinese New Year Lunch

Fri., Feb. 7, 12 p.m. Celebrate Chinese New Year's Day with a festive Chinese lunch and party favors. Cost is \$12. Please RSVP by Feb. 4. RECTRAC CODE: 10530006

SENIOR MOVIE

"The Fault in Our Stars"

Tues., Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m. Hazel and Gus are two teenagers who share an acerbic wit. a disdain for the conventional and a love that sweeps them on an unforgettable journey. Their relationship is all the more miraculous given that they met at a cancer support group. Call or stop by the center for more on this free presentation.

SENIOR EXCURSION

Denver Art Museum

Wed., Feb. 19, 12:15-4 p.m., meet at the center Take a self-guided tour of more than 70,000 diverse works. Cost is \$10. Please RSVP by Feb. 15. RECTRAC CODE: 10528007



These events occur at the Northglenn Senior Center and are for people ages 55 and over, unless noted.

To sign up or for more details, call 303.450.8801. For items with a RecTrac code, you can sign up at www.northglenn.org/ playnorthglenn.

Hoodie Hoo Day

Fri., Feb. 21, 12 p.m. Chase away winter and have some silly fun with a Hoodie Hoo Day potluck. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Cost is free. RSVP by Feb. 19. RECTRAC CODE: 10530002

SENIOR BOOK CLUB

"Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk"

Tues., Feb. 25, 1 p.m. she traverses 1984





National Pig Day Potluck: Fri., March 6, noon

Celebrate National Pig Day with pig races and everything bacon. Bring a potluck dish that includes bacon or pork - even dessert! Cost is free. Please register by March 4. RECTRAC CODE: 10530007 oink. oink.

Manhattan, Lillian recalls a long and eventful life that included a brief reign as the highest-paid advertising woman in America - a career cut short by marriage, motherhood, divorce and a breakdown. Cost is free. Call or stop by the center for more information.

North Metro Fire Rescue Senior Trivia

Tues., Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m. Join the North Metro Fire Rescue District for a fun and educational game of trivia. Plus, learn about the

membership ambulance program and receive a free File of Life. This free class is open to all ages. Please RSVP by Feb. 24. RECTRAC CODE: 10527001

SENIOR EXCURSION

Butterfly Pavilion & Tea Time

Wed., March 4, 12:15-4 p.m., meet at the center Frolic with 1,600 tropical butterflies in Wings of the Tropics and dive into the wonder of coral reefs and other ocean invertebrates in Water's Edge. Then enjoy a class on

"Butterflies of the Rainforest" with tea and cookies. Cost is \$12. Please RSVP by March 1. RECTRAC CODE: 10528007

Your Life, Your Legacy



Tues., March 10, 1 p.m. This fast-moving program addresses the importance making your final arrangements in advance and the steps to take. Refreshments will be served. This free class is open to all ages. Please RSVP by March 7. RECTRAC CODE: 10527001

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Ovation for Offerings at Theatre

Music, Dance, Theatrics, Film on Upcoming Playbill

We have a fabulous arts and culture



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scene here in Northglenn! As I discovered more about cities across the country, I have learned this is not a common occurrence in communities our size.

Northglenn Arts is the cultural services division for the City of Northglenn, and along with financial and artistic partners, it provides a wide variety of experiences to choose from. The programs truly reflect our Diverse Community strategic plan goals, and with a new theatre under construction (part of our Infrastructure strategic plan goal), I am excited that these excellent programs will soon have a new home and room to grow.

February is Black History Month, and we are partnering with The Colorado Black Arts Festival and The SOURCE Theater Company to bring "The History of African American Music" to D.L. Parsons Theatre on Feb. 7. Then we have "Rhapsody in Black" by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance on Feb. 27 and 28. What a fantastic opportunity to experience cultural arts in a very affordable way, close to home!



Left: Cleo Parker Robinson Dance will perform "Rhapsody in Black" on Feb. 27 and 28 at the D.L. Parsons Theatre.

▼ Below: Choice City Singers kicked off the 2020 A Cappella Concert series Jan. 17.

For more details or tickets to any city culture performance, go to www. northglennarts.org.



And that is only one small example. Our youth may audition for "Big the Musical," "Sign Me a Story" will be presented in spoken English and American Sign Language, and the A Cappella Series features different singing groups and a variety of music genres – doo-wop, swing, rock, funk and more. In addition to performances, there are classes, movies and visual arts.

If you haven't had the chance to experience our local cultural scene, I highly recommend you take some time to visit www.northglennarts.org.

Whether it's date night, a family outing or a class, there are numerous options to expand your world, right here in Northglenn.



Northglenn HS Students Share Through Poetry Slam

Northglenn Arts held its first Poetry Slam on Jan. 16 in the D.L. Parsons Theatre. The event was a collaboration between Northglenn Arts and Northglenn High School. Students in ninth grade English classes received the following Project Based Learning question: How can we share our individual stories with our community, so that others can understand us, and so that we can fight assumptions and stereotypes?

Poetry was the chosen form of storytelling and the resulting work was thrilling to watch. 16 students were selected. They read their poems aloud in a "poetry slam" or "spoken word" format. Subject matter ranged from homelessness to heritage, school to Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," which the class had just read. It was a great launch to the program and will be continued next year.

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