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# Northglenn Connection

## Mayor's Memo: A Message from Mayor Meredith Leighty

*Meredith Leighty*

# Collaboration Tops Agenda

I am proud to introduce myself as the new mayor of the City of Northglenn.



Leighty

I am a Colorado native that has lived in and around Northglenn for 46 years. I am a graduate of Regis University and the University of Colorado Denver. I am an elementary school principal, and have worked in education for 22 years. In 2008, as a single mom of two young children, I found a fresh start in the wonderful city of Northglenn. We were looking for a home that was affordable and safe and, in Northglenn, we found so much more; we found community. My children attend Adams 12 Five Star Schools and we have been involved in our community since we arrived. We are Northglenn Proud.

My first priority is building a cohesive team on City Council. In order to have a collaborative environment where City Council is able to make the best decisions for our residents, we need to take some time to get to know each other, build trust and set norms. My professional background has provided training and experience in leading and facilitating teams, so I am excited to continue this ongoing process with my peers in my new role. We each bring a different perspective to the table, and it is critical to listen to everyone so we identify and work on the most important issues for our community. We will not always agree, and that is okay. However, I want to create an



Mayor Meredith Leighty with her family inside Northglenn's Anniversary Mural underneath Interstate 25.

### Mingle with the Mayor

**Tues., Jan. 21, 6-7:30 p.m., Parry's Pizzeria & Bar, 100 E. 120th Ave.**

Mayor Meredith Leighty hosts her first public discussion meeting. All residents are invited to come and bring their questions, comments and concerns. Topics that will be covered include snow removal and the new recreation center, senior center and theatre. You'll also hear from City Manager Heather Geyer. For more information, call 303.450.8713.

environment where we listen to each other and discuss different perspectives respectfully.

Infrastructure, economic development and sustainability are three areas of importance for Northglenn, and are a large part of our new Strategic Plan. We have a responsibility to invest in our community to maintain our current quality of life and build for the future. We must be fiscally responsible, which at times means spending money to ensure public resources are maintained – our roads, parks and water/sewer lines, just to name a few. Making sure

our decisions are as environmentally responsible as possible will make a big impact on future generations. Supporting our businesses and nurturing a healthy business community means having a strong, diverse tax base. That revenue will enable us to afford infrastructure, sustainability projects, and new public amenities like the recreation center now under construction.

I will host my first "Mingle with the Mayor" event the evening of Jan. 21. I am committed to providing many opportunities for community engagement, and I know my fellow council members feel the same way. Please make sure to read the City Council section of the Connection every month – we list the numerous ways you can reach us, all year long in a variety of ways.

In closing, please know that I am honored to have been elected as the mayor of the City of Northglenn! I am a strong believer in steward leadership, and I look forward to this opportunity to lead and serve. The swearing-in ceremony on Dec. 9 was a treasured memory; having my two children by my side and parents in the audience made it even more special. Thank you, Northglenn.

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### HOLIDAY HOURS

#### City Hall and Municipal Court

- Open 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Tues., Dec. 31
- Closed New Year's Day, Wed., Jan. 1
- Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 20.

#### Maintenance & Operations Facility

- Open 7-11 a.m. on Dec. 31
- Closed Jan. 1 • Closed Jan. 20

#### Senior Center

- Closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

#### Recreation Center

- Open 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 31
- Closed Jan. 1

### NO TRASH PICKUP ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

**The city will NOT pick up trash on New Year's Day – Wednesday, Jan. 1.**

If your trash is normally picked up on Wednesday by the city, it will instead

be collected the next day, Thursday.

Households that normally have Thursday pickup will still have their garbage and recyclables taken on

Thursday. Residents are urged to have their trash and recycling carts out on the curb by 7 a.m. that morning.

The trash schedule for the rest of the week will not be

affected.

For more information, please call 303.450.4004 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays, or e-mail [bsherrill@northglenn.org](mailto:bsherrill@northglenn.org).



# Ward 1 Candidates Interviewed; City Oil and Gas Measures Passed

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.

### NOV. 25 MEETING

- **Consent agenda items:** Acceptance of \$12,272 Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for Forensic Equipment (CR-133), Single Stream Recycling Contract (CR-136), Fischer, Brown, Bartlett, & Gunn, P.C. Legal Services Agreement (CR-140), Lamp Rynearson Water Rights Engineering Agreement (CR-141), Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment of Jack White (CR-142) and Youth Commission Reappointment of Aidan Earls (CR-143) – unanimous approval
- **Oil and Gas Regulations (CB-1937) – Adopted 5-1**
- **Public Consumption Definition Amendment (CB-1939) - unanimous approval:** Addresses marijuana possession and consumption in public places.
- **Amendment to City Code Adding an Economic Development Department (CB-1940) – unanimous initial approval**
- **Employee Handbook Amendment (CR-134) – unanimous approval**
- **Utility Emergency Response Change Order (CR-137) – unanimous approval**
- **Capital Equipment Purchases (CR-138) – unanimous approval**
- **104th Avenue and Bannock Street Pole Replacement (CR-139) – unanimous approval**
- **Xcel Energy Action Plan Phase 2 Memorandum of Understanding (CR-144) – unanimous approval**
- **Adoption of Oil and Gas Best Management Practices (CR-145) – Approved 5-1**

### OIL AND GAS MEASURES APPROVED

The state passed a bill, “Protecting Public Welfare in Conduct of Oil and Gas Operations” in spring 2019. Both CB-1937 and CR-145 are a direct result of this state legislation.

Though oil and gas operations within Northglenn city limits is minimal, these city laws are meant to protect residents if such activity were to occur.

Guidelines include air quality, leak detection and repair, air sampling, reduced emissions, sound mitigation, dust control, odor containment, water quality protection, spill response, handling of combustibles, community outreach, updates to the city, complaint response, incident reporting and more.

### COUNCIL MEETS WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Council met with State Senator Faith Winter and State Representative Kyle Mullica, the elected officials who represent Northglenn.

They gave City Council members an overview of the bills they planned to work on in the coming session.

Additionally, all discussed opportunities to work together on shared issues. Transportation, homelessness, paid family leave, fireworks and vaccinations were a few of the topics discussed.

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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

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

### COUNCIL SCHEDULE

**Council Meeting:** Mon., Jan. 13 and 27, 7 p.m.

**Study Session:** Mon., Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 6 p.m. *The Jan. 20 study session is cancelled due to*

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*

**Special Meeting & Study Session:** Mon., Jan. 6., 6 p.m. meeting, study session to follow

### 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 at Council Chambers in 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](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn) or [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs).



### COUNCIL AGENDA

Below are a few topics city council is scheduled to discuss in January. Please note agenda items are subject to change.

- Vote on appointment of Ward 1 council member (Jan. 6)
- City Council committee/liaison appointments discussion
- Pavement conditions assessment
- Snow and ice level of service
- Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) update
- Civic Center (including the new recreation center, senior center & theatre) construction update
- Homelessness Task Force outline

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

## MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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- Gaye Monroe (CR-148), VALE Board Reappointment - Leslie Carrico (CR-149), Youth Commission Appointment - Meera Bipin (CR-150), Adams County Open Space Grant Agreements - NGCC Outdoor Amenities (CR-151) and Blender Bikes (CR-152) - unanimous approval
- **Amendment to City Code Adding an Economic Development Department** (CB-1940) - unanimous approval
- **Northglenn/Thornton Victim Services Intergovernmental Agreement** (IGA) (CR-153) - unanimous approval
- **Police Department Staffing and Operations Assessment** (CR-154) - unanimous approval: Hires a consulting firm to evaluate current processes and gather input to make

- recommendations on possible changes/improvements.
- **Bunker Hill Lift Station Replacement CMAR Pre-Construction Services** (CR-156) - unanimous approval: Beginning stages of a large Northglenn Underground project.
  - **Landfill Services Contract** (CR-157) - unanimous approval
  - **Municipal Court Update by Judge Bailhache**
  - **City Council Ward 1 Vacancy Interviews** - James Miller, Randall Peterson, Catherine Sanders, Nicholas Trostel, Donald Vallero, Nicholas Walker and Alexander Winkler

WARD 1 VACANCY DISCUSSION

On Dec. 16, City Council conducted interviews for the Ward 1 vacancy created by the election of Mayor Meredith Leighty.

“I was pleased we had so much interest in the position and I deeply appreciate the time and effort of the eight applicants,” said Leighty. “The interviews really brought out diverse, impressive perspectives – it’s going to be a tough decision.”

Video of the interviews may be watched at [www.northglenn.org/councilvacancy](http://www.northglenn.org/councilvacancy). City Council is scheduled to vote on the Ward 1 appointment on Jan. 6.

The City Charter specifies an appointment must be made within 30 days of the vacancy, making the deadline Jan. 8.

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
Marketing and 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



In cold weather, thieves prowl on ‘puffers’ and typically find them in driveways, parking lots and gas stations. The harm goes beyond the hassle and heartache of reporting and possibly replacing the vehicle. Criminals often use stolen vehicles to commit more misdeeds. They can also use any documents, keys or garage door openers in the vehicle to wreak havoc on your identity, security and peace of mind.

Thankfully – the solution is simple. Do not leave your car running unattended. That includes warming it up on chilly mornings, going in a convenience store or even pumping gas. If you want to make sure you have a warm car in the morning, consider a remote starter. The keys aren’t in the vehicle, making it harder for thieves to steal.

SAFETY EVENTS

**First Aid Class**  
Sat., Jan. 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
Northglenn Recreation Center,  
11801 Community Center Drive

Learn how to respond to medical emergencies involving children using evidence-based treatment recommendations. This class is ideal for babysitters, child care professionals and youth sports coaches who need (re)certification.

Open to people ages 13 and older. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Prices are \$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. Please RSVP by Jan. 11. Call 303.450.8800 or go to [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn) to register. **RECTRAC CODE: 10636001**

**Babysitting Class**  
Mon., Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
Northglenn Rec Center

First-time babysitters ages 11 to 13 can learn how to watch over young children. The class covers CPR, first aid, safety, feeding, discipline, diapering, bathing and more.

Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Prices are \$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. Please RSVP by Jan. 13. Call 303.450.8800 or go to [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn) to register. **RECTRAC CODE: 10636002**

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

**Tues., Jan. 28, 6-7 p.m.,  
Senior Center, 11801  
Community Center Drive**

Even though Northglenn is in the middle of the metro area, wild animals are never far away. Learn what steps you can take to keep from attracting wildlife and what you should do when you encounter them.

Topics covered include:

- The presence and prevalence of wildlife in urban areas
- Common conflicts between humans and urban wildlife and how to avoid them
- Urban wildlife laws

Presented by Northglenn Animal Control Officer Brian Kidwell and Jordan Likes of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Cost is free to attend. For more details, contact Belia Straushein at 303.280.7821 or [bstraushein@northglenn.org](mailto:bstraushein@northglenn.org).

TRAFFIC STATS

**November 2019 traffic statistics compiled by the Police Department.**

- **Municipal Traffic Summons: 131**
- **Traffic Accidents: 119**



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The Northglenn Connection is delivered monthly to city residents. Use it 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](http://www.northglenn.org/connection).

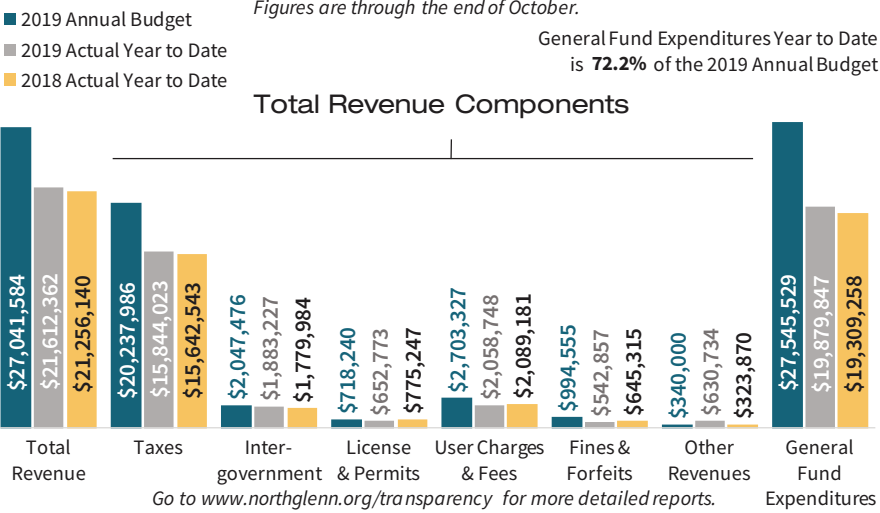
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SNOW SHOVELING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

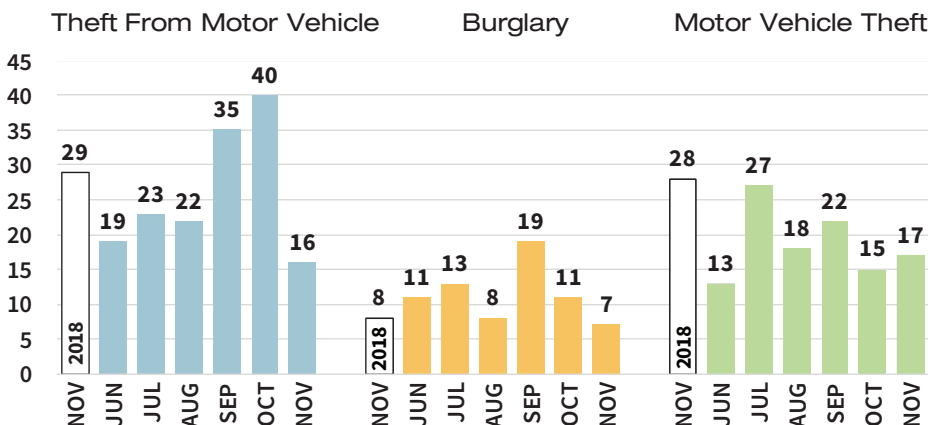
The city is seeking Snow Stormers! These volunteers shovel snow for seniors or residents with physical disabilities. Clearing sidewalks makes it safer for delivery workers dropping off needed supplies and for the residents leaving their homes. Volunteers can shovel before or after work. Need is great, as many residents are currently on the waiting list. You can probably help someone who lives in your neighborhood! For more details, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or [jmurphy@northglenn.org](mailto:jmurphy@northglenn.org).

October 2019 General Fund Financial Report



November 2019 Crime Statistics

These charts show statistics from the Police Department for theft from a motor vehicle, burglary and motor vehicle theft in the city over the last six months and from November 2019. To report a non life-threatening crime, call 303.288.1535. Dial 911 in an emergency.







Testing continues at the N Line's Northglenn • 112th Station, which is near East 112th Avenue and York Street. The scheduled opening is for May or August of this year. The N Line is an 18.5-mile electrified commuter rail line that will connect Denver and Adams County by serving Commerce City, Northglenn and Thornton. For information about the N Line Commuter Rail, visit [www.rtd-denver.com/fastracks/n-line](http://www.rtd-denver.com/fastracks/n-line).

## No Trailered Boats on Standley Lake

### ► Meant to Prevent Mussel Infestation; Stores Water for Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster

Courtesy City of Westminster

The City of Westminster will prohibit trailered boating on Standley Lake to prevent the risk of a zebra and quagga mussel (ZQM) infestation.

This decision was made in response to the growing threat of ZQM infestation in Colorado waters from trailered boating.

“The city’s number one priority is providing reliable, healthy

drinking water, and Standley Lake is the source for over 300,000 people from three cities – Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster,” said Westminster Public Works and Utilities Director Max Kirschbaum.

The City of Northglenn emphatically supports this decision by Westminster.

If ZQM entered Standley Lake, the cost of remediation for Westminster alone is estimated

at \$10 million in capital expenses and \$3 million in annual operating costs, significantly increasing the cost to deliver water. In addition to the financial costs, the establishment of ZQM would permanently change the ecology of Standley Lake, resulting in taste and odor issues and a reduction in water quality.

Westminster will continue recreational opportunities on and around the lake that do not pose a significant threat to water quality.

## Saved By The Bell?

### ► Adams 12 Considering Later Starting Hours for Sixth Through 12th Grades

Courtesy Adams 12 Five Star School District

The Five Star District is exploring the possibility of changing school start and end times for the 2020-2021 school year.

Studies regarding insufficient amounts of sleep in adolescents have caused many school districts across the country to consider adjusting bell schedules. The research suggests later start times for students in grades 6 through 12 would result in healthier adolescent students and increased academic performance over time.

While acknowledging the research, the district is first seeking to understand the perspectives of parents, students and staff. Engagement sessions this fall have provided the opportunity to give input on this important decision. A short online survey in early

November started the process and had more than 12,000 parents, students and staff respond. The results of the survey showed more than 75 percent of respondents in favor of at least exploring new bell time options.

In December, the district hosted open houses for staff and community on various nights to learn about the survey results and hear the complex process of bell times including the impact on schools, busing, after-school programs, and more. Participants also viewed and voted on four different possible bell schedule scenarios with projected costs and impacts.

Further feedback will be heard next year with a decision coming by spring 2020. For more information visit [www.adams12.org/belltimes](http://www.adams12.org/belltimes).

# Opportunities to Serve on Commissions

## ► Boards Have Wide Range of Topics

On the Web: Go to [www.northglenn.org/boards](http://www.northglenn.org/boards) for more information.

Good government is not just the responsibility of city officials and employees. Residents also play an important role.

Boards and commissions give

people a voice in the city's government; they provide input on issues and recommendations on decisions that shape the quality of life in Northglenn by advising the city or City Council

on specific topics relating to their board.

Residents of all backgrounds and interests help make a difference in the future of Northglenn! Each

member's participation is crucial to the success of the city as they provide valuable insight.

Below is an overview of the boards and commissions in the

city; some have openings now. If one piques your interest but does not have an opening, go ahead and apply; we'll hold your application on file!

### Citizens' Affairs Board

This board gives Northglenn residents an opportunity to make proposals and discuss issues related to their community, ultimately supporting and maintaining the health, safety and happiness of their fellow residents. They take suggestions and complaints and bring them to city staff and leadership.

• **Meetings:** First Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive

• **Openings:** Three members

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/cab](http://www.northglenn.org/cab)

### Election Commission

They assist the City Clerk in the implementation of municipal elections.

• **Meetings:** As needed

• **Openings:** Two

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/electioncommission](http://www.northglenn.org/electioncommission)

### Historic Preservation Commission

Created in 1997, the commission protects, preserves and enhances the city's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural

heritage. Every year they organize the Olde Fashion Christmas event. Also, this past year they put together a tour of some vintage homes in the city.

• **Meetings:** First Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Stonehocker Farmhouse, 10950 Fox Run Parkway

• **Openings:** One alternate

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/historicpreservation](http://www.northglenn.org/historicpreservation)

### Liquor Licensing Authority

This group grants or refuses licenses for the retail sale of alcohol beverages.

• **Meetings:** First and third Monday of the month at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers

• **Openings:** Two alternate members

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/lla](http://www.northglenn.org/lla)

### NURA - Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority

NURA assists in revitalizing designated commercial areas through redevelopment and property enhancements to eliminate blight.

A few successful projects include the redevelopment of the Northglenn Marketplace, Webster Lake Promenade and Huron Center. Currently NURA is

assisting with the Civic Center project.

• **Meetings:** Second Wednesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers

• **Openings:** None

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/nura](http://www.northglenn.org/nura)

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

This board advises council and staff about parks and recreation plans, facilities and programs. They helped the city secure \$1.5 million in grant funding from Adams County Open Space for the new recreation center.

• **Meetings:** Second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

• **Openings:** None

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/parksboard](http://www.northglenn.org/parksboard)

### Planning Commission

The commission considers permit applications for land use matters and makes recommendations to council for zoning requests. Members are active in the development of the city's Comprehensive Plan by reviewing site plans and subdivision plats.

• **Meetings:** First and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

• **Openings:** None

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/planningcomm](http://www.northglenn.org/planningcomm)

### VALE Board

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board works to help crime victims and witnesses. The board provides grants to programs that assist crime victims or to law enforcement agencies. Last year, VALE distributed \$42,280 in grant funding.

• **Meetings:** Meets quarterly as needed in Council Chambers

• **Openings:** None

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/vale](http://www.northglenn.org/vale)

### Youth Commission

This commission encourages teens to participate in community issues and gives them a voice in government. They make recommendations to council and staff about topics impacting city youth.

• **Meetings:** First and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the rec center

• **Openings:** Four

• **Web:** [www.northglenn.org/youthcommission](http://www.northglenn.org/youthcommission)



# Adams County No. 1 in Nation For Job Growth

Courtesy Adams County Economic Development

Adams County had an employment gain of 5.3 percent from June 2018 to June 2019, the largest over-the-year increase in employment in the nation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The report showed the largest

3,592

**New jobs in trade, utilities and transportation for the county from June 2018 to June 2019.**

employment increase occurred in trade, transportation and utilities, which gained 3,592 jobs over the

year (6.4 percent). The ranking illustrates the job growth and industry expansion is following opportunity in the north metro region.

Of the 355 largest U.S. counties, 279 had increased employment.

To see the whole report, go to [www.northglenn.org/jobstats](http://www.northglenn.org/jobstats).

## HOLIDAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENT



On Dec. 13, Northglenn businesses, the mayor, City Council members and city staff celebrated the season at the Stonehocker Farmhouse for the 2019 Business Holiday After-Hours networking event.

## NEW CITY BUSINESSES: NOVEMBER 2019

- Tik Tok Ink** leased 3,148 square feet at 425 W. 115th St., Suite #1. This business provides screen printing, promotional gear and embroidery. They employ seven people. For more information, call 720.310.5543 or go to [www.tiktokink.com](http://www.tiktokink.com).
- Waggin' Tails Dog Resort and Spa** leased 7,479 square feet at 11480 N. Cherokee St., Unit P. They offer dog daycare, boarding, and grooming services and employ 12 people. For more information, call 303.255.6878 or go to [www.waggintailsdogresort.com](http://www.waggintailsdogresort.com).

## HOUSING STATISTICS: DEC. '19

City	Median List Price	List Price Range	Avg. Days on Market	# on Market
Northglenn	\$365K	\$310-\$600K	48	17
Brighton	\$480K	\$215K-\$2.1M	106	249
Broomfield	\$579.5K	\$319K-\$3.5M	87	101
Commerce City	\$425K	\$199K-\$940K	69	92
Thornton	\$448K	\$370K-\$614.9K	38	29
Westminster	\$492.5K	\$288K-1.9M	63	88

SOURCE: VALUECHECK

## SHOP LOCAL

Buying products, purchasing services and dining in Northglenn helps your community. A list of all Northglenn businesses can be found at [www.shopnorthglenn.org](http://www.shopnorthglenn.org)!



## BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES: 4TH QUARTER OF 2019

The city would like to recognize and thank the following companies, which celebrated major milestones of doing business in Northglenn. Congratulations!

- 40 Years**

  - Alexander Hamilton
  - Hernandez & Sons
- 30 Years**

  - Farmer's Insurance – Nate Bingel
- 20 Years**

  - Cinzetti's Italian Market Restaurant
  - Creative Awards
  - Door Installations
  - Famous Footwear #1705
  - La Familia
- 15 Years**

  - Briggsaero Bicycles
  - Dun-Rite Cleaning Services
  - Monica R. Streif Massage Therapist
  - Northglenn Self-Storage Partners
  - Ramada Plaza
- 10 Years**

  - Big D's Liquor
- 5 Years**

  - Affordable Electrical Service
  - Colorado Bar and Grill
  - Denver Escape Room
  - Dreamweave by Nickico
  - Honeyman Services
- Home-based businesses in italics.**
- Other Businesses:**

  - Shamrock Properties
  - Tyke Publishing of Colorado
  - Gerald Hendricks & Co.
  - Splash Window Tinting
  - The Word
  - Westview Automotive
  - Maranello Motorworks
  - Metro by T-Mobile
  - Laundry Spot
  - Northpoint Surgery
  - Old School Garage
  - Senior Helpers
  - Skinny's Sound and Staging Productions
  - Smoker's World
  - SpeedWise IT Services
  - Verizon Wireless



## Safety Pays Off

► SafePro Guard Honored for EZLadder Guardian

*Note: This is the second in a series of stories featuring winners from the 2019 Business Appreciation Breakfast. Go to [www.northglenn.org/bab](http://www.northglenn.org/bab) to see videos about all the winners.*

Don Graham, owner of SafePro Guard and winner of the 2019 Northglenn Home-Based Business Award, is committed to saving lives by preventing ladder-related accidents. His own experience with a serious construction accident inspired him to search for a better answer to keep workers safe on a job site.

In 2013, Graham filed a patent

for his ladder assist device, the EZLadder Guardian. It stabilizes and holds the ladder in place, preventing the ladder from slipping out.

Graham designed and engineered the EZLadder Guardian. He manufactures, assembles and ships each one from his garage.

He believes the success of his business is due to this product making a difference in people's lives and safety.

For more information, call 303.523.6571 or go to <https://safeproguard.com>.

## RIBBON-CUTTINGS

### SENIOR HUB



**Senior Hub** held its ribbon-cutting and open house on Dec. 10 to celebrate moving its office and facilities back to Northglenn. They leased 3,900 square feet at 10190 Bannock St., #105. The organization serves aging adults in Adams and Arapahoe counties and employs four people. For more information, call 303.426.4408 or go to <https://seniorhub.org>.

### HIGH RIDE CYCLE



**High Ride Cycle** held its ribbon-cutting on Dec. 12. It leased 2,450 square feet at 2145 E. 120th Ave., Unit H. This indoor cycling studio offers instructor-led, high-intensity classes. They employ four people. For more information, call 303.477.0793 or go to [www.indoorcyclingnorthglenn.com](http://www.indoorcyclingnorthglenn.com).





Heather M. Geyer



# Environmental Sustainability A Core Goal For City

In November I discussed our 2020 Budget and Resident Survey, which both tied directly to my December topic of our Strategic Plan. As I move through this year, I plan to share progress on Strategic Plan goals.



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This month I'll highlight the Strategic Plan goal of increasing environmental sustainability.

With worldwide discussions on pollution, alternative energy and climate change, it may seem obvious that we should make an effort to use our natural resources responsibly, reduce waste and repurpose/reuse/recycle as much as possible. This is also a very local issue – the reality of limited water, the impact of landfills, and air quality are all Northglenn issues we can address on some level. We are committed to looking for ways to make less impact on our environment, and

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making fiscally-responsible investments that support sustainability. In general, the sustainability strategic goal – which was influenced by resident input – means we need to think about sustainability in every endeavor. Here are some examples of current and future work in this area:

- The new recreation center, senior center and theatre now under construction will receive credits for exceeding energy code requirements, and we are hoping to secure funding for a “demonstration level” solar energy aspect.
- Community events added more recycling and composting efforts last year and will continue to do so.

- Northglenn city leaders had the foresight to secure water rights, and specified that additional water rights should be purchased when possible, identifying an ongoing funding source to support that effort.
- We continuously look for ways to encourage water conservation, and our Public Works Department takes environmental impact into consideration as we replace and construct water and wastewater infrastructure.
- We work in a variety of areas (traffic, trails, regional partnerships) to provide more public transportation, improve traffic flow, and offer pedestrian/cycle

routes to help reduce gas consumption and pollution. Also, thanks to grant funding, we'll be adding our first electric vehicle charging station this year.

- We are one of the few municipalities that offer all residents curbside recycling. This year we'll explore whether it's feasible to add composting services in the near future.

Our efforts towards sustainability rely on support from City Council, and they approved our Energy Action Plan with the Xcel Energy Partners (see below), funded the composting study and also recently voted on some new oil and gas regulations.

I hope you join us in looking for ways to use natural resources wisely and make less impact on our environment.

**On the Web:** Go to [www.northglenn.org/strategicplan](http://www.northglenn.org/strategicplan) to read the city's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

## Energy Action Plan Adopted ▶ Home Assessments Available From Xcel Energy

Northglenn has developed a community-wide Energy Action Plan in collaboration with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy!

Partners in Energy is a two-year process of identifying energy and sustainability goals and implementing actions to achieve those goals. Northglenn kicked off the planning process in early May with a diverse group of stakeholders made up of local business representatives, residents and city officials. They held four additional workshops

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

over a six-month period to develop the Energy Action Plan, including an energy vision, goals, and actionable strategies that residents and businesses can take part in.

The Energy Action Plan identifies energy savings across the residential, commercial and small business, city facilities, and renewable energy focus areas with goals and strategies

determined for each (see table).

As a Northglenn resident, you can help the city achieve its energy goals by taking advantage of the many offerings available to reduce your energy bills and improve your energy efficiency!

Residents can get a Home Energy Squad® visit! For \$50, Home Energy Squad provides residents with an energy assessment, recommended efficiency improvements and free equipment installations such as

LED bulbs, weather stripping, and a programmable thermostat, all valued at \$200. Upgrade to Home Energy Squad Plus and receive a blower door test and infrared analysis to check for sources of energy leaks. To learn more or schedule your visit, go to [www.xcelenergy.com/homeenergysquad](http://www.xcelenergy.com/homeenergysquad).

The vision, goals and strategies of the Energy Action Plan are outlined below. Go to [www.northglenn.org/sustainability](http://www.northglenn.org/sustainability) to see the entire document.

### ENERGY ACTION PLAN GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Residential		City Facilities		Renewable Energy	
<b>Goals</b>	energy savings of 1% annually over 2017 for the next three years.	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Goal</b>	renewable energy options across all sectors.
• Connect with 7,000 residents to double participation in Xcel Energy programs over 2017 in the next year.	<b>Strategy</b>	• Reduce average municipal facility energy use intensity (EUI)* by 5% in the next three years. (*EUI is an energy measure based on the energy per square foot of a building.)	• Increase employee education and awareness of facility energy projects.	• Add 250 kW of renewable energy by 2025.	• Explore partnerships with other north metro area cities.
• Achieve community-wide residential			• Create energy teams in city departments to champion energy efforts	<b>Strategies</b>	
	• Launch a communications campaign.			• Raise awareness about	

## H<sub>2</sub>Ome Conservation

### ▶ Easy Ways to Save Water Indoors

Most people associate water conservation with lawn maintenance. More than 50 percent of water use is indeed outdoors – but that's only half of it. You still have plenty of opportunities to save water in your home. Here are some easy ways:

- Run your washing machine or dishwasher only with full loads.
- Turn off the water when you brush your teeth or wash your face. This can save you 4 to 10 gallons of water each day.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.
- Showering for one minute less saves 3,000 gallons each year.

- Upgrading to an EPA WaterSense toilet saves 11,000 gallons each year.
- Install faucet aerators.
- Fix leaking toilets and faucets.

#### Appliance Rebate

Newer toilets and washing machines use a lot less water than older versions. If you replace your water-use-heavy appliance with a high-efficiency model, you can apply for a rebate from the city.

Now is the perfect time, as program funding has been reset for the new year. Go to [www.northglenn.org/rebate](http://www.northglenn.org/rebate) for more information.

## Christmas Tree Drop Off Spots

The city has three locations for residents to drop off Christmas trees:

- Maintenance & Operations Facility
- Northwest Open Space
- Jaycee Park

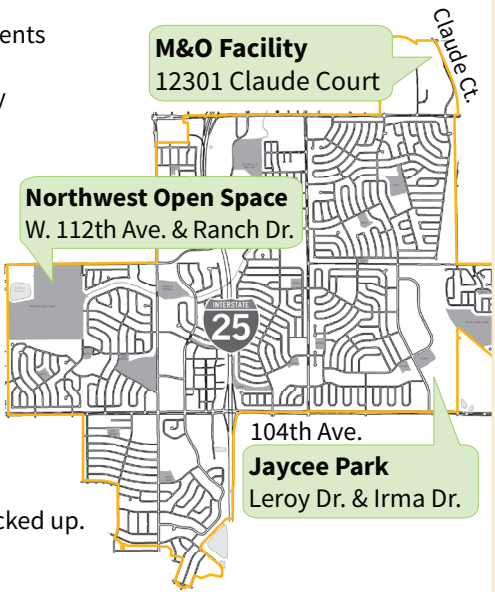
These spots are available for drop off from Dec. 26 through Jan. 10.

Please remove decorations and tinsel before dropping off.

Residents can cut up their tree and put it in their trash cart. However, the lid of the cart must be closed.

Trees put on the curb will NOT be picked up.

Call 303.450.4004 for questions.





Sound Bath Workshop

Sat., Jan. 11, 10-11:30 a.m., Northglenn Rec Center

Experience deep relaxation and a 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. The frequencies and vibrations will 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 Jan. 4. **RECTRAC CODE: 10423001**

Learn About Sound Baths

Tues., Feb. 4, 1:30 p.m., Northglenn Senior Center

A sound bath is a gentle, yet powerful, experience for the mind and body. Come to this workshop to find out more. This free class is open to all ages. Please RSVP by Feb. 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 10527001**



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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**.

Denver Nuggets  
Skills Challenge

Sat., Jan. 4, 9-10:30 a.m.,  
Northglenn Recreation Center



Compete against the rest of the state's youth in dribbling, passing and shooting. Top finishers move on to the sectional event, with the opportunity to advance to the state championship. Open to boys and girls ages 6 to 13. Register for this free event at [www.teamsideline.com/northglenn](http://www.teamsideline.com/northglenn).

Intro to Belly Dancing

Wed., Jan. 8, 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 Jan. 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 10315005**

6-Foot and Under  
Basketball Tournament

Sat., Jan. 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Rec Center

Adults 6-feet-tall and under can hoop it up in this 4 vs. 4 tournament. Rims will be set at 8.5 feet tall and dunking is allowed. Teams have four to eight players, and they must provide white and black shirts or jerseys. The single-elimination tournament is limited to 12 teams. All squads are guaranteed at least three games. Players must be at least 18 years old. Cost is \$120 per team. Please RSVP by Jan. 3. **RECTRAC CODE: 10746003**

Yoga Nidra

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

Enjoy 45 minutes of restful yoga postures followed by 30 minutes of relaxation and meditation. This experience reduces stress, anxiety, insomnia and fatigue. All experience levels are welcome. Cost is \$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. Please RSVP by Jan. 8. For people 16 and up. **RECTRAC CODE: 10424001**

Weight Room Orientation

Fri., Jan. 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Rec Center

The weight room has a variety of equipment and resources. This is a great place to start if you are new to the facility. Cost is free. Please RSVP by Jan. 23. For people 16 and up. **RECTRAC CODE: 10425001**

Royal Icing Cookie  
Decorating Workshop

Wed., Feb. 5, 6-8 p.m., Rec Center

Learn how to decorate holiday cookies with royal icing. Using different consistencies, you can create unique designs. By the end of the class, you'll have 12 decorated cookies plus reading materials and recipes to take home. For people ages 16 and up. Prices are \$50 for residents, \$55 for non-residents. Please RSVP by Jan. 29. **RECTRAC CODE: 10641001**

Sale on Memberships at  
the Recreation Center

The recreation center is having a sale on memberships from through Jan. 20. Call 303.450.8800 or stop by the center for more details.

Senior Center Events ▶ 11801 Community Center Dr. in the Northglenn Recreation Center

Ring in the New Year

Fri., Jan. 3, 1 p.m.

Celebrate the arrival of 2020 with a free party! Music and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by Jan. 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 10530003**

Downtown  
Aquarium



Wed., Jan. 8, 12:15-4 p.m.,  
meet at the center

The aquarium boasts more than a million gallons of underwater exhibits that highlight fascinating ecosystems from around the world. There is a self-guided tour with free time to explore. Cost is \$18. Please RSVP by Jan. 6. **RECTRAC CODE: 10528007**

SENIOR MOVIE

“We Bought a Zoo”

Tues., Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Following his wife's untimely death, Benjamin Mee (Matt Damon) makes a fresh start by quitting his job and moving his family to a property containing a wildlife park. Call or stop by the center for more information on this free showing.



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](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn).

NCAR Tour

Wed., Jan. 22,  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.,



meet at the senior center

The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is a fun and educational place to visit. A guide will talk about atmospheric science and show us some of the current research being conducted. Cost is \$2. Please RSVP by Jan. 19. **RECTRAC CODE: 10528007**



Chili Cook-Off Fri., Jan. 17, 12 p.m.

Do you make the best chili on the block? Enter it into the 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off. Red and green chili are judged in separate categories. Bring your chili entry or a complementary side dish for this potluck. Cost is free, but please RSVP by Jan. 14. **RECTRAC CODE: 10530004**

10 Warning Signs  
of Alzheimer's

Mon., Jan. 27, 1 p.m.

Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or other dementia. Learn the 10 warning signs and symptoms. Please register by Jan. 25 for this free class that is open to all ages. **RECTRAC CODE: 10527001**

SENIOR BOOK CLUB

“Where the  
Crawdads Sing”



Tues., Jan. 28, 1 p.m.

For years, rumors of the “Marsh

Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove. In late 1969, when Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Cost is free. Call or stop by the senior center for more details.

Souper Bowl Soup

Fri., Jan. 31, 12 p.m.

Show your team spirit by wearing your team's colors while participating in football-themed events. The Northglenn Senior Organization will provide the soup – you bring the side dish or dessert. Cost

is free. Please RSVP by Jan. 29. **RECTRAC CODE: 10530005**

Celestial Seasonings

Wed., Feb. 5, 11:15 a.m.-  
3:30 p.m., meet at the  
senior center

Visit Celestial Seasonings headquarters in Boulder and unlock the mysteries of tea with a guided tour. Beforehand, enjoy lunch in their cafeteria. (Cost for lunch is NOT included.) Price is \$2. Please RSVP by Feb. 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 10528007**







**SALVERE**, a sculpture by Michigan artist Jeff Best, was voted as the 2019/2020 People's Choice Award winner. This barbless barbed-wire sculpture received the most votes out of six pieces currently placed at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park. **Salvere** will be permanently located in Northglenn; the exact spot will be announced sometime this year.

# CULTURAL EVENTS

## THEATRE AUDITIONS “Big The Musical”

Feb. 4-6, D.L. Parsons Theatre,  
11801 Community Center Drive

Youth ages 8 to 18 are invited to audition for the Northglenn Youth Theatre production of “Big The Musical.” This Broadway musical is based on the 1987 film starring Tom Hanks. About 40 roles are available. You must schedule an audition at [www.northglennarts.org/auditions](http://www.northglennarts.org/auditions). Requirements are on the web page. Cost is \$150 if cast.



## History of African American Music

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



Take an audial journey through the first 300 years of African American music in this collaboration between the Colorado Black Arts Festival and The Source Theater Company. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$13 for students, seniors and military. Go to [www.northglennarts.org](http://www.northglennarts.org) for more information or to buy tickets.



## SLEIGH BELLS

This cute pair posed together in the sleigh outside the Stonehocker Farmhouse during the Olde Fashion Christmas on Dec. 8. People who attended the two-day event experienced holiday music from live performers, treats and decorations. Children journeyed upstairs to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. They then picked out a free book from Northglenn Build a Generation's Rudolph Reading Raffle. Thanks to the sponsors below who supported the raffle!



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# Northglenn Arts

For tickets & more information, visit [northglennarts.org](http://northglennarts.org) or call 303.450.8800

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

### Travel Films

**January 15**  
**Spain and Portugal**

**February 19**  
**Passage Through India**

**March 25**  
**On Assignment: Alaska**

Films start at 10 a.m. and include a 15-minute intermission with refreshments.

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

## A CAPPELLA CONCERT SERIES

**January 17**  
**Choice City Singers**

**7:30 p.m.**  
at the **D.L. Parsons Theatre**  
Come early and enjoy a glass of wine or a bottle of beer!

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

See all 4 groups in the series!  
**\$40 adult**  
**\$32 youth, seniors & military**

## Missoula Children's Theatre

# Cinderella

**Auditions**  
for ages 6 - 18  
**January 20**  
Check-in 3 - 3:55 p.m.  
Mezzanine of D.L. Parsons Theatre  
Auditions begin promptly at 4:00 p.m.

**Performances**  
**January 25**  
at 3 pm & 7 pm

See an original adaptation of the classic fairy tale. A pumpkin coach, Prince Charming, a glass slipper and a dream come true are woven together by the magic of a Fairy Godmother in this enchanting musical.

**\$9 adult**  
**\$7 youth, seniors & military**  
**\$5 groups**

Conceived and Written by **Don Kukla**  
Music Written & Arranged by **Michael McGill**  
Original Staging by **Michael McGill**

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