



COOL CAR CRUISE

Since the community couldn't come to E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park for traditional July 4th activities, the city decided to take July 4th activities to the community.

Northglenn hosted a Cool Car Cruise, where council members, first responders, staff members and volunteers rode around town in vintage cars, city vehicles, fire trucks and police cars. The Cool Car Cruise had four routes, one in each ward of the city.

The city also hosted virtual events – a flag raising with Mayor Meredith Leighty, a scavenger hunt for kids, the Bike, Trike, Wheelchair and Patriotic Pet Parade and a Fantastic 4th Chalk Art Contest. Thanks to everyone who helped make the best of this Independence Day!

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COVID-19

The state is under a Safer-At-Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors order. Face masks are required in all indoor public places.

City services are slowly returning to normal. Go to Page 7 to see where we are now. Also, a new COVID-19 community resource navigator has been added to the city staff through Dec. 4 to help residents.

IN THIS EDITION

VIRTUAL WARD MEETINGS: Both wards 1 and 3 will have online/call-in ward meetings in September. **► Page 3**

SPLASH: Kiwanis Pool is now open, reservations required. **► Page 3**

DIVERSITY BOARD: The city is looking for residents to join its new diversity board. **► Page 4**

UP IN SMOKE: Fireworks law enforcement was stepped up this past Independence Day. **► Page 6**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: The county is hosting an electronics recycling event, but you must register in advance. **► Page 8**

MENU ADDITIONS: The city is continuing its new Food Truck Grab 'N Go event into August, and adding music, too! **► Page 10**

CAN'T STOP THE MAGIC: Magic Fest is back as a ticketed event. **► Page 12**

CLOSURES

- City Hall, Northglenn Recreation Center, Maintenance & Operations Facility and Municipal Court will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Administration, the Building Division and the City Clerk's Office will be closed.
- Trash will be picked up as normal.
- The Sept. 7 study session has been cancelled.

Police Assessment Completed

► Community Encouraged to Read, Comment



City Council approved the recommendation to conduct a third-party 360 assessment of the Police Department last September. In December 2019, the city hired BerryDunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC to conduct the assessment. The process officially kicked off in January, and now the final report is available to the public.

The goal of this Staffing and Operations Assessment was to identify where possible gaps may exist by using baseline data and comparative best practices from agencies throughout the U.S. This is the first time the department underwent this type of outside evaluation. The department embarked on the process to gain objective insight and will craft an effective strategic plan with the eventual goal of national accreditation.

BerryDunn states, "Notwithstanding the findings and recommendations outlined in this report, the Northglenn Police Department is generally an efficient agency with a commitment to community policing."

The final report is a culmination of find-

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ings and recommendations from the 360 assessment, which examined more than 20 areas of department operations and resulted in 45 recommendations. The five major themes are:

- Policing strategies, organization, culture, and leadership
- Communication
- Staffing, recruiting, retention, and related workload issues
- Technology
- Investigations

"This was a big undertaking, and now we will begin the multi-year process of taking our department to the next level," said Chief Jim May. "I have always been proud of our team and service to the community, yet there is always room to improve and this constructive process is a strong start. With the current national spotlight on law enforcement, the timing of this review and strategic planning process offer us an opportunity to work with our community to make improvements that benefit Northglenn."

A number of findings in the report align with specific interests expressed

by our community, including crime, traffic, policies, training, adequate staffing, and impartial policing. The report is comprehensive and lengthy, with a summary and recommendations at the end of each section. Community members may review and comment on the report online at www.northglenn.org/policeassessmentfeedback. Additionally, a recent telephone town hall focused on the 360 assessment; the recording of the discussion and Q&A summary are available at www.northglenn.org/virtualtownhall.

What's next? The report recommendations provide a framework for the Police Department to improve operational efficiencies and meet service demands. Though some recommendations are already being addressed, most will be prioritized with a timeline in the strategic planning process.

City Council is also discussing how to further involve the community, and have emphasized the need to provide a way for diverse voices to be heard.

► On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/policeassessmentfeedback to review and comment on the report.

Extra Study Sessions for City Council; Topics Include Diversity, Police, COVID-19

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.

JUNE 29: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Light pole banners recognizing Black Lives Matter and Police and Community Partnership Taskforce

JULY 6: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Draft resolution on city's commitment to advancing racial equity and COVID-19 proposed Business is Back Recovery Grant ▶ See Page 5 for details on new business grant opportunity

JULY 13: REGULAR MEETING

- May 2020 financial report presented
- **Consent Agenda** – passed unanimously
 - Acceptance of High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant (CR-99)
 - Financial System Upgrade (CR-105)
 - Colorado Communities for Climate Action 2020-2021 Policy Statement (CR-106)
 - 2020 Concrete Trails Program agreement (CR-107)
 - Reappointed Jerry Gavette and Maryann Gillespie to Historic Preservation Commission (CR-108, CR-111)
 - Reappointed Nathan Romero and Bryan Weatherly to the Planning Commission (CR-109, CR-110)
 - City's Commitment to Advancing Racial Equity (CR-112)
- **Public Hearings/Second Readings:** Adoption of 2020 Model Traffic Code (CB-1945), 2009 International Fire Code Amendment - Fee Schedule (CB-1947), and Supplemental Appropriation and CIP Carry Over (CB-1948) – no one signed up to give public comment; all passed unanimously
- **Oil and Gas Regulations Amendment (CB-1949)** addresses distance limitations of oil/gas wells to city facilities – unanimous approval on first reading
- **Extension of Adams 12 Five Star Schools MOU for Use of Undeveloped Property West of Justice Center (CR-100)** to allow schools to continue using site for construction staging – passed unanimously
- **2nd Amendment to Karl's Farm Trunk Infrastructure Development Agreement (CR-101)** – passed unanimously
- **Lift Station A Replacement Project (CR-103)** to approve contract with J.R. Filanc Construction – passed unanimously
- **Force Main A Replacement Project (CR-104)** to approve contract with BT Construction – passed unanimously
- **Discussion items:** Update on 4th of July fireworks enforcement and council protocol, prioritization of council requests, and council/staff roles ▶ See Page 6 for fireworks enforcement story

JULY 15: STUDY SESSION

- **Topic:** Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board ▶ See Page 4 for story

JULY 20: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Municipal Court updates and proposals, and 2020 council appointee evaluation process

JULY 22: STUDY SESSION

- **Topic:** Police Department Staffing & Operations Assessment Project final report presentation ▶ See cover page for story

JULY 27: STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

- **Topic:** COVID-19 response - community investments
- **Presentations:** July Neighborhood Beautification Awards, Quarterly youth commission report, and council appointee COVID-19 update ▶ See page 9 for Beautification Award recipients
- **Public Hearing/Second Reading:** Oil and Gas regulations amendment (CB-1949) – no one signed up to give public comment, passed unanimously
- **Water efficiency plan adoption (CR-113)** – passed unanimously
- **Council protocol (CR-114)** – passed unanimously
- **Discussion Items:** Northglenn Civic Center Update and Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board follow-up ▶ See Page 4 for update on Civic Center Construction

CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

August meetings will be virtual.

- **Study Sessions:** 6 p.m. Wed., Aug. 12 and Mon. Aug. 17 (Sept. 7 meeting cancelled due to Labor Day)
- **Study Session (6 p.m. start) and Special Meeting (following study session):** Mon. Aug. 3



- **Regular Meetings:** 7 p.m. Mon. Aug. 10 and 24

Upcoming topics (tentative):

- Sustainability Plan update
- School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement
- Legislative session recap
- Heavy truck traffic

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:

- Public comment for regular and special meetings may be submitted to jsmall@northglenn.org or 303.450.8757 prior to the meeting start time. 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 below.



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. 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: The August meetings, study sessions and special meeting will be held virtually. Go to www.northglenn.org for updates on future meetings and study sessions.

WATCH & LEARN ... VIRTUALLY

Listen to the August meetings, study sessions and special meeting by phone at 720.961.5043. See agenda for meeting ID.

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

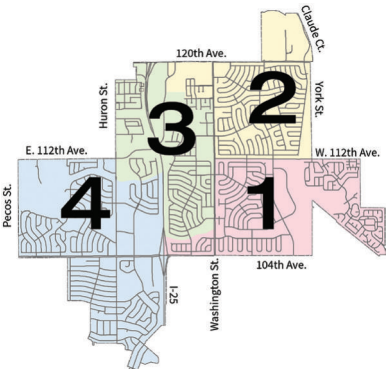
Channel 8 Rebroadcast Schedule:

- **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.

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GETTING BACK TO 'NORMAL'



The city is providing outdoor recreation activities while taking precautions against COVID-19.

▲ **Top:** Outdoor fitness classes are available at Danahy Park, Livingston Drive and Roseanna Drive. Pilates, shown above, is at 10 a.m. on Mondays. Yoga is available at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Zumba Gold at 8 a.m. Saturdays. Pre-registration is required at www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn.

▶ **Left:** Kiwanis Pool and its new splash pad is now open by appointment. Located at Garland Drive and Blue Jay Lane, facility hours are noon to 7 p.m. weekdays and noon to 4:30 p.m. on weekends.

Safety measures put in place include:

- Visitors must sign up in advance for a two-hour time slot; walk-ups are NOT allowed.
- High-touch surfaces are cleaned after every two-hour time slot.
- Face masks are required on entry and when walking around the pool deck.
- The pool will be limited to 50 people at a time. That includes visitors who are not swimming.
- You MUST arrive in swimming attire; changing clothes is not allowed.

Cost is \$4 a person, whether you swim or not. No concessions will be sold, but patrons may bring in food and drinks.

Go to www.northglenn.org/pool to make a reservation, more information and additional rules.

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	303.450.8743
Development	
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	303.450.4045
Conservation Hotline	
Water/Sewer Problems....	303.450.8770
Water/Sewer	303.451.1289
24-hour Line	

NO VALE GRANTS IN 2021

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board will not be accepting applications in 2020 for grant funding in 2021.

Normally, the board provides grants to community programs that assist crime victims or to law enforcement agencies.

Funds for the grants come from ticket fees collected by the city. Due to COVID-19, funding was significantly reduced. The board is hopeful that funds will be available in 2022.

For more information on the board, go to www.northglenn.org/vale.

KARL'S FARM DEVELOPMENT MOVES FORWARD

The Karl's Farm Development team recently closed on a transaction to transfer ownership of portions of the Karl's Farm site to Richmond American Homes and Meritage Homes. These residential developers will be constructing their neighborhoods on the northern side of the Karl's Farm property. Demolition of the existing structures on the site and regrading of the property is currently moving forward.

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.

WARDS 1, 3 HOSTING VIRTUAL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Even though social distancing is limiting in-person meetings, city council members still want to find out what's on your mind. Go to www.northglenn.org/engage for sign-in and call-in information for both the meetings. Participants are encouraged to bring questions and comments about what's going on in Northglenn.

Ward 1 Meeting: Tues., Sept. 1, 6 p.m.

Discussion topics:

- No Need for Speed, along with other traffic and street updates
- Police Department assessment and resulting changes



Peterson



Witkovich

Contact council members Randall Peterson or Ashley Witkovich for more information.

Ward 3 Meeting: Thurs., Sept. 3, 6 p.m.

Discussion topics:

- New Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre
- Street repairs in Ward 3



Duran Mullica



Goff

Contact council members Julie Duran Mullica or Katherine E. Goff for more details.

▶ Contact information for all the council members is on Page 2.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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www.northglenn.org/nextdoor

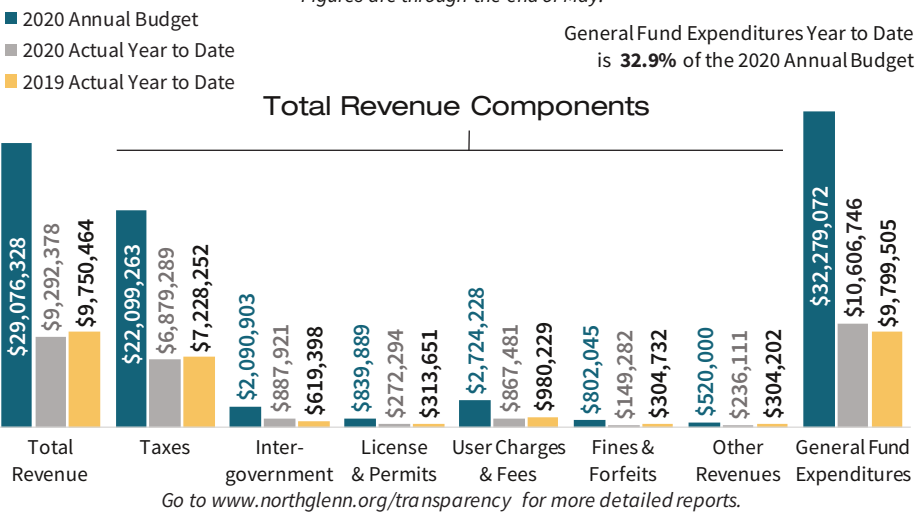


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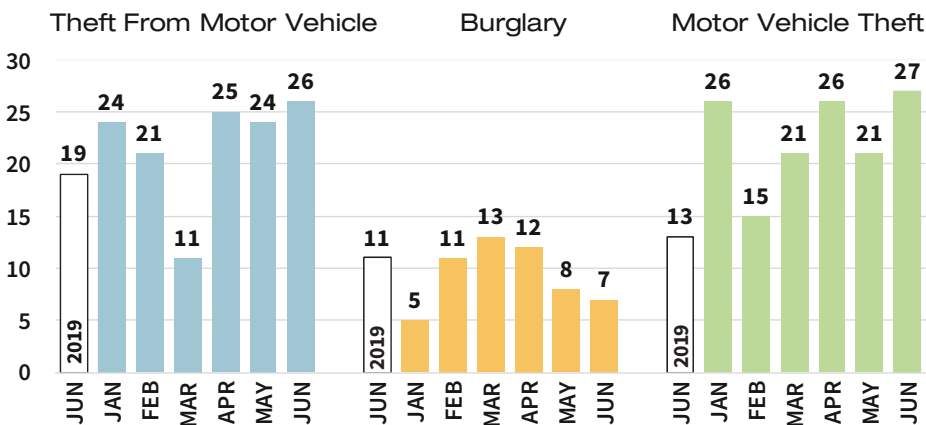
May 2020 General Fund Financial Report

Figures are through the end of May.



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



Mayor's Memo: A Message from Mayor Meredith Leighty



We're Listening to Our Residents

► Feedback Has Led to Events, Services, Infrastructure and Opportunities

Now, more than ever, Northglenn residents are coming forward and offering ideas and suggestions that help our community thrive. Input from the community is a major driver in how our city government operates. City Council and staff bring ideas from residents to the table, as do our nine boards and commissions, and our non-profit partners. Residents bring ideas and feedback to us through surveys, social media, telephone town hall events, council meetings, emails and letters, too.



Leighty

Some recent examples of actions taken in response to public input include offering four more Grab 'N Go events at local parks; providing free masks to resi-

dents, schools, and businesses; changing road striping on Melody Drive; and opening Kiwanis Pool.

The George Floyd tragedy and subsequent national conversations have spurred interest in Northglenn equity policies and efforts, and questions about Police Department policies. We have created opportunities for our residents to help us determine the next, best steps to better our community.

Council voted to approve a new Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity Board that will begin by working with a facilitator to gain greater clarity on what our community needs (*see story below*). The board will bring recommendations to City Council. Applications for this board open on August 11, and we are excited to collaborate with residents who are committed to

moving our city forward.

The idea of a police accountability committee has been proposed to City Council. In addition to listening to community members interested in this type of committee, we are looking at what other communities have tried or have in place, and how the department utilizes community input now. It's important we find a way to give our community a voice along with a process that uses the input in a constructive way.

Northglenn listens. Northglenn responds. We have a history of working to make decisions based on community need and input; decisions that make sense for our unique community while leveraging our resources. That's a tradition I intend to uphold.

— Mayor Meredith Leighty



Work is spread out through the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre. This includes masonry, placement of steel, and construction of the pool deck and leisure pool slab and walls. Joists in the future gymnasium have been placed and are now finished. Xcel is now on site completing electrical work and the new transformer. Along the future Memorial Parkway, crews are grading the dirt and cleaning up around the Northglenn Veterans Memorial.

The new 87,887-square-foot facility will sit behind City Hall, just south of the current center. Services offered will include swimming, fitness areas, preschool, and arts & culture programming and classes. Estimated completion is late 2021. For more information, or to see a live camera view of the construction site, go to www.northglenn.org/newreccenter.

NEW SCULPTURE CAMPAIGN

The Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation, in partnership with the city, has commissioned a suspended atrium sculpture for the new Parsons Theatre. Contributions are being accepted for this exciting project. Donors who give \$250 or more will be honored on a plaque in the lobby near the new sculpture. With this installation, Northglenn's emerging city campus will be enhanced, creating civic pride and cultural conversation through the engagement of art.

City Starting Diversity & Social Equity Board

► Applications Accepted From Aug. 11 to Sept. 4; Group to Have 11 Members

The city is launching a new Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board! Residents and community members genuinely interested in supporting these efforts in Northglenn are encouraged to apply.

The primary purpose of the board is to support council's strategic focus on diversity and use community feedback to inform future decision making to advance diversity, inclusivity and social equity in Northglenn.

Duties will include:

- Help the city be welcoming and inclusive
- Work on priorities and goals that advance racial equity in Northglenn
- Celebrate and encourage understanding of the diversity of the city's population
- Encourage education programs that have the potential to change ideas and attitudes
- Promote community engagement opportunities
- Encourage diversity on city boards and commissions
- Help council gain an understanding of different perspectives of community members
- Recommend changes to council on policies that may unintentionally and negatively impact residents that are historically underrepresented and create racial disparity
- Provide advice on creating a climate of inclusion and increasing cultural competency within the city

Applicants who advocate for those historically underrepresented in community engagement efforts would be particularly valuable on the new board.

The city will purposefully seek a diverse representation of the city that includes, but is not limited to, race, ethnicity, religion, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, age, socioeconomic status, employment, education and time lived in the city.

The application will be available from Aug. 11 through Sept. 4 at City Hall or www.northglenn.org/inclusivity. The board will have 11 members: two from each ward, two at-large and one youth at-large. The plan is for applicant interviews by council to take place Sept. 14 through 18, official appointments on Sept. 28, and the first meeting to take place in October.

The board will meet monthly from 6 to 8 p.m., with the day to be determined based on member availability.

For more information, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Rupa Venkatesh at rventkatesh@northglenn.org or 720.376.8069.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Must live in Northglenn or have strong community ties
- Must be at least 16 years old
- Participation in diversity, equity and inclusion training annually
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings, either in-person or virtually
- Professional and respectful decorum
- Maintain any confidential information

► On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/inclusivity to find out what steps the city is taking to promote equity, inclusivity and social equity in Northglenn.

COVID Grants Aid Area Businesses

► Reimbursements Available Through City for Pandemic-Related Costs

Northglenn received \$3 million in CARES Act funding through Adams County to assist with programs and grants to help fight the negative impacts of COVID-19. Many residents, businesses and non-profits in Northglenn have received aid. The funds also helped cover some city expenses. The funds allowed the city's Economic Development Department to take these key actions:

Business is Back Recovery Grant

\$500,000 was allocated for the Business is Back Recovery Grant. The program provides up to \$5,000 per business to reimburse them for COVID-19-related

costs for purchases of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), business equipment and operational supplies, and workspace and physical space modifications. Grant expenses from March 15 to Sept. 30, 2020, are eligible. To apply, go to www.northglenn.org/bibgrant.

Elevate Small Business Grant

The Elevate Small Business Grant that closed on June 30, 2020, provided almost \$500,000 of rent/mortgage assistance to 130 Northglenn small businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Mini-Dining Grant

Through the Mini-Dining Grant, the city purchased \$125,000 in gift cards from local restaurants, providing each with more than \$3,000 in immediate sales revenue.

The \$25 gift cards were distributed to city residents to encourage dining local and possibly trying out a new restaurant.

"We really appreciate it. This is also a re-affirmation of the city's commitment to sustain development in the city and support for small businesses like Purple Moon. This special gesture is much needed and appreciated at such a time when most small businesses are pretty much hanging on a thin thread."

Purple Moon Early Learning Center co-owner Divine Klutsey, on receiving an Elevate Small Business Grant

MORE COVID-19 BUSINESS GRANTS THROUGH ADAMS COUNTY

Adams County COVID-19 Business Grants Available

The Adams County Small Business Stabilization Program was recently modified to allow businesses with up to 50 full-time employees to apply, up from 25. Businesses can receive grants for up to \$35,000 to retain jobs during the pandemic. Applications will be open until all funds are distributed. Northglenn businesses can apply at www.adcogov.org/small-business-stabilization-program.

Adams County Mini-Grant Program Reopened

As part of its COVID-19 emergency response and recovery strategy, Adams County has partnered with several local chambers of commerce to develop a series of CARES Act-funded mini-grants to support small businesses. For more information visit <http://adamscountycovid19.org/mini-grants-application-small-businesses>.



Mayor Meredith Leighty presents Boondocks Fun Center with the 2019 Community Impact of the Year Award at the city's Business Appreciation Breakfast last October.

A 'Boon'docks for Northglenn

► Family Fun Center Earns City's Community Impact Award for 2019

Note: This is the seventh 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.

Boondocks Fun Center, winner of the 2019 Community Impact of the Year Award, has been making a difference in Northglenn since 2001. Their standard of excellence is more than just a word on every employee's name tag, it is the foundation for how they operate.

Known as an attraction for family fun, Boondocks is proud to sponsor the adoption exchange, A Day for Wednesday's Child, which is a telethon where viewers can call in to donate funds. Boondocks also hosts a yearly event for this organization, where kids looking to be adopted try to find their forever families.

They also give back to our area with the Tokens for Grades program, military discounts, and the donation of 10,000 laser tag and bowling passes each year to the community.

BOONDOCKS IS BACK!

Boondocks Fun Center, 11425 Community Center Drive, is now open Wednesday to Sunday. COVID-19 health and safety guidelines have been put in place. For more information, call 720.977.8000 or visit www.boondocks.com.

They employ 160 employees from teens to young adults, 60% coming from Northglenn High School. The positions give them an opportunity to move from their first job all the way to a management position.

Their commitment to excellence is also supported by the owners, who have a strong commitment to reinvesting in the facility. In 2019, the Northglenn location remodeled the entire interior of the facility, upgraded the restaurant to full service, and renovated the bowling facility.

"Receiving the Community Impact Award means a lot to us because it shows that we are living up to our standards, giving back to the community, and bringing in a lot of employees from the community."

Brandon Farson, operations manager

✂️ RIBBON-CUTTINGS

SCOOTER'S COFFEE



Scooter's Coffee held its ribbon-cutting on July 17. This 557-square-foot drive through coffee shop is located at 11461 Washington St. and employs 13 people. For more information, call 720.738.7145 or go to www.scooterscoffee.com.

2ND TIME SPORTS



2nd Time Sports held its ribbon-cutting on July 17. After being in Northglenn for eight years, they relocated to The Courts Sports Complex at 11295 Washington St.

As a new and used sporting goods retailer, the new space provides a great location and ideal customer base. They opened their 2,500-square-foot location in early March, and employ three people.

For more information, call 720.245.7295, or go to www.2ndtimesportscolo.com.

City Manager's Column: A Letter from Heather Geyer

City Steps Up Fireworks Enforcement

► Increased Response Due To Calls From Residents for Action



Geyer

Many communities across Colorado contend with fireworks regulations. Though mortar fireworks are banned statewide, smaller fireworks are governed locally. In addition to different local laws, levels of enforcement and penalties for illegal fireworks vary in each community. And finally, individual opinion on whether personal fireworks should be legal or not range from “no way” to “it’s our right.” When you add all these factors together, fireworks can become quite a heated issue.

Northglenn residents have long voiced a need for fireworks prohibition and strong enforcement, expressing fireworks cause upsetting levels of noise, fire danger to persons/property, and distress to veterans and pets in our community. This input was the driver behind our local law prohibiting fireworks and City Council establishing a mandatory minimum fine, and public feedback also influenced the recently increased fines for fireworks use. Staff was directed to take a proactive role regarding fireworks in 2020, including extensive communication, outreach, and issuing citations.

“Fireworks are Illegal in Northglenn” messaging was in six issues of the Connection, many social media posts, water bills, flyers, on the city website, and on 400 signs placed throughout the community. All police officers plus some civilian staff were on duty July 4 to educate residents and enforce our no fireworks ordinance.

NORTHGLENN POLICE FIREWORKS RESPONSE

This chart compares the Northglenn Police Department's response to fireworks on July 4 from 2020 to 2018.

	2020	2019	2018
Total calls for service on July 4	358	257	252
Total fireworks calls on July 4	234	122	117
Total number of citations on July 4 (includes fireworks citations)	70	5	N/A
Total number of fireworks-specific citations on July 4	61	0	N/A
Fireworks calls year to date through July 5	591	212	N/A
Fireworks specific citations year to date through July 5	83	4	N/A

FIREWORKS RESPONSE AREA COMPARISON

This chart compares the Northglenn Police Department's response to fireworks during the July 4 holiday with area law enforcement agencies.

Agency	No. of Fireworks Calls	No. of Fireworks Citations
Northglenn	234	61
Thornton	301	38
Commerce City	263	37
Adams County Sheriff's Office	279	22
Brighton	83	1
Broomfield	134	2
Westminster	259	0

With cancelled professional fireworks shows and limited travel due to COVID-19, illegal fireworks use was at an all-time high across the state this year. Our police department received 234 calls regarding fireworks between 6 p.m., July 4 and 6 a.m., July 5. Our police

department issued more citations than any surrounding jurisdiction. As you can see from the charts – calls were up, and we responded at a much higher rate than our neighboring cities. Officers proactively contacted residents if they witnessed fireworks use, and followed up on all reports possible (not all provided an identifiable location).

Residents asked for more work regarding illegal fireworks, and our teams worked hard to do so. Of course, we heard a variety of reactions – from “thank you for responding” to “you didn’t do enough” to “response was too heavy-handed.” This is one of the reasons we kept close track of our efforts. Did it meet the expectations of the community and City Council direction? Was it effective? How do we improve our efforts next year? We will evaluate and continue to work with neighboring cities on this issue. I believe we did improve our efforts compared to past years. Individual blatant disregard for the law will continue to be a challenge. I hope that when professional fireworks shows can resume, we will see a decrease in illegal use. I also believe illegal fireworks use will decrease with consistent city efforts – but if it doesn’t, it won’t be for lack of trying!

— City Manager Heather Geyer

Melody Dr. Traffic Calming Measures Effective

► Average Vehicle Speed Decreases Close to 5 MPH

Speeding in Northglenn residential neighborhoods is a common complaint to the city. Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach, traffic engineers have tackled the issue through a new lens – community input and searching for methods that fit the neighborhood. Efforts on Melody Drive illustrate how the approach works.

Why a process and not a quick fix? Short-term fixes for neighborhood speed typically have a short-term success rate or unintended consequences. For example, putting in speed bumps without resident input can lead to more complaints than speeding, and though police officers can increase enforcement for a time, they ultimately have to address issues in other parts of the city. Speed studies and gathering community input leads to informed choices that offer a better success rate.

MPH PER HOUR COMPARISON

The city had a goal of 85% of cars going less than 30 miles per hour along Melody Drive. These stats show the average speed of vehicles pre and post-traffic calming measures.

Speed Study Results	Average Miles Per Hour
Pre traffic calming (2016)	35
Speed humps and radar signs installed (2018)	30.3
Speed humps removed (late 2019)	31
Melody traffic calming (2020)	30.4

Melody Drive, like most residential streets, has a 25 MPH speed limit. Ideally, everyone would follow the speed limit – in reality, a realistic goal is for 85% of cars to go less than 5 miles over the limit.

After a series of resident complaints, a community meeting about the issue was held in January 2018 to gather input on the perceived problem, and provide options to address neighborhood speeds. Proposed solutions like radar signs, speed bumps, restriping, bike lanes, raised crosswalks and more were considered. The community indi-

NO NEED FOR SPEED

Traffic calming through engineering is only one way to address speeding in residential areas. The city also has the new No Need for Speed program that uses education and awareness to help neighborhoods address this safety issue. For more information go to www.northglenn.org/nonneedforspeed.

cated their preferred solution was to change striping to allow for bike lanes, parking, and one lane of traffic in each direction.

TRAFFIC STATS

June 2020 traffic statistics compiled by the Police Department.

- Traffic Tickets: 247
- Traffic Accidents: 75



Speed studies confirmed traffic in the area was higher than the norm. The preferred solution would take time and money, so in the interim radar signs showing drivers their speed and temporary speed bumps were installed. This year the community-driven solution has been implemented. Though an education campaign on the new set up is still underway, there has already been improvement.

The traffic division of Public Works will continue to monitor speeds on Melody Drive. Speeds are expected to decline a bit more as drivers adjust to the new configuration and the fully-staffed Police Department traffic team periodically monitors the area.

Free Shred Event Set for Marketplace

Sat., Aug. 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.,
Northglenn Marketplace,
Interstate 25 and W. 104th Ave.



For identity thieves, finding confidential documents is as good as buried treasure. With the information on those papers, criminals can wreak havoc – take out credit cards, create false identities and commit other types of fraud.

Don’t leave yourself vulner-

able! The Police Department invites everyone in the metro area to bring personal documents to this FREE shred event. Each vehicle is limited to three garbage bags or paper boxes. Please enter the Marketplace from the south entrance off West 104th Avenue.

Note: Electronics will NOT be accepted. This includes computers, cellphones and batteries. Magazines, trash and three-ring binders are also prohibited.

Sponsoring this event are Metro Denver Crime Stoppers, Horizons North Credit Union,

Iron Mountain and Fox 31/Channel 2. Donations are appreciated and benefit Metro Denver Crime Stoppers.

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

COVID-19 OPERATIONS



Although things are opening slowly across the state, information is constantly changing. Go to www.northglenn.org/covidops for updates on city services, facilities, programs and events. For private industry guidelines, go to www.tchd.org or <https://covid19.colorado.gov>. Below are some general guidelines for city services, facilities, programs and events. If something is not listed, assume that it is operating as normal.

	City Services	City Facilities	Programs & Events
Operating With Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Council meetings and study sessions are being shown live virtually (<i>See Page 2</i>).• Yard Waste Mulching Center is open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays only. <div>The police will deliver prescriptions from local pharmacies to Northglenn seniors and at-risk individuals. Call 303.450.8893 or go to www.northglenn.org/prescription.</div> <div>NEED COVID-19 ASSISTANCE? If you need assistance with anything COVID-19 related, including difficulty with paying utility bills, please contact our new community resource navigator, Jessica Hulse, at jhulse@northglenn.org or 720.822.0558.</div> <div>Additional recreation program offerings are anticipated to be available in mid-August. Go to www.northglenn.org/recguide for the most current information.</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance & Operations Facility is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. This includes right of way permits.• City Hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, which includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Clerk• Building• Economic Development• Human Resources• Planning• Utility Billing• The Northglenn Recreation Center is offering lap swim weekdays from 5 to 6:45 a.m. You must register in advance at www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn. Summer Day Camp with limited space is also available.• Kiwanis Pool, 550 Garland Drive, is open for two-hour time slots. Hours are 12 to 7 p.m. weekdays and 12 to 4:30 p.m. weekends. Space is limited to 50 people at a time. The season ends Aug. 30. Go to www.northglenn.org/pool for more details and to reserve a spot. (<i>See Page 3</i>)	<p>In-Person Offerings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Truck Grab 'N Go (<i>See Page 10</i>)• Adult Wiffleball Tournament (<i>See Page 10</i>)• Summer Drive-In Concerts (<i>See Page 12</i>)• Magic Fest (<i>See Page 12</i>)• Outdoor fitness at Danahy Park, Roseanna Drive and Livingston Drive (pre-registration required at www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn) (<i>See Page 3</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilates: 10 a.m. Mondays• Yoga: 5:30 p.m. Mondays• Zumba Gold: 8 a.m. Saturdays <p>Virtual Offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fitness classes (www.northglenn.org/fitness)• Preschool read-alongs (www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn)• Senior activities (www.northglenn.org/seniors) <p>Virtual and In-Person Offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northglenn Youth Theatre rehearsals, classes, camps and workshops (<i>See Page 12</i>)
Closed	<p>Passport services are not currently being offered at the City Clerk's Office. The regional passport agency in Aurora has limited in-person services for emergencies. Visit travel.state.gov for service updates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Northglenn Senior Center is closed, but staff can be reached at 303.450.8801.	<p>Public events and programs have been altered to meet COVID-19 restrictions.</p>

COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE

Are you experiencing symptoms of COVID-19? This could include fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing or a new loss of taste or smell, among others. You may need to get tested.

The state has a list of COVID-19 testing locations at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/testing>. This page also includes a more complete list of symptoms, along with information about the testing process, what you should do if you are experiencing symptoms, if you are exposed to someone who has COVID-19, and more. Please note – if you do not have symptoms, you most likely do not need a test.

The Thornton Fire Department is offering testing. However, you MUST schedule an appointment by going to www.gocot.net/covid19testing. The site also contains information about dates, times and location.

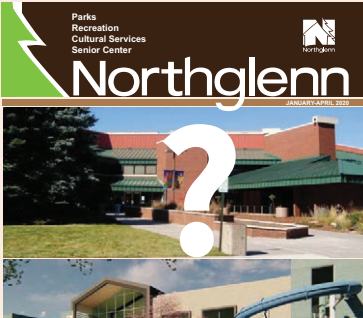
DUDE, WHERE'S MY REC GUIDE?

Planning recreation activities has been challenging with COVID-19 health restrictions. As health precautions and attendance limits evolve and change, so does recreation, art & culture, and sports program offerings.

Offering the community in-person program opportunities is a priority, so as restrictions lift more options are offered...but often on short notice.

Instead of the traditional booklet of seasonal activities, watch for a pamphlet mailer in early fall with current opportunities.

You may also keep up on the most recent program offerings at www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn or www.northglennarts.org.



THROW OUT YOUR FACE MASK

Disposable face masks belong in the trash. They are NOT recyclable.

If you need a wash and reuse face mask, stop by City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and we'll give you a free one.

Program Helps With Cost of Emergency Ambulance Trips

Any emergency where you end up at the hospital can be costly.

North Metro Fire Rescue District, which handles emergency ambulance calls for all of Northglenn, helps lessen the financial burden through its Ambulance Membership Program.

By enrolling, your insurance company will be billed after you utilize their transport service, and North Metro Fire will accept your insurance's payment as payment-in-full for up to \$1,500 annually. You won't have to pay any other

out-of-pocket expenses!

All Northglenn residents are eligible for this program. The only requirement is that participants must already have health insurance. Annual membership fees range from \$40 to \$55 depending on the type of membership, and dues are prorated depending on when a new member signs up during the year.

Program benefits include:

- Coverage of costs associated with an ambulance transport during an emergency that are not covered by

70%

Percentage of calls North Metro Fire Rescue receive that are for medical reasons. The majority require medical care and ambulance transport.

your insurance, such as co-pays and deductibles, up to \$1,500 annually for every person living in your home

- Coverage for everyone living in the home for a year (guests are not covered)
 - Coverage for any 911-initiated ambulance transport by North Metro Fire
- Please note, this membership is NOT insurance, and is not intended to be a substitute for insurance.
- For more information, call 303.452.9910 or go to www.nmfr.org/amp.



ALL ABOARD!
THE N LINE OPENS ON
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.

*Aerial view of the Northglenn
& 112th Station off York Street,
north of East 112th Avenue.*

RTD FasTracks N Line Opening on Sept. 21

► Commuter Rail Stops at E. 112th Ave. & York St., E. 124th Ave. & Claude Ct.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) announced on June 23 that it will open the FasTracks N Line on Sept. 21. This commuter rail corridor will connect the north metro area and downtown Denver, with stops in Northglenn, Thornton, Commerce City and at the National Western Complex.

The Northglenn station is at East 112th Avenue and York Street. The location will have 310 parking spaces, along with 12 bike lockers and eight bike racks.

Another stop near the city is located by East 124th Avenue and Claude Court.

RTD will offer a local fare for travel for the entirety of the first six months of operation. A trip from downtown Denver to the 124th Avenue station should take about 29 minutes.

The city plans on hosting a small public event on opening day. Keep an eye on

the Connection, or go online to www.northglenn.org/nline for the details.

RTD will also be providing additional N Line-related information in the coming months at www.rtd-denver.com/fastracks/n-line.

LOOKING TO ENROLL FOR PRESCHOOL? STAY TUNED!

The city typically offers local families a top-rated preschool program at the recreation center. This year, due to COVID-19, we are yet to determine if preschool programs will return (with limited capacity) or if there will be a continued need for school-age child care services.

The determination is influenced by public school options and health department regulations. It's vital that we offer the programs that our community needs the most, so please stay tuned for information.

We anticipate an announcement by mid-August. Go to www.northglenn.org/preschool for more information.



Adams County Electronics Recycling Event on Aug. 22

► Registration Required to Participate



**Sat., Aug. 22, 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, DVD players, radios, cell phones and more. The recycling process is safe and responsible, ensuring a

high level of data destruction.

Event registration is required. To reserve a time for drop-off, go to <http://bit.ly/E-WasteAugust2020>. The cost is as follows; you can pay with cash or credit card:

- \$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).

Monitors and televisions with exposed tubes, as well as appliances with Freon or any other chemicals, are not accepted.

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

Please use the north entrance with access on 126th Avenue east of Washington Street.

For information about certain electronics and data destruction, please contact Techno Rescue at 303.482.2207.



AUGUST MEANS RECRUITMENT FOR SNOW STORMERS!

The city is seeking volunteers for the Snow Stormers program to shovel snow for seniors or residents with physical disabilities.

Many of them need their sidewalks cleared because medical supplies are delivered to their residences or so they can safely leave their homes.

Volunteers can shovel before or after work. For more information, or to be added to the waiting list, which starts over every year, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

CELEBRATING SENIORS



Courtesy Adams 12 Five Star Schools

While the Five Star District was not able to recognize 2020 high school graduates the traditional way, students had two opportunities to celebrate their achievements: a virtual graduation video released in June and an in-person ceremony in July.

More than 2,400 students graduated with a high school diploma this year, including more than 375 from Northglenn High School and 80 from Vantage Point High School. Nearly 200 Northglenn High School students participated in their in-person ceremony at the Five Star Stadium in Thornton on July 23 with social distancing guidelines in place.

To read more about the graduation ceremonies or see the video celebrations, visit www.adams12.org/Graduation2020.

Resilience Focus for Adams 12

Courtesy Adams 12 Five Star Schools

As the nation prepares for an uncertain school year, Adams 12 Five Star Schools recognizes the need for further social and emotional supports and tools for students, staff and community in this difficult time.

On July 30, the district hosted a virtual engagement session to move forward together and learn strategies to support our social-emotional wellbeing.

Topics included understanding the social and emotional supports the district is providing students, families and staff; what families can do to support their kids; and listening to our youth to understand what they need from us and each other.

ADAMS 12 MOVES ONWARD

The evolving COVID-19 situation has created unpredictability for the normally scheduled start of the 2020-2021 school year in mid-August.

The district has up-to-date information and decisions on the new school year on their website: www.adams12.org/onward.

Nearly 1,000 participants signed up to learn about social and emotional advancements in the district. You can read more about the information shared at www.adams12.org/BHC.

66.72 TONS, WHAT DO YOU GET?

Northglenn residents took full advantage of Dumpster Days on July 18, bringing trailers and truck-fulls of items for free disposal. In just that one day, the city collected 66.72 tons of material that filled 24 roll-off dumpsters. The city followed up with another Dumpster Day event on Aug. 1. If you missed either of the Dumpster Day events and still need to dispose of large items, go to www.northglenn.org/trash or call 303.450.4004.



HOUSING BRIEFS

Garden In A Box Available for Fall

Tackle that problem area in your yard once and for all by planting a beautiful, water-wise Garden In A Box this fall. Professionally designed for Colorado yards, these kits are super easy to use and can help you save around 7,300 gallons of water over the garden's lifetime compared to a traditional grass lawn (not to mention helping you save on your water bill!)

Starting at just \$110, the garden kits are beautiful AND affordable. Visit www.resourcecentral.org/gardens to order your water-wise Garden In A Box today, and see if you qualify for a \$25 discount for City of Northglenn customers.

Have a Free Inspection of Your Automatic Sprinkler System

Just like a car, your sprinklers need an occasional check-up to make sure they're watering your lawn as efficiently as possible. Get your system checked with a FREE Slow the Flow sprinkler consultation by Resource Central and the City of Northglenn!

Sprinkler consultations last about 75 minutes and could help you save thousands of gallons of water each year and keep your lawn healthy. It's easy to sign up and get long-lasting results! Simply call 303.999.3824 or sign up at www.resourcecentral.org/sprinklers to schedule.

Free Energy Efficiency Class Online

Wed., Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m., <https://northglenn101.eventbrite.com>

The city and Xcel Energy will host a 45-minute workshop online to provide resources to make your home more energy-efficient and show you what renewable energy options are available. Learn about DIY energy savings projects around the house, Xcel Energy programs to help you save money and available renewable energy programs for residents.

We'll also provide activities to entertain the kids and resources so you can take the next steps!

Please RSVP in advance at the link above.



YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS



Volunteers canvassed the city and selected these homes to earn Yard of the Month awards for July 2020:

- Melissa Andrews, Natalie Phillips, Marley & Maddix Acosta.....3145 E. 107th Ct.
- Valerie Gallegos & Juan Muniz2779 E. 111th Dr.
- Brian & Becky Moloney11804 Quam Dr.
- Myles & Stacie Hoenisch 11562 Downing St.
- Candice Encinias 1921 E. 114th Pl.
- Joe & Betty Abeyta 10911 Mildred Dr.
- Arito & Inez Robinson..... 181 E. 105th Ave.
- Lauro & Magdalena Marquez 64 E. 107th Ave.
- Les & Linda Lippold.....355 E. 112th Dr.
- Liane Giarritano 10888 Patterson Ct.
- Jona Sills10463 Santa Fe St.
- Eduardo & Rosalba Sifuentes.....1712 Ura Ln.
- James & Antoinette Callahan..... 562 Melody Dr.

NO PLASTIC BAGS!

DO NOT BAG

Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag?
Empty the contents into the cart.
Return plastic bags to retailers.



As a reminder, tree branches must hang at least 8 feet above all sidewalks and 14 feet above the street. Additionally, please don't let any foliage, whether that is trees, shrubbery or flowers, impede onto the sidewalk. Otherwise, it could cause a safety issue for motorists and pedestrians.



After a successful initial run in June, the city decided to continue the Grab 'N Go events in August.



GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD WINNERS

These residents were nominated and will receive the Good Neighbor Award for their actions in the community. Congrats!

- Mark & Courtney Montgomery
- Geneva Sandusky
- Denise Sandusky
- Cathy & Stu Melvin
- Pauline & Abe Brito
- Carissa Chavez
- Kvitek/Roper Family
- Jeff & Shelley Smith
- April & Ed Baile
- Larry Burge
- Bob Zamora
- Bernard Small
- Julie Adams
- Emily Trawinski & Janice Hathaway
- Yvonne Lopez & Sharon Chacon
- Lindsey & Justin Spanier
- Bud & Lauri Hines

Do you know a Northglenn resident who makes a difference by helping others, beautifying our city, volunteering, supporting their neighbors, or in other ways demonstrating “Good Neighbor Behavior”? Go to www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor to nominate them for the award, along with eligibility rules.



April and Ed Baile

Music + Food Trucks?

► Grab 'N Go Dates – Now With Bands – Added for Every Tuesday Evening This August at Four City Parks

Tues., Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 5-8 p.m., at these parks:

- **Kiwanis Park**, Garland Drive and Blue Jay Lane
- **Wyco Park**, Wyco Drive and E. 117th Way
- **Larson Park**, 108th Avenue and Larson Drive
- **Danahy Park**, Livingston Drive and Roseanna Drive

Northglenn is bringing awesome food and great tunes to your neighborhood with the Food Truck Grab 'N Go. You heard it right! We had so much fun and saw so many Northglenn friends in June, we're back.

The event will be held in four parks (one in each city ward) on all four Tuesdays

in August. You can purchase dinner, drinks and desserts from different food trucks in your neighborhood on each date. As an added bonus, we're adding music this time around. Bring your blanket and listen to some tunes while eating delicious grub.

Please remember – maintain your space and cover your

face! Social distance (6 feet) from those outside your household and wear a mask covering your nose and mouth.

For more details, including a list of which food trucks will be at which park each night, go to www.northglenn.org/grabngo. Some food trucks allow you to order online before coming so it's ready when you arrive.

HEALING HOOP POW-WOW POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

The 6th Annual Healing Hoop Pow Wow, which was set for this September, has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. Make your plans for 2021, when the 7th annual event will take place on Sept. 11 and 12 at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park!

Batter Up! ► Adult Wiffleball Tournament on Deck

Sat., Aug. 8, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Northwest Open Space, W. 112th Avenue and Ranch Drive



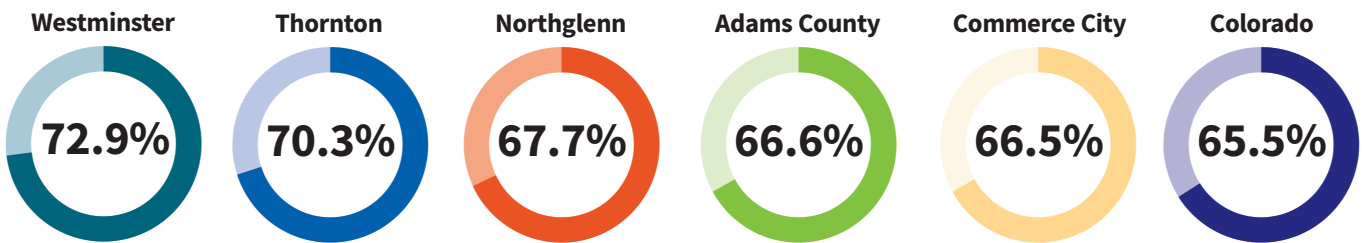
Wiffleball Tournament. Call up three to five of your buddies and relive your childhood in this summer tournament classic.

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Cost is \$120 per team. Top finishers earn awards and all players receive t-shirts. For more information or to register, call 303.450.8899 or go to www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn. Sign up deadline is Aug. 3. **RECTRAC CODE: 20747001**

Knucklers, fastballs and curveballs – anything goes in the city's 16th Annual

THE CENSUS COUNTS



Source: 2020Census.gov. Responses received as of July 19, 2020.

These are the self-response rates for the state of Colorado, Northglenn and other municipalities in the area for the 2020 Census. If you have not provided your information for the Census, please do so as soon as possible! Go to <https://2020census.gov> or call 844.468.2020. The results of the 2020 Census help determine Colorado's representation in Congress, as well as how state and federal funds are dispersed. The information you provide is completely private – this is simply a count of people and needs in our community. Help Northglenn get the voice it deserves and our fair share of public funding. Housing, schools, hospitals, fire departments and many more services use census information to secure public funds.

FREE HUGS FOR RESIDENTS!

Have a Northglenn neighbor you'd like to cheer up? We have a great way to show a little love. Request one of the few remaining Northglenn Hug yard signs! All you need to do is send us an address. Email the address to jmurphy@northglenn.org or leave it on voicemail at 303.450.8904. Give us a few days and a sign will be placed in the yard.



Northglenn Arts Wins Two National Diversity Awards

Northglenn Arts, the city's arts and culture division, has won national awards for its diverse programming.

They received the 2020 Community Diversity & Inclusion Award from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for populations between 10,000 and 49,999. They also earned the 2020 Cultural Diversity Award for populations 50,000 and under from the National League of Cities (NLC).

Northglenn Arts strives to provide community members with access to performing and visual arts, to promote an awareness of the arts, and to enhance the community image through the development of a cultural climate. Additionally, Northglenn Arts provides hands-on experiences for performers, artists, volunteers, and students. Individuals can celebrate their own culture and learn about others in an open-minded, inviting, and experiential setting.

"Our approach is to not only focus on our own in-house programming but is to partner with other entities dedicated to celebrating their own stories and cultures, creating a more diverse and authentic experience for our residents and patrons," said Michael Stricker, cultural programs supervisor.

Some of the recent activities Northglenn Arts has provided or partnered on include:

- Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, which honors African American heritage while exploring the human condition
- "The History of African American Music," a presentation in partnership with the Source Theatre Company and the Colorado Black Arts Festival
- Cine en el Parque, which featured a free movie with Spanish subtitles and Latino-themed festivities
- Travel films that highlight cultures throughout the world
- "Interview with a Mexican," a show that pushes boundaries and leads to



Photo Courtesy National League of Cities;
Photo by Jason Dixon Photography

Council Member Joyce Downing accepted the National League of Cities' 2020 Cultural Diversity Award for populations 50,000 and under on behalf of the city at NLC's Congressional Cities Conference on March 9 in Washington D.C.

insight and perspective, was presented in partnership with Su Teatro Cultural & Performing Arts Center

- ImaginASL Performing Arts, which strives to entertain, educate, and unite the deaf and hearing worlds
- Public art installations throughout the community that represent Northglenn's diversity
 - "Bison," a recycled steel piece that was dedicated with a sacred prayer by a local Lakota spiritual leader
 - The Northglenn Tunnel Mural project, created by a young street artist to commemorate the city's 50th anniversary
- Partnerships with Northglenn High School that celebrate students' diversity and unique talents

Northglenn Arts prides itself on providing relevant, authentic programming that speaks to and celebrates cultural differences in a way that brings people together. For more information on all its offerings, go to www.northglennarts.org.



IMPROVISATION

Everyone has adapted to social distancing, and the city is no different. Rather than cancel its annual Summer Movie Series and Summer Concert Series, Northglenn Arts modified, trading in blankets and lawn chairs at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park for drive-in performances at Northwest Open Space.

▲ **Top:** Mannequin the Band entertained the crowd with a high-energy set list highlighted with dance music. The Summer Concert Series finishes up on Aug. 6 with Jyemo Club and Aug. 13 with Selasee & the FaFa Family.

Pre-registration is required. Tickets open a week in advance of show date! For more information, go to Page 12 or online to www.northglennarts.org.

▼ **Bottom:** Crowds enjoyed "Jumanji: The Next Level" on July 8, followed by "Grease," "Toy Story 4" and "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" over successive Wednesday nights in July.



In Estate of Review

► New Study to Look at Historic Significance of Deza Estates Neighborhood

The city received a grant from History Colorado Inc. to perform a historic resources survey on 44 properties in the Deza Estates neighborhood. The survey will involve researching the neighborhood and its architect, as well as understanding the many features that make each of these houses significant.



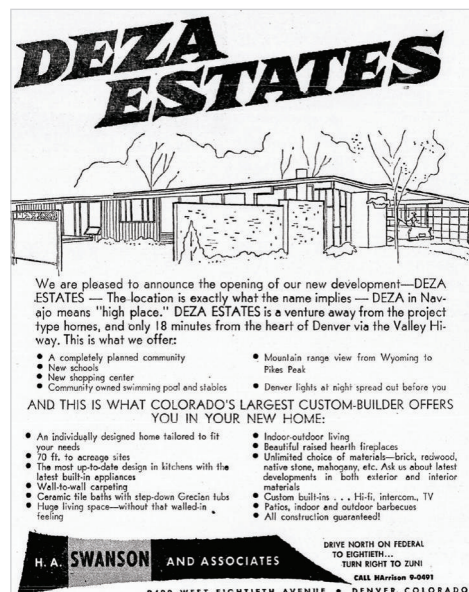
One of the homes in Deza Estates

The Deza Estates neighborhood provides a unique look into mid-century residential architecture as it provided residents an opportunity for architect-designed homes. During this time, residents of new neighborhoods were often given few options for the design of their houses, but those living in Deza Estates were allowed more freedom to create their own unique house.

The information gathered from the survey will provide context for the neighborhood

and an understanding of which houses or groups of houses may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Deza Estates residents should expect more information about the survey in their mailbox this August or September.

If you have any questions regarding Deza Estates or the historic resources survey, please reach out to Sara Dusenberry at sdusenberry@northglenn.org or 303.450.8836.



A copy of a flyer promoting Deza Estates, which is located in the far southwest corner of Northglenn.



MAGIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST 15

TICKET TIMES BEGIN EVERY
30 MINUTES NOON - 6:30 PM

EACH GROUP SEES FOUR SHOWS BY DIFFERENT MAGICIANS
EVERYONE LEARNS HOW TO DO A TRICK
LIMITED VENDORS AND FOOD TRUCKS AT END OF PERFORMANCES

\$8/TICKET
TICKETS TIMED & REQUIRED

THEMAGICFEST.COM

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Northglenn Arts

Classes and camps at the D.L. Parsons Theatre
Inside the Northglenn Recreation Center | 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn



SUMMER Concert Series

at Northwest Open Space

Free event! Pre-registration required.
Tickets available one week prior to show
date at NorthglennArts.org.



August 6 Jyemo Club



August 13 Selasee & the Fafa Family
Last concert of the summer season!



NYT Academy

For class/camp descriptions, social distancing regulations and registration information, visit
NorthglennArts.org/Education. Program descriptions are accurate as of publication but
may change based on health and safety regulations as related to COVID-19.

In-Person Mini-Camps

\$45/resident, \$50/non-resident

At the D.L. Parsons Theatre

August 3-7

Mastering Masked Acting

NEW!!! Dance Camps

August 3-7

Modern Dance: African & Asian Influences
West African Dance

August 10-14

Dance for Film: Theater through the Lens
Jazz: Tailored for the Stage

At E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park

August 10-14

NEW!!! Multi-Media Mini-Camp

Virtual At-Home Opportunities

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