

HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC

Audience members went on a musical journey of African American music from the 1600s to the early 1900s, including slave music, field hollers, ragtime and the blues. The Colorado Black Arts Festival and The SOURCE Theater Company presented this work on Feb. 7 at the D.L. Parsons Theatre.

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Arts by and for the Community

► Northglenn Arts – a Showcase of Community Engagement

“Opening a community theatre and making a commitment to providing arts programming in a community this size is admirable, progressive and definitely not the norm,” says Michael Stricker, Northglenn Arts Supervisor. “Especially back in 1975!”

Arts and Culture has been a cornerstone of community engagement in Northglenn since the theatre opened. Recognizing the community-building value of cultural arts, the city – with the support of City Council – has focused on providing a wide variety of experiences that are accessible to residents. Accessible in Northglenn means programming is affordable, nearby and provides opportunities to participate.

To expand offerings, city funds are leveraged and multiplied by the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF). Established in 1990, NAHF provides a partnership that

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helps secure funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), grants, donations and fundraisers. The 12-person board is dedicated to bringing cultural arts experiences to Northglenn, from passionate artists to enthusiastic patrons. And the group doesn’t just “talk the talk,” they “walk the walk.” Raising funds through concessions at events is one example where they are schlepping and serving to support our local arts scene.

What does community engagement look like for arts and culture in Northglenn? A couple of examples include Art on Parade and the Northglenn Youth Theatre (NYT). Fifty residents, from painters to park-goers, review the Art on Parade submissions each year and pick out finalists. Then, the community is invited to vote for their top choice; the winner is purchased and installed in the city. The 2019 selection was “Salvere,” a stylized horse by Jeff Best. The program has helped build the value of

the Northglenn’s public art collection up to \$900,000.

NYT offers extensive classes and camps and produces two full-length musicals each year. Over 1,000 local youth have been cast in productions, and had the opportunity to not only act, dance and sing, but also learn about directing, design, crew, and more. NAHF also offers scholarships, so NYT programs are accessible to every young person in Northglenn.

In 2019, about 28,000 people attended Northglenn Arts productions. “Freaky Friday,” “The Little Mermaid,” Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, the A Cappella concert series and Su Teatro were a few of the diverse offerings. The 2020 season is already offering the new and different (“Sign Me a Story”) as well as favorites (NYT’s “Big The Musical”). Make sure to take advantage of these excellent community engagement opportunities!

Two New Art Pieces in the Works

► Help Fund Sculpture in New Theatre

Two public art installations are in process right now! Several pieces for the new Northglenn N Line commuter rail station and one large commissioned piece to go in the lobby of the new Parsons Theatre (part of the new recreation and senior center facility) are now under construction. At the N Line station, Art on Parade winner “Salvere” will be the centerpiece. Additionally, with \$40,000 from RTD and \$40,000 from NAHF, artist Jeff Best is

designing more transportation-themed pieces to enhance the space. Northglenn mural artist Jerry Jaramillo will also create several transportation-themed works that will be mural wraps on utility boxes.

In the new Parsons Theatre lobby, a selection committee has recently contracted master sculptor Mark Aeling of MGA Sculpture Studio to create and install a suspended sculpture. The piece will be finished and installed before the building opens (tentatively late 2021). This \$187,500 project is made possible by a \$100,000 SCFD grant, \$25,000 from NAHF, \$50,000 from the

Artist rendition of the new Parsons Theatre lobby.



city construction budget and \$2,500 from Colorado Creative Industries. NAHF is in the process of raising the last \$10,000 now – and you can be a part of it! Donations of \$250 or more will be recognized on a plaque in the lobby.

🌐 **On the Web:** Go to www.northglennarts.org/donate-now to assist with the piece in the lobby of the new theatre.

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New Anti-Speeding Campaign; Council Communications Moved Up

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. 27 – STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

Study Session

- Joint meeting with Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA); update on projects and opportunities under consideration
- Proclamation: National Radon Action Month
- Appointments: Stephen Blackburn to Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement Board; Abhiyan Barailee, Kiera Carillo, Carlos Solis Manriquez and Zen Kretsinger to Youth Commission – *passed unanimously*
- 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Removal, Hauling and Disposal (CR-37) – *passed unanimously*
- Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow (CR-38) – *passed unanimously*
- Marijuana License Requirements (CB-1941) – *second reading, passed unanimously*
- 2020 Pay Plan and Personnel Summary Amendments (CR-36) – *passed unanimously*
- Northglenn Civic Center (NGCC) Phase I Fitness Equipment Contract (CR-40) – *passed unanimously*
- Motion to approve the manager registration application filed by The Green Solution – *passed 5-2 (No: Peterson and Willford)*
- Discussion items: NGCC Project Phase I implementation update and proposed next steps for the Homelessness Community Task Force

FEB. 3 - STUDY SESSION

- Council heard about and discussed: Northglenn Arts annual update, snow and ice control level of service, Police Department staffing and operations assessment update, implementation of a Police Department traffic unit and a Traffic Calming Policy update
- Coming soon – No Need For Speed

FEB. 10 – STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

Study Session

- Northglenn Civic Center construction documents and final guaranteed maximum price review

Regular Meeting

- Proclamations: Black History Month, American Heart Month and National Children’s Dental Health Month
- Communications: Mayor and council, city clerk, city manager and city attorney share information with each other and the public during this part of the meeting
- Dec. 2019 financial report presentation (See Page 3)
- The Link Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (CR-39) – *passed unanimously*

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

NO NEED FOR SPEED

Council directed staff to move forward with a new program to address speeding vehicles on neighborhood streets. The program is a combination of speed measurement, traffic enforcement and neighborhood awareness and involvement. Neighborhoods will submit an application to participate in No Need for Speed. The program is scheduled to begin May 1; look for details in the April issue of the Connection.

CIVIC CENTER OVERVIEW

The Northglenn Civic Center Project will be continuously reviewed by City Council to ensure oversight of planning, expenditures, financing and other policy-level decisions. The overall plan, the new recreation center plan, the financing for the new recreation center, financing for infrastructure and more has already been reviewed by council. This Feb. 10 step was a detailed review of the cost of rec center construction, and council members will vote on the maximum expenditures allowed for construction on Feb. 24. This system of checks and balances is in place to monitor spending of public funds, review large changes, allow an opportunity to address concerns or new public needs and give final approval of staff recommendations. ► See Page 10 for more information.

START WITH COMMUNICATIONS

The mayor moved communications to the beginning of the meeting as of Feb. 10 in hopes the information would be more accessible to the public when watching live or recorded meetings. The types of information shared during this time include updates on committee and liaison work, community events attended or upcoming, ward meeting information, legislative issues to be aware of and reminders about upcoming meetings or topics. The mayor and council members serve as liaisons or committee members to a wide array of organizations. This opportunity to share gives fellow council members insight into work related to regional transportation, senior and arts foundations, economic development, public schools, libraries, the fire district and more.

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 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 1 p.m.
- Monday: Meetings at 7 a.m., study sessions at 1 p.m.

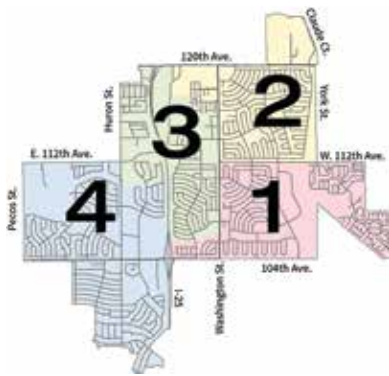
Watch videos at www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn or www.northglenn.org/webdocs.

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.



MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR



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- Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Per Capita Funding (CR-41) – *passed unanimously*
- Public Art Policy Update (CR-42) – *passed unanimously*
- North Metro Rail Line Artwork IGA (CR-43) – *passed unanimously*
- Placement of Salvere Sculpture (CR-44) – *passed unanimously*
- Census Outreach Grant Program IGA (CR-50) – *passed unanimously*
- Discussion items: Council communications support and council prioritization of requests

COUNCIL AGENDA

Below are a few topics council is set to discuss in March. Please note items are subject to change.

- Sustainability Program implementation
- Financial system upgrade
- Traffic calming policy amendments
- Code enforcement level of service

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 may also call or email the mayor or council members to share your opinion on city issues (*contact information on Page 2*).

LET'S MAKE THIS COUNT

2020 Census information will begin to arrive in mailboxes in March. The census officially opens on April 1.

Adams County applied for and received a grant to support census efforts; the city will receive \$30,000 of the grant funding for census promotion and support in Northglenn.

The city planned to support the census though current platforms and staffing; the grant allows for additional staff dedicated to supporting residents in need

of assistance to complete the census as well as additional paid promotion to increase awareness.

Census information is used to allocate federal assistance for housing, hospitals, food, education, safety and other public services.

Supporting participation in the 2020 Census is one way to make sure Northglenn residents receive their fair share of public dollars.

▶ See Page 12 for more information.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Study Session:

- 6 p.m. Mon., March 2, at the Justice Center (*not televised*)

Special Meeting & Study Session:

- Mon., March 9, special meeting at 6 p.m. followed by the study session

- Mon., March 23, study session at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting

Special Event

- Mon., March 16, 6 p.m.: Council will recognize Northglenn nominees for the Adams County Mayors & Commissioners Youth Awards at the D.L. Parsons Theatre (*not televised*).

PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES: 911

Animal Control.....	303.450.8886
Animal Impound.....	303.288.3294
Building Permits.....	303.450.8745
City Hall.....	303.451.8326
City Clerk.....	303.450.8756
City Court.....	303.450.8701
City Manager.....	303.450.8709
Economic Development.....	303.450.8743
Fire (non-emerg).....	303.452.9910 (North Metro Fire Rescue)
Graffiti Hotline.....	303.252.3849
Communications.....	303.450.8713
Neighborhood Services ...	303.280.7876 (Code Enforcement)
Parks & Trails.....	303.280.7821
Planning & Zoning.....	303.450.8739
Police (non-emergency)...	303.288.1535
Police Records.....	303.450.8892
Rec Center.....	303.450.8800
Senior Center.....	303.450.8801
Snow & Ice Removal.....	303.450.4001
Streets.....	303.450.4001
Trash & Recycling.....	303.450.4004
Utility Billing.....	303.450.8770
Volunteering.....	303.450.8904
Water Conservation Hotline.....	303.450.4045
Water/Sewer Problems....	303.450.8770
Water/Sewer 24-hour Line.....	303.451.1289

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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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn
- www.twitter.com/NorthglennCo
- www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn
- www.northglenn.org/nextdoor
- www.instagram.com/cityofnorthglenn

CITY COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY

Mingle with the Mayor

Sat., March 14, 11:30 a.m., E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, 11800 Community Center Drive

Enjoy a beautiful spring morning and also meet Mayor Meredith Leighty. She'll discuss what's going on in local government and answer questions. You'll also learn about parks and trails in the city.

The event will be held in conjunction with the lunch for participants of the Farmers' Highline Canal Cleanup. For more information, call 303.450.8713.

Ward 4 Meeting

Thurs., March 19, 6:15 p.m. meet and greet, 6:30-8 p.m. program, Westview Elementary School, 1300 Roseanna Drive

Mayor Pro Tem Jenny Willford and Council Member Antonio Esquibel

invite Ward 4 residents to their first neighborhood meeting of 2020. In addition to your questions and concerns, some of the discussion topics will include:

- How to save water and energy
- Snow removal
- The new No Need for Speed program
- Homelessness Community Task Force

Free energy kits will be handed out. Also, attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation as part of a citywide competition.

Ward 1 Meeting

Sat., April 4, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Northglenn Justice Center, 50 W. Community Center Drive

Meet new Ward 1 Council Members Randall Peterson and Ashley Witkovich in their first neighborhood meeting!

This is a perfect time to meet them and share priorities and concerns. Items that will be discussed include:

- New recreation center
- Parks and recreation offerings for the spring and summer

Ward 3 Meeting

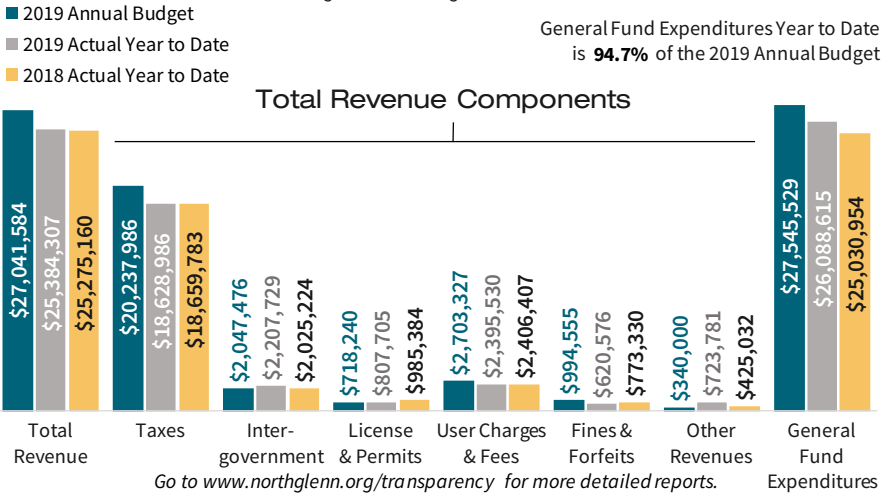
Sat., April 25, 10 a.m., Northglenn Justice Center

Ward 3 residents – come talk and meet with Council Members Julie Duran Mullica and the newly-elected Katherine Goff. They'll take your questions and concerns, and guest speakers will cover the following topics:

- New recreation center update
- Northglenn Marketplace update
- Upcoming summer events
- Street maintenance

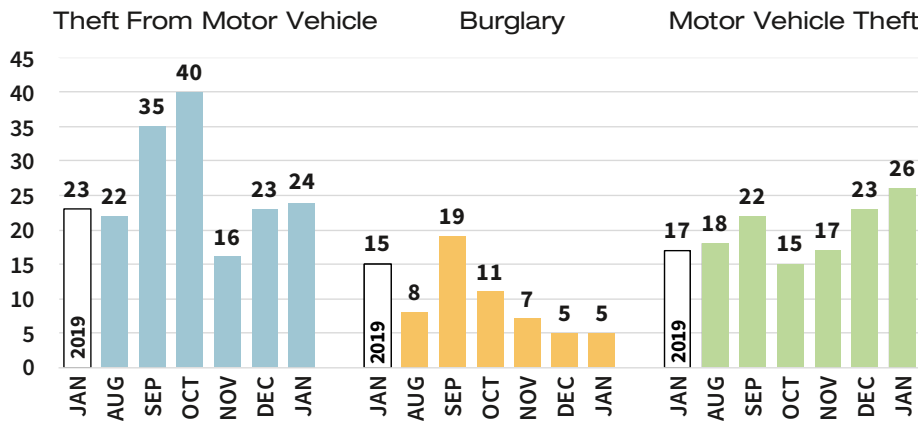
December 2019 General Fund Financial Report

Unaudited figures are through the end of December.



January 2020 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 January 2019. To report a non life-threatening crime, call 303.288.1535. Dial 911 in an emergency.



APPLY FOR SUMMER JOBS

Thinking about a summer job? Go to www.northglenn.org/jobs for more details 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
- **Park Ranger:** \$14.33
- **Youth Sports Instructor:** \$13.65

Lifeguard Class Over Spring Break

March 23-26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Northglenn Recreation Center, 11801 Community Center Drive

Become a lifeguard through the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course! You'll be certified in lifeguarding, first aid, CPR, AED and other safety and lifesaving skills for two years. Plus, the city is always hiring lifeguards. Prerequisites to the course include:

- Swimming 300 yards continuously
- Treading water for two minutes using only your legs
- A timed event that shows your swimming and diving ability

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. You must be at least 15 to register.

Cost is \$125 for residents, \$140 for non-residents. Contact Steve Hanson at 303.450.8942 for more information on the course. Call 303.450.8800 or go to www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn to sign up. **RECTRAC CODE: 10103001**

Getting to Know Your Council Members: Ward 3

Julie Duran Mullica



Duran Mullica

Duran Mullica has been a Northglenn resident for nearly 10 years. She and her husband bought their first home here, north of the Northglenn Marketplace, and are now raising their three children (ages 6, 4 and 1) there. Julie has a master's degree in public health from the University of Colorado and currently works as an infection preventionist at SCL Health. She previously volunteered to serve on the Mapleton Educational Foundation Board (she was once a Mapleton student), and "felt truly humbled to give scholarships to students who were just like me."

- **What do you like most about Northglenn?** I love Northglenn's open spaces, its access to a great school district and the amazing community members.
- **Why did you run for office?** I really enjoyed living in Northglenn and was excited about the momentum and direction the city was going. I served on the advisory committee for the new recreation center, which really motivated me to run. Northglenn is a special community and I wanted to preserve our charm and continue to make this an amazing place to raise families.
- **What community issues are you most interested in addressing in the next year?** Making sure our large projects are completed on time and on budget. We have to continue to work toward completing the Civic Center Master Plan and support the revitalization of the Marketplace.
- **What regional issues are you most interested in addressing in the next year?** It's important that Northglenn has a seat at the table for issues pertaining to RTD and CDOT. I chair the North Area Transportation Alliance for 2020 and I'm advocating for completion of the N Line and supporting projects that improve Interstate 25.

Additionally, I am passionate about decreasing access to tobacco for our youth, addressing the youth vaping epidemic and working with our neighbors to address homelessness.

Katherine E. Goff



Goff

Goff has lived in Northglenn for nine years. She and her husband live near the Studio School and Stukey Elementary, and she has three adult children that all live in the metro area. Katherine earned her Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Denver, and retired from Adams 12 Five Star Schools in 2013. She volunteered on the panel that helped develop plans for the new recreation center, and served on the Citizens' Affairs Board for two years.

- **What do you like most about Northglenn?** It feels like living in a small town, but with our easy access to the interstate, it also feels like living in Denver. Northglenn is unique in offering so many different experiences from the Pirate Fest to A Cappella performances in our very own theatre.
- **Why did you run for office?** After a few years of relaxing retirement following 28 years of service as a teacher, I felt like giving back again. Council offers me that opportunity. I want to shape the future of our city and at the same time keep Northglenn the charming, friendly, safe city that I love.
- **What community issues are you most interested in addressing in the next year?** I will work with the Homelessness Community Task Force, and look into the recycling program and possibly adding composting. I will also work on maintaining our quality of life in the face of so much growth in the area.
- **What regional issues are you most interested in addressing in the next year?** I plan to focus on mental health, the environment and homelessness in my first year on City Council.

On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/julieduranmullica or www.northglenn.org/katherinego to read the entirety of the pieces.

A Ward 3 Community Meeting will be held on April 25. Go to Page 3 for more details.

County Hosting Free Tax Prep

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 through April 9. For more information, go to www.adcogov.org/free-tax-preparation.

GET SOCIAL WITH THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN!

Don't be a stranger! The City of Northglenn is all over social media, whether it's the Police Department's Twitter feed, Pirate Fest's Facebook page or the citywide YouTube channel. Recently, the Water Resources Division and Utilities Division started its own Facebook page with plenty of tips on how to save water, information about the water supply, public tours and more. Check the list below for ALL of the city's social media avenues. They will be updated as needed at www.northglenn.org/socialmedia.

Official City Channels

Facebook, YouTube, Instagram
[@cityofnorthglenn](http://cityofnorthglenn)

Twitter
[@NorthglennCo](http://NorthglennCo)

Nextdoor
www.northglenn.org/nextdoor

Econ. Development

Facebook, Twitter
[@NorthglennBiz](http://NorthglennBiz)

Events

Instagram
[@northglenn_events](http://northglenn_events)

Pirate Fest:

Facebook
[@NorthglennPirateFest](http://NorthglennPirateFest)

Food Truck Carnival:

Facebook
[@ftcnorthglenn](http://ftcnorthglenn)

Magic Fest:

Facebook
[@northglennmagic](http://northglennmagic)

Fusion Swim Club

Facebook, Instagram
[@northglennfusion](http://northglennfusion)
Twitter
[@FusionSwimClub](http://FusionSwimClub)

Northglenn Arts

Facebook
[@COtheatreandarts](http://COtheatreandarts)
Twitter
[@NorthglennArts](http://NorthglennArts)

Northglenn Youth Theatre:

Facebook
[@northglennyouththeatre](http://northglennyouththeatre)

Instagram
[@nytcolorado](http://nytcolorado)

Police

Facebook
[@northglennpolice](http://northglennpolice)
Twitter
[@NorthglennPDPIO](http://NorthglennPDPIO)
Instagram
[@northglenncopolice](http://northglenncopolice)

Public Works

Twitter
[@NorthglennPW](http://NorthglennPW)

Recreation

Wiffleball Tournament:

Facebook
[@northglennwiffleball](http://northglennwiffleball)

Mudapalooza:

Facebook
[@mudapaloozang](http://mudapaloozang)

Paddle & Run:

Facebook
[@Northglennpaddleandrun](http://Northglennpaddleandrun)

Senior Center

Facebook
[@northglenn.senior](http://northglenn.senior)

Water

Facebook
[@NorthglennH2O](http://NorthglennH2O)

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- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube
- Nextdoor

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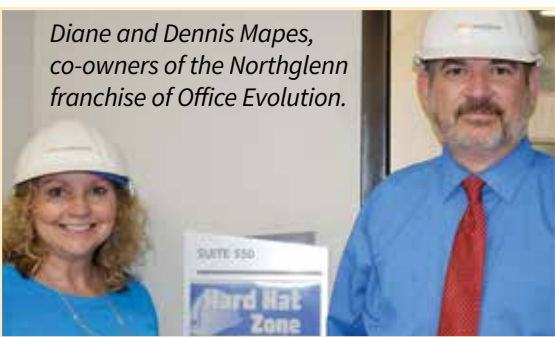
Receive Northglenn's new e-newsletter straight to your inbox every month and get the latest news about what's going on in your neighborhood. Sign up by visiting www.northglenn.org/enewsletter.

National Coworking Biz Adding Location in City

Office Evolution, the largest co-working franchisor in the U.S., is further expanding its Colorado footprint to Northglenn.

The new office is strategically located at 11990 Grant St., Suite 550. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife duo Dennis and Diane Mapes, they plan to serve small businesses throughout the North Metro area and Front Range.

“With Diane’s entrepreneurial spirit and professional background, and Dennis’ experience in the human resources field, I am confident that they will provide business owners with the perfect space to enhance their business and grow their operations,” said Mark Hemmeter, Office



Diane and Dennis Mapes, co-owners of the Northglenn franchise of Office Evolution.

Evolution founder and CEO.

The Northglenn franchise will offer solutions for entrepreneurs and small businesses with 11,300 square feet of dedicated, shared and virtual workspaces. This will include 45 private offices, two conference rooms, drop-in options, phone-answering, address and mail services and other professional amenities to help each business member succeed. They are currently under construction and plan to open in the spring.

To learn more about Office Evolution at the Northglenn location, contact Diane Mapes at diane.mapes@officeevolution.com or visit www.officeevolution.com.

2019 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

 **141,951**

Square Feet of Retail, Office and Industrial Space Absorbed

 **122**

New Businesses
78 Storefront • 44 Home-Based

 **2.5%**


Unemployment Rate in Dec. 2019

 **89**

New Business Prospects

 **116**

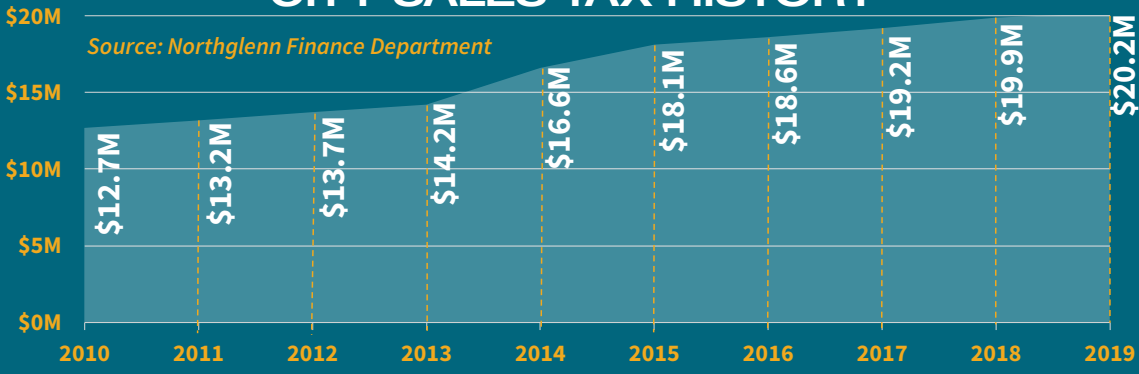
Business Retention Activities

 **275**

New Storefront Jobs

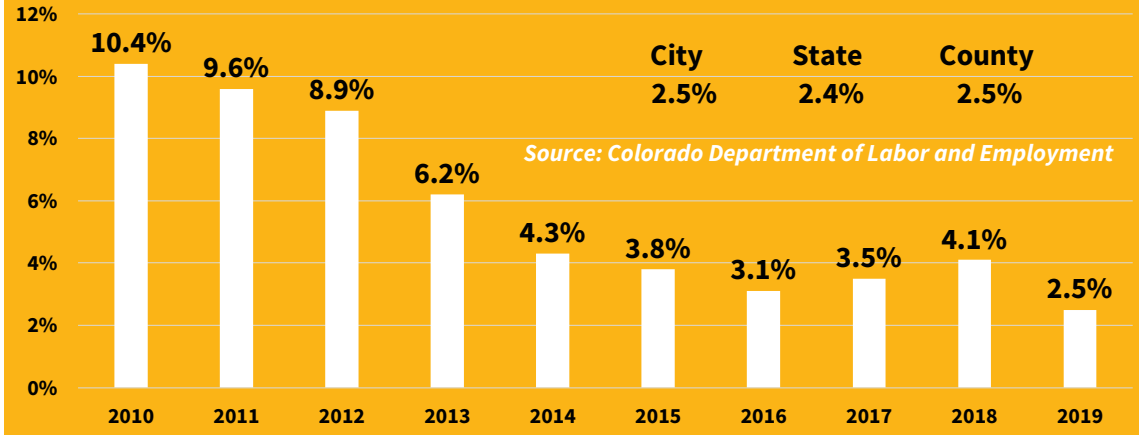
CITY SALES TAX HISTORY

Source: Northglenn Finance Department



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HISTORY

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment



NORTHGLENN HOUSING STATISTICS



\$365K

Median List Price



66

Average Days on Market



11

Inventory

\$320K-\$575K

List Price Range

Source: Valuecheck - 12/2019



Staff of the Purple Moon Early Learning Center pose outside their facility, located at 650 Kennedy Drive.

Over The Moon

► Purple Moon Learning Center Brings In-Home Feel to Child Care Facility

Note: This is the fourth 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.

Marnie Kortobi and Divine Klutsey, co-founders of Purple Moon Early Learning Center and winners of the 2019 Small Business of the Year award, were busy raising their own family while working in the corporate world. They struggled to find quality child care that met their standards or had space available. At this point, they decided it was time for Marnie to return to her passion for children and open their own in-home child care so she could have their daughter with her and help meet the needs of the community.

They quickly realized that the home setting was ideal for children. Dedicated to running a successful home child care business, they focused on the comfort and individuality of each child, customizing curriculum to the children's interests. Soon after opening, they were always at maximum capacity and unable to help

the many people who wanted to attend their home center. Marnie started to think, "Why can't we provide this as part of a large child care program?"

When they opened Purple Moon Early Learning Center in 2018, they wanted to bring the feel of home and a family-owned business into early childhood education. Marnie obtained her Large Center Director's license and teamed with Divine's Master's in Public Administration to create a plan for the school of their dreams.

At Purple Moon, they believe the greatest need for children of all ages is a solid, positive and loving relationship with his or her caregiver. They provide individualized curriculum for each child based on the teacher's observations of the child's interests and then weave their four pillars of learning into all aspects of their curriculum: *literacy, nature, beauty and creativity*.

For more information about Purple Moon Early Learning Center, call 303.482.2383 or go to www.purplemoonelc.com.

NEW BUSINESSES: JAN. 2020

- **5280 Reptile Room** leased 5,034 square feet at 11944 Washington St. This pet store serves reptile, feeder, and supply needs. They employ two people. For more information, call 720.328.5074.
- **Anne Powell, PhD.**, leased 671 square feet at 10465 Melody Drive, Suite 102. Dr. Powell is a clinical psychologist who offers counseling services to adults, couples and children. For more information, call 303.981.2386.
- **Cairns Massage Therapy** leased 600 square feet at 11178 Huron St., Suite 202. This one-person business offers massage services including regular massage, hand, feet and scalp massage, aromatherapy massage and cupping. For more information, call 303.881.2597 or visit www.cairnsmassagetherapy.com.





Heather M. Geyer



City Actions Rely on Engagement With Residents

This issue of the Connection highlights the Community Engagement goal of the strategic plan. Community Engagement has long been a core value in Northglenn, as our traditions of hosting community events, cultural arts programming, volunteerism and partnerships with community groups demonstrate this commitment. In the Strategic Plan, the goal specifically calls out engagement around the Comprehensive Plan (Planning and Development), Neighborhood Services (code enforcement), volunteering, special events, the resident survey, the census, a new Civics 101 Resident Academy,



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and enhancing communications (like the Connection). All of those areas will be tracked to help us identify needs and measure results. Community engagement extends to all parts of our organization. Our Public Works Department partners with the community on neighborhood traffic efforts, our Police Department supports safety in our schools, our information technology team helps us create work requests based on public input, our Finance Department solicits input on the budget, our City Clerk's Office manages boards and commissions, our City Council officially collaborates with 25 different groups that range from our Northglenn Senior Organization to the North Area Transportation Alliance – and the list goes on.

Community Engagement also carries over to the other seven strategic plan goals, because at our core we are a service organization. What do you think the housing needs are in our community? What type of business support do you think the city should offer? Is information about what is happening in Northglenn easy to access? What sustainability efforts would you support? We've solicited feedback on these and many other questions in numerous ways. The Police Department had community meetings in February to hear different perspectives on their services, our parks and recreation board recently asked for input on recreation programming, residents were asked to vote for a play area theme in the new rec center and of course our resident survey gave us baseline data.

The feedback informs council decisions, such as the recent increased level of service for snow and ice control and funding for our residential street program. Listening to your input, hearing your needs, finding ways to partner with other organizations and working to provide the best customer service is the focus of both City of Northglenn staff and elected officials. I hope you take the opportunity to voice your opinion, weigh in on the issues that are most important to you, come to community events, volunteer or become involved in some other way. We can offer our community opportunities, but true engagement relies on your participation – and that participation shapes our decision-making and ultimately the services we provide.



BLUE RIBBON

On Jan. 31, the Police Department held its 2019 Award Ceremony to honor its employees and volunteers. **Left:** Winner of the Employee of the Year award for sworn employee went to Officer Chad Reffel, left, who is with Chief James May. **Right:** Administrative Specialist Karen Harlow, center, won the Employee of the Year Award for civilians. She is with May and Cmdr. Michael Prange. **Below is the entire list of honorees.**

Retiree's Special Award Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Administrative Technician Madeline Norconk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sgt. Scott McNeilly	Certificate of Commendation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Police Records Specialist Lead Jessica AndersPolice Records Specialist Denise CleerePolice Records Specialist Elaine CzipulisPolice Records Specialist Cheryl Hankle x 2Police Records Specialist Dale HawleyPolice Records Specialist Saray Hernandez (former employee)Police Records Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead Cynthia PettinatoAnimal Control Officer Michelle SoustekAdministrative Technician Madeline Norconk	Meritorious Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sgt. Brandon HippCriminalist / PIO Renae LehrVictim Advocate Coordinator Vira HerreraVictim Advocate Jennifer HoltVictim Advocate Soraida Montano	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Victim Advocate Brittani Ornelas-PadillaVictim Advocate Lindsey Williams (former employee)Officer Paul SkattumOfficer Lindsey QueiserSergeant Justin LauckOfficer Joshua MoreauOfficer Austin Prince	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Criminal Information System Coordinator Todd Fields	Leadership of the Year <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civilian – Police Records Specialist Lead Cynthia PettinatoSworn – Officer Jeramie Lund
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SAFETY CLASSES

At Home Alone + First Aid Class
Sat., March 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Northglenn Recreation Center, 11801 Community Center Drive

Does your child spend a few hours home alone before or after school? Youth ages 10 to 13 can learn how to stay safe through interactive lessons, role-play, hands-on training and first aid instruction. Thousands of kids have become more confident and made smarter, safer choices when they're home alone thanks to this course. Please bring a sack lunch and water. Prices are \$50 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. Please sign up by March 7. Call 303.450.8800 or go to www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn to register. **RECTRAC CODE: 10636003**

Your Life, Your Legacy
Tues., March 10, 1 p.m., Northglenn Senior Center, 11801 Community Center Drive

Most of us plan for important life events such as weddings, our children's education and retirement. But few of us prepare for the inevitable. This fast-moving program addresses the importance of 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. Call 303.450.8801 or go to www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn to register. **RECTRAC CODE: 10527001**

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

You still have time to register for the Citizen's Police Academy! Please sign up at www.northglenn.org/policeacademy by March 4 for the 11-class session, which runs on Wednesday evenings starting March 11.

TRAFFIC STATS

January 2020 traffic statistics compiled by the Police Department.

- Traffic Tickets: 150
- Traffic Accidents: 113





Mental Health Resources Available for All

► Nonprofits, State and School District Provide Services to Community

This month I'd like to take a moment to recognize some valuable resources in our community that support mental health. As an educator and parent, I am very cognizant of the mental health needs of our youth.



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However, we all have times of distress at some point in our lives, and it's important to be aware of the supports in our community. We should all take the time to listen to others and be alert for causes of concern. Acknowledging that life can be challenging and offering help and hope is the responsibility of the entire community.

The Community Reach Center (www.communityreachcenter.org) has a location in Northglenn. They offer counseling to all ages, as well as support for victims of crime, family support groups, school-based therapy, substance abuse treatment, older adult programs and criminal justice services.

ADAMS 12 MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Wed., March 11, 6-8 p.m.,
Adams 12 Educator Support
Center, 1500 E. 128th Ave.,
Thornton

In response to recent student losses in the district, Adams 12 Five Star Schools will host a community forum on mental health in partnership with

community health partners and cities. They are working with mental health partners as well as other school districts that have hosted similar events to plan the meeting and its outcomes.

The school district has made it a priority to ensure that all schools have mental health supports on

site and available to students.

Schools have SELS (social emotional learning specialists) and other mental health providers. These individuals may be permanently on staff or in partnership with other organizations.

One fantastic program is Mental Health First Aid, a vital public education program that teaches participants how to recognize and respond to mental health and substance use crises.

Mental Health Partners (www.mhpcolorado.org/mental-health) is another near-by resource that provides immediate access to expert mental health substance use care.

Additionally, Colorado Crisis Services (<https://coloradocrisiservices.org>) is a statewide crisis resource with a 24/7 phone line (1.844.493.TALK or text TALK to 38255).

I am thankful that Northglenn residents have access to local organizations that will help us meet the mental health needs in our community. It is vitally important we engage with each other on this issue and work together to support the people in our lives.

Northglenn, Adams 12 Enjoy Partnership

The city has made a concerted effort to partner and engage with Adams 12 Five Star Schools to support, encourage and prepare their students as they grow into successful adults.



- Students from throughout the district have a place with the city. This includes the youth commission, work as seasonal employees in parks and recreation or volunteering.
- The city has been a partner during the Five Star District 2016 Bond Program, allowing the district to use park space for student recreation during STEM Lab renovation and vacant city land as an equipment staging area during construction of a district fiber network.
- Council members frequently meet with officials at local schools and hold their ward meetings there as well.
- The city has a School Resource Officer assigned to Northglenn High School (NHS), Vantage Point High School and Northglenn Middle School.



- As a school project, NHS STEM students have designed and created table centerpieces for the Business Appreciation Breakfast, based on the event theme.



- Also as part of the breakfast, the city honors one student from a Northglenn school as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year.
- The school district provides content for this Connection every month. Subjects relate to individual schools or the district as a whole.
- Staff members consistently support NHS Problem Based Learning projects.



- NHS staff, students and faculty work to create opportunities for creative expression through events like the Poetry Slam and a public art display of student photography.



- One tradition is the planting of a tree for Arbor Day at a local elementary school. Last year, Westview Elementary came to Danahy Park to plant five trees for Arbor Day, and also to celebrate the city's 50th Anniversary. (Coincidentally, last year was also Westview's 50th birthday.)



- NHS students and staff work with police and city event employees to organize, decorate and serve at Safe Street Halloween.



- Over the years, Northglenn's mayor has consistently had a public breakfast meeting at NHS. School and Adams 12 officials have spoken at the event, and attendees have enjoyed a delicious breakfast courtesy of the school's culinary students.

Adams 12 is a vital partner, and is essential for the wellbeing of our community now and for generations to come. Their success today helps determine our future.

Enrollment Now Open For Adams 12 Schools

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

New student enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is now open in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

The dawn of a new decade comes with continued optimism for the Five Star District, where the previous decade saw unprecedented increases in academic achievement and graduation rates.

"As we look ahead to the next 10 years, I believe our best work remains ahead of us, especially as our newly-implemented strategic plan, ELEVATE, focuses on not only raising graduation rates but also increasing academic rigor. I continue to be proud of the work our schools are doing to help students succeed," said Superintendent Chris Gdowski.

While The Five Star District spreads

across five distinct communities, choices abound for Northglenn families looking for close-to-home educational options, including:

- Neighborhood school options for elementary, middle and high school
- Schools offering specialized programming (STEM Lab, The Studio School, Hulstrom K-8 and Northglenn High School)

- Customized alternative education opportunities (Vantage Point High School)

The district also plans to open a second career and technical education campus in the 2020-2021 school year, which will offer high school students more access to in-demand career training.

Visit www.adams12.org/enroll to learn about the Five Star District.

Memorial Tree & Bench Program

► Celebrate a Special Occasion or Honor an Extraordinary Person.



Planting a tree or putting a bench in one of Northglenn's parks or open spaces provides a gift to the community that will last generations.

The cost for the tree is \$325, which covers an engraved plate and care of the tree, with a re-plant guarantee. The plate, which has three lines of inscription, is attached to a plaque in City Hall. A wide selection of species and locations is available.

The bench costs \$650. They are dark green and have

an engraved commemorative plate. The location is determined by the general spot you are interested in and need for a bench in the area.

Proceeds benefit the Northglenn Community Foundation, a nonprofit that works to enhance the lives of city residents. (Learn more about the foundation to the right.)

For more information, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8994 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

Giving It Back

► Community Foundation Reach Extends Through City

Have you purchased pizza at Noel Northglenn or an adult beverage at Pirate Fest or Food Truck Carnival? If so, thanks for supporting the Northglenn Community Foundation!

This 501(c)3 formed in 1985 to support parks, and in 2004 expanded its scope to meet a broader array of needs. In 2019, they put over \$50,000 back into the community. This nonprofit keeps overhead very low – of funds raised, over 97% goes back into programs.

The community foundation also offers commemorative trees and park benches. (See story to the left). Donors may also simply make a donation for use for any program, or designate a program to support, like utility bill assistance.

If you are interested in donating, volunteering or would like more information, go to www.northglenncf.org.

The NCF raises funds through event concessions and donations to support:

- Holiday food baskets and gift cards
- Youth awards
- Christmas Crusade
- Day camp scholarships
- Stockings for veterans
- School supplies
- Meals on Wheels
- Free bike helmets
- Free bike program support
- Safe Street Halloween
- Food banks
- Matching funds for parks and recreation grants
- And more

Volunteers Sought for Outdoor Spring Clean

Help keep Northglenn beautiful as part of the Farmers' Highline Canal Cleanup! Register and join more than 200 volunteers in sprucing up over 30 miles of Greenway Trails, riverbeds and walkways.

take part. This includes sports teams, church groups, fraternal organizations, school groups or just proud patrons of our parks and trails. Lunch will follow.

In case of inclement weather, the cleanup will move to March 21.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to

FARMERS' HIGHLINE CANAL CLEANUP

- **When:** 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, March 14
- **Where:** Cleanup spots throughout Northglenn
- **Timeline:**
 - 8 a.m. - Leader check-in
 - 8:30-11 a.m. - Clean-up throughout Northglenn
 - 11 a.m. - Lunch at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park
 - 11:30 a.m. - Mingle with the Mayor at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park (See Page 3 for more details.)
- **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



Will You Be My Good Northglenn Neighbor?

► Council Continuing Program to Honor People Who Better the Community

For the city's 50th Anniversary in 2019, City Council created the Resident Recognition Program to honor people living in Northglenn who have made a difference in the community. The goal was to recognize at least 50 people – which was exceeded.

Rather than retire the program, council decided to continue it as

the Good Neighbor Award.

Council will present this honor to individuals, families or other groups that better Northglenn. This could be people who make a difference by helping others, beautifying our city, volunteering, supporting their neighbors or in other ways demonstrate "Good Neighbor" behavior.

Recognition

Honorees are invited to a reception with council members, then later that evening are recognized at a council meeting. There are three recognition events in 2020 – April 27, July 27 and Nov. 9. Nominations are due April 10 for the April 27 event.

Nominations

- Nominations must be by a current or former city resident.
- All ages are eligible.
- The award is intended for city residents. However, if a nominee resides outside Northglenn but has a

"neighborly" impact in the city, he/she may be eligible.



🌐 **On the Web:** Go to www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor to nominate someone for the award.

SCHOOL'S OUT SPECIALS What's better than a week off for spring break? A fun trip!

*School's Out Specials are for youth ages 11 to 14. Trips run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., leaving from and returning to the rec center. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$45 for non-residents per trip. Bring a sack lunch and water, along with a swimsuit and towel when appropriate. Please register by March 18. **RECTRAC CODE: 10964001***

Boondocks and a Movie: **Mon., March 23**

Spend the morning at Boondocks and its video games, bowling, laser tag and more. Then take in a G, PG or PG-13 movie.

DEFY and Swimming: **Tues., March 24**

Start at DEFY, which has over 35 trampolines, launching decks and a few other surprises. Then spend the afternoon splashing in the pool at the rec center.

Colorado Railroad Museum: **Wed., March 25**

Experience the familiar whistle and gentle rock of the rails at the Colorado Railroad Museum, which has over 100 locomotives, passenger cars and cabooses.

Warrior Challenge and Swimming: **Thurs., March 26**

Run, jump and play in the 75 activities of physical fun at Warrior Challenge Arena. Then go cool off in the pool.

Whimsy Paint and a Movie: **Fri., March 27**

At Whimsy, a talented and entertaining instructor will walk the class through a unique piece of art in a creative atmosphere. You will take home your own masterpiece! Afterward, we'll watch a G, PG or PG-13 movie.



WE CAN NOT LOSE!

The cities of Northglenn and Thornton are competing to see who can collect the most food in the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Food Drive Challenge.

You can deposit non-perishable food at City Hall, the recreation center, Justice Center and Maintenance & Operations Building through March 27.

How Are Things Going in Northglenn?

► This Snapshot of 2019 Shows Work Toward Our Strategic Plan Goals

High-Performance Government

- Developed the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan with eight main goals. Also identified Core Values, Vision and Commitment.
- Earned the Government Finance Officers Association “Excellence” award for the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and “Distinguished” award for the 2019 Budget.
- Established a new legislative policy to advocate for city interests at



A coordinated local election was held in November. Thirteen candidates ran for five seats; 7,671 residents voted.

- county, state and federal levels.
- Conducted the first resident survey since 2011, identifying priorities and establishing baseline data to
- measure efforts.
- Passed a resolution to increase minimum wage over two years to \$15 in 2021 for city employees.

156
Number of Resolutions Adopted

22
Number of Ordinances Passed

- 2019 Pre-Audit Financial Numbers
- 2019 General Fund Budgeted Expenses: \$27,545,529
 - 2019 General Fund Projected Actual Expenses: \$26,747,719
 - 2019 Budgeted Revenue: \$27,041,584
 - 2019 Projected Actual Revenue: \$27,836,408
 - Reserve Fund: \$25,990,723

Community Engagement

Over 66K

People Attending Derby Day, Food Truck Carnival, July 4th, Magic Fest, Pirate Fest and Noel Northglenn



- Volunteers supported the Northglenn Bike Program, parks and trails clean up, Snowstormers, police community efforts, recreation, arts and culture programs and neighborhood beautification.

Business Retention and Growth

- Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) bonded \$11 million to support public infrastructure improvements for the Civic Center project.
- NURA worked with the Marketplace owners to assist in the relocation of Bed Bath & Beyond, making room for construction of a Harkins Theatre and future redevelopment of the site.



NURA worked with The Courts to facilitate construction of a \$4.8 million multi-purpose sports complex at 112th Avenue and Washington Street.

- NURA issued 19 business grants and incentives totaling \$158,042. This leveraged \$7.2 million in private commercial property improvements.

122 New Businesses

275 New Storefront Jobs

116 Business Retention Activities By Economic Development

Public Safety



- Eight hiring processes resulted in attaining 95% of desired level for police staffing.
- Hired and trained staff to re-establish a traffic unit.
- Increased traffic enforcement in school zones during August and September.

20
Police Officers Hired

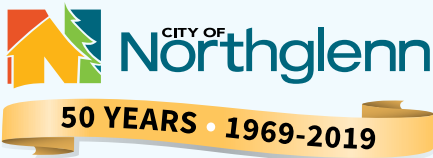
- Initiated an operations and culture study to assess agency performance and areas of improvement.

Housing Opportunities

- Karl's Farm Redevelopment at 120th Avenue and York Street approved, paving the way for a variety of new housing options.
- Homelessness Community Task Force initiated; these community members will look at local homelessness issues and make recommendations to City Council on possible actions.



Diverse Community



- Celebrated Northglenn's 50th Anniversary with a resident recognition program, celebration event, artwork, tree plantings, historic home tours and more.



- Race and Equity Initiative launched; city joined Government Alliance for Racial Equity.
- Secured \$2,254,724 in grant funding for programming and capital improvement projects for Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Construction began on a new 85,000-square-foot recreation center, senior center and theatre to replace the current facility.

28K
People Who Attended a Northglenn Arts Presents Program

- Worked with the Historic Preservation Commission on the addition of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sustainability

- Sustainability Plan completed.
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory completed.
- Joined the Xcel Partners in Energy Program to promote energy conservation.
- Provided incentives such as rebates for purchasing low-water toilets and Garden in a Box to reduce water consumption.
- Recognized for citywide curbside recycling service.

Infrastructure

- Water and wastewater projects such as force main and Lift Station A identified and designed; work began in late 2019.
- Added an auxiliary lane on the north side of East 112th Avenue from York Street to near the N Line track. This will accommodate vehicles turning from southbound York. Also relocated the signal at 112th Avenue and York Street and added a new signal at 112th Avenue and Fox Run Parkway.



- Improved bandwidth, security and redundancy on city systems.
- Replaced 40+ year old development regulations with a new Unified Development Ordinance that brings zoning and development standards into the 21st century.

Renovations for Northwest Open Space included new restroom facilities, new concrete trails, improved irrigation and drainage, new pavilions and added parking.

- Received a \$6.9 million DRCOG project grant to pay for extensive improvements to 120th Avenue; the city has committed a \$4 million local match.
- Approved new land use to pave the way for the Civic Center Master Plan. The new recreation center under construction is Phase I of the plan. Public

H2O by the Gallon

- 884,045,000 gallons of indoor water use
- 510,378,000 gallons of outdoor water use
- 98 gallons used per person per day on average
- 1,118,640,000 gallons of wastewater treated

facilities, private industry and housing are envisioned for future phases.

GROUND WORK

The contractor for the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre is currently working on the building caissons and foundation.

Approximately 30% of the caissons have been drilled and poured, and the first foundation walls were poured in February. Work on the caissons and foundation will continue for the next few weeks.

Site grading and the stormwater detention pond construction is near completion and will be wrapped up in

the next month. Utility infrastructure work (water, sewer, stormwater) is underway and will be ongoing through the spring.

The new facility, 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.

For more on the new center, go to www.northglenn.org/newreccenter.



A SPACE TO PLAY

The new Northglenn Recreation Center will have an indoor play space for children and we asked the community to weigh in on the theme; voting closed Feb. 10.

And the winner is...Outer Space!

Outer Space received 90 of 242 votes. Under the Sea received 60, Jungle received 54 and Prehistoric received 38. Thank you to all that provided input!

\$25 Discounts for Garden in a Box

► Available to City Water Customers



An example of a yard utilizing Garden in a Box.

You've decided that this is the year you'll finally get your yard in shape – but how can you get the gorgeous, colorful garden you've always wanted without paying the professional price tag and doubling your water bill?

Easy. With just a click, you can order a xeric (low-water) garden kit in March that's ready to pick up and plant in May.

These pre-designed kits are tailored to Colorado soil, and the plant-by-number maps take

the guesswork out of buying and planting. Plus, the garden kits can help you save around 1,000 gallons of water compared to a regular grass lawn (not to mention savings on your water bill!)

Starting at just \$110, there's a Garden In A Box to fit your budget. Gardens sell out quickly – visit www.resourcecentral.org/gardens for a \$25 discount for City of Northglenn customers. Order your water-wise Garden In A Box today and spend time enjoying your yard this summer.

On the Web: Go to www.resourcecentral.org/gardens to order your kit.

E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Sat., April 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center, 12450 Washington St., Thornton



Adams County residents can dispose of their electronic waste, such as old computers, tablets, cell phones and more. The recycling process is safe and responsible, ensuring a high level of data destruction.

The cost is as follows:

- \$15 per vehicle for all electronics, including up to one television or computer monitor
- \$25 for each vehicle carrying up to three televisions and/or computer monitors (No

more than three televisions/monitors will be taken.)

You can pay with cash or credit card. Monitors and televisions with exposed tubes, appliances with Freon and chemicals are not accepted.

Please remember that throwing electronics in the trash is not allowed in Colorado.

To reserve a time for drop-off, go to <http://bit.ly/E-WasteApril2020>. For more details on the event, contact Thornton's Environmental Services at 720.977.6200. For information about certain electronics and data destruction, please contact Techno Rescue at 303.482.2207.

GOT WATER AND SEWER BILL QUESTIONS?

HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS!

- **Why did my water bill increase?**
In January 2018 the city implemented a phased-in water and sewer rate increase plan through 2022.
- **Where is the additional funding going?**
Funding is being used to replace or update new infrastructure at the water treatment plant, wastewater plant and pipes throughout the city. The improvements will keep services in compliance with regulations, ensure water quality and improve water conservation at the plants.
- **Are Northglenn's water and wastewater rates higher than surrounding areas?**
No, our rates are comparable to surrounding municipalities.
- **Why did I get a leak letter?**
Water monitoring equipment can detect unusual increases, which indicate the possibility of leaks. Once a year the city sends notifications to residents that have been flagged in the system so residents can investigate. Leaks not only increase your water bill, but also your sewer bill (that water has to go somewhere!). Fixing a water leak can save you money on your bills as well as conserve our most valuable resource – water.
- **How is my sewer bill calculated?**
The sewer charge for a detached single family home is based on an average of water usage billed from December through March. The average use is multiplied by the city's sewer rate of \$5.45 per thousand gallons. Winter months are used to avoid charges based on summer irrigation. Sewer charges change once a year, in April. The process is an industry standard and set by city ordinance.

For more information, go to www.northglenn.org/utilitybilling, call 303.450.8770, email customerservice@northglenn.org or stop by City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive.



RTD Considering Legal Action Against N-Line Contractor

RTD

RTD is considering issuing a notice of default to the N Line design-build contractor, Regional Rail Partners (RRP), due to its continued delays in meeting milestones and inability to fulfill its obligations.

RTD expects RRP to complete their work under the contract. RRP has indicated they are committed to dedicating the resources necessary to complete the project as soon as possible. If they do not, RTD is prepared to file the notice of default.

Once construction, operator training and integrated testing are complete, RTD will set a date to open the N Line. Previously, RTD stated May or August are the next opportunities to open the line. With the recent delays, RTD will not be able to open the line in May.



Flashlight Egg Hunt

Fri., April 3, Check-in 6:45 p.m., Hunts Begin Around 7:30 p.m., E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, 11800 Community Center Drive

Sure – egg hunts are easy, but what about finding the eggs at night? Bring your flashlight and basket to scour the park for prize-filled eggs. Some eggs have candy – others great prizes!

As you’re waiting, have fun on the playground, playing games and dancing while a DJ plays music.

Open to youth ages 6 to 13. The three hunts are divided by age group. A single parent is allowed to help children ages 6 to 8, while parents are encouraged to cheer on 9 to 13-year-olds. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Drop-ins are NOT allowed. Sign up deadline is 3 p.m. April 3, unless an age group is full. Cost is \$6 for residents, \$7 for non-residents.

If the weather is poor on April 3, a decision will be made by 3 p.m. The make-up date is April 10. **RECTRAC CODE: 10967001**

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**.

Cupcake Decorating

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

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

Kids Cupcake Decorating

Sat., March 14, 10 a.m.-noon, Rec Center

Youth ages 5 to 10 will have a treat decorating their own cupcakes with sprinkles, candies, sprays, colored frostings and more. Prices are \$20 for residents, \$25 for non-residents. Please RSVP by March 7. **RECTRAC CODE: 10641003**

You can also meet us at 10 a.m. at the park, 566 County Road 721 in Fraser. Without transportation, the cost is \$50 for residents, \$55 for non-residents.

Participants must be at least 6 years old. Please RSVP by March 14. **RECTRAC CODE: 10965001**

Weight Room Orientation

Wed., March 25, 6 p.m. and Fri., March 27, 10:30 a.m., both at the Rec Center

The weight room at the rec center offers a variety of workout equipment and resources. If you are new to the facility, this is a great place to start! Cost is free. For people ages 16 and up. Please RSVP by March 18. **RECTRAC CODE: 10425001**

Intro to Belly Dancing

Wed., March 11, 7-8 p.m., Rec Center

Have fun learning how to belly dance from Phoenix, a nationally-known instructor. Develop your technique and style while improving flexibility, posture and muscle control. For people ages 16 and up. Prices are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. Please RSVP by March 4. **RECTRAC CODE: 10315005**

COLORADO ADVENTURES Snow Tubing

Sat., March 21

Colorado Adventure Park offers a variety of activities to satisfy your quest for adventure, include tubing, double tubing and snow scoots.

If you are joining us in the city’s 15-passenger van, we leave at 8 a.m. from the rec center and return by 3 p.m. Cost for residents is \$55 for residents, \$60 for non-residents.

Sound Bath Workshop

Sat., March 21, 10-11:30 a.m., Rec Center

Experience deep relaxation and a profound sense of peace and well-being. Start with a short guided meditation, then feel the healing power of Tibetan singing bowls, gongs, Shamanic drums, Koshi chimes and voice. Wash away your stress, tension and cares. For people ages 16 and up. Prices are \$20 for residents, \$25 for non-residents. Please RSVP by March 14. **RECTRAC CODE: 10423001**

Yoga Nidra

Wed., April 8, 6-7:15 p.m., Rec Center

Enjoy 45 minutes of restful yoga postures followed by 30 minutes of relaxation and meditation. This deeply healing experience helps reduce stress, anxiety, insomnia and fatigue. All experience levels are welcome. Prices are \$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. For people ages 16 and up. Please RSVP by April 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 10424001**

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

FESTIVE FRIDAY

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.

SENIOR EXCURSION

Morrison Natural History Museum

Wed., Mar. 18, 12:15-4 p.m., meet at the center

Discover Colorado’s dinosaurs with expert guides and hands-on

exhibits. Encounter historic and modern fossil finds and watch researchers in the fossil laboratory. Cost is \$7. Please RSVP by March 16. **RECTRAC CODE: 10528007**

FESTIVE FRIDAY

International Day of Happiness

Fri., March 20, 1 p.m.

Celebrate and promote world happiness as a fundamental human goal. Join us for music, food and fun. Come on, get happy! Cost is free. Please register by March 18. **RECTRAC CODE: 10530009**



St. Patrick’s Day Potluck

Tues., March 17, 12 p.m. Get your Irish on for this senior center tradition. The Northglenn Senior Organization will provide the corned beef and cabbage, you bring the side dish or dessert. Cost is free. Please register by March 13. **RECTRAC CODE: 10529002**

SENIOR BOOK CLUB

“The Island of Sea Women”

Tues., March 24, 1 p.m.

Set largely on the remote Korean island of Jeju, this book follows Young-sook and Mi-ja, girls from strikingly different backgrounds who bond over their shared love of the sea. Working in their village’s all-female diving collective, the two friends come of age in a community where gender roles

are anything but typical. Cost is free. Call or stop by the center to reserve a copy.

SENIOR EXCURSION

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Wed., Apr. 1, 12:15-4 p.m., meet at the center

Journey through time, space, the body and more as you tour multiple levels of educational and interactive exhibits.

Cost is \$17. Please RSVP by March 30. **RECTRAC CODE: 10528007**

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Rockies Opening Day

Fri., April 3, 12 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of the 2020 baseball season with hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts, games and fun. Make sure to show your purple pride! Cost is free. Please RSVP by April 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 10530010**

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**.



Assistance to Cover Day Camp, Rec Costs

Northglenn residents may be eligible for financial assistance scholarships to cover city recreation program fees. This may include activities such as preschool registration, swim lessons, recreation center passes and more. You can submit applications at any time.

Also, a limited number of Summer Day Camp scholarships are supported through the Northglenn Community Foundation. These scholarships may help to additionally offset some of the cost of day camp registration. Applications for the day camp scholarships are due March 31.

Eligibility for all scholarships is based on household income. All applications must include income documentation.

Go online to www.northglenn.org/recassistance to download the application, which can be used for general recreation assistance or Summer Day Camp.

Contact Belia Straushein at 303.280.7821 or bstraushein@northglenn.org for more information.

On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/recassistance for the application.

2020 SUMMER MOVIE SERIES SET

The community votes are in! These films will be shown at dusk this summer at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park.



**JUMANJI:
THE NEXT LEVEL**
JULY 8



GREASE
JULY 15



***TOY STORY 4**
JULY 22



**STAR WARS
THE RISE OF SKYWALKER**
JULY 29

* Will be shown in English with Spanish subtitles. Se mostrará en inglés con subtítulos en español.

2020 Census Counting Begins in April

► Process Crucial to Local, State and Federal Funding

The most far-reaching event that affects all levels of government in the United States kicks off in April – the census.

The results of the 2020 Census help determine Colorado's representation in Congress, as well as how state and federal funds are dispersed. Help Northglenn get the voice it deserves and our fair share of public funding – complete and return your census! Housing, schools, hospitals, fire departments and many more services use census information to secure public funds.

Starting April 1 you can complete the census for your household online, by mail or by phone. Individual information is

private and protected by laws.

Support

If you need help, come by the Northglenn Recreation Center and Northglenn Senior Center. The following assistance is available April 1 through June 30:

- 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays: Computers/tablets and staff are available to help in the front lobby area in English and Spanish. Assistance in sign language or other languages is available if scheduled in advance by calling 303.450.8713.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays: Computers/

tablets and some staff are available for questions in the senior center (English only).

- Two computers are available anytime during recreation center open hours (5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday).

2020 CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE

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Northglenn Arts

Performances at the DL Parsons Theatre (inside the Northglenn Recreation Center) 11801 Community Center Drive, Northglenn

Special Event



Northglenn Arts Presents
ImaginASL Performing Arts' Production of
SIGN ME A STORY
Written and Directed by
Nicki Runge
Inspired by
three children's stories
Presented in
American Sign Language and Spoken English

At the D.L. PARSONS THEATRE
Northglenn, Colorado
Tickets Available at (303) 450-8800
More info at www.northglennarts.org

ALL TICKETS
\$6 Adults
\$5 Youth, Seniors & Military
\$4 Groups
March 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7pm
March 7, 8, and 14 at 2pm

Student Matinees
March 11, 12, and 13 at 10am

A Cappella Concert



March 20
5280 A Capella
7:30 p.m.

at the D.L. Parsons Theatre

**\$15 adults
\$12 youth, seniors & military
\$8 groups**

Come early and enjoy a glass of wine
or a bottle of beer!

Travel Film



March 25

On Assignment: Alaska

The film starts at 10 a.m. and includes a
15-minute intermission with refreshments.

\$7.50 adults | \$6.50 youth, seniors & military

For tickets & more information, visit
northglennarts.org or call 303.450.8800

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