

CHRISTMAS ROLLS ON

COVID-19 precautions forced a lot of changes for the annual Noel Northglenn celebration, but the city just rolled with it.

Instead of coming into the Northglenn Recreation Center, visitors stayed in their cars for a drive-through event. Festive lights and Northglenn's decorated antique firetruck illuminated the chilly Dec. 4 night.

Fire dancers, hula-hoopers, dancing snowmen and a performing Mrs. Claus entertained. Even Elsa from "Frozen" brought some of her own magic to the evening. Finally, a masked and socially-distanced Santa Claus delivered holiday cheer and took present requests.

Nearly 250 cars carrying 1,000 people helped us keep the holiday spirit alive in Northglenn!



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Big Time Work in '21

► Endeavors Include Building Projects, Strategic Plans and Social Initiatives While Navigating Effects of COVID-19

Like you, the city is ready to leave 2020 behind. Despite the restrictions of COVID-19, pieces are in place for a productive and eventful 2021.

Construction Work

**New Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre** The biggest event planned for 2021 is the opening of the new recreation center later in the year. "The facilities and new amenities will allow staff to provide expanded program offerings and will better meet the needs of our community," said Parks and Recreation Director Amanda Peterson. ► Check out the update on Page 7.

**Civic Center Master Plan** Plans are developing for the rest of the Civic Center site that include new commercial and residential development, along with a new city hall. "Our hope is the Civic Center, which is generally where City Hall and the current rec center are now, will have a true downtown feeling," explained Economic Development Director Debbie Tuttle. "We envision it as the new heart of the city."

That will keep Information Technology staff busy, as over the next few years they'll work

to keep the new facilities online, plugged-in and connected with the Maintenance & Operations Facility and Justice Center. "Staff in the recreation center will definitely see an improvement," said IT Director Bob Lehr. "This will allow them to work more efficiently."

**Karl's Farm** Another development project is Karl's Farm. "Watching the crews prepare the land for construction after many meetings and negotiations was great," said Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda. Infrastructure improvements are in process now to serve current and new residents and businesses in the area.

Public Works

**Lift Station A and Force Main Replacement** Speaking of infrastructure, a massive project will begin near Jaycee Park and continue north to 124th Avenue and Claude Court. Lift Station A, which is the main wastewater pump for the city, and the connect-



ing force main, which carries the wastewater to the city's treatment plant, are being replaced. "It's a big – and much needed – improvement," said Public Works Director Kent Kisselman.

Traffic Improvements

One more major reconstruction project set to start in 2021 is 120th Avenue. Combined with traffic signal upgrades in 2021 and 2022, motorists should see less congestion in the future.

COVID Recovery

**Providing Services to the Community Safely** The effects of COVID-19 will be felt long into the future, and

though vaccine distribution has started, restrictions will likely be in place for the next few months. Events, parks, recreation, cultural and senior staff will continue to adjust services and programs to serve as many residents as possible while conforming to county and state mandates. ► More information on COVID-19, including how city services are affected on Page 5.

Financial Wellbeing

Financially, COVID-19 has led City Council to pass a conservative budget for 2021. "We will continue to monitor the situation," said Director of

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- WARD 4 MEETING:** Council members Esquibel and Willford want to connect with constituents to start the new year. ► Page 4
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CLOSURES

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Building and Municipal Court are CLOSED to the public, though accessible by phone, email or online.**
- For those facilities, the closures below are when staff will not be in the building. The rec center and senior center require pre-registration for use; see Page 5 for more details.
- City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Building and Municipal Court**
    - Closed New Year's Eve, Thurs., Dec. 31, New Year's Day, Fri., Jan. 1 and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18
  - Senior Center**
    - Closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1
  - Recreation Center**
    - Open 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 31
    - Closed Jan. 1
  - Trash will NOT be picked up on New Year's Day. See Page 7 for details. It will be collected on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**



# Emergency Measure Caps Food Delivery Charges Through March

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.

## DEC. 7: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** 2021 Legislative Preview, **Draft Marijuana Delivery Ordinance**, Municipal Judge and City Attorney 2020 Evaluation Process

## DEC. 14: REGULAR MEETING

- **Financial Update:** October 2020 Report
- **Consent Agenda:** **CR-168** - Citizens' Affairs Board Reappointment - Brian Waselko; **CR-169** - Liquor Licensing Authority Reappointment - Maxine Foster; **CR-170** - Liquor Licensing Authority Reappointment - Larry Harvey; **CR-171** - Liquor Licensing Authority Reappointment - Lee Stewart; **CR-172** - Planning Commission Appointment - Tiffany Banks; **CR-173** - VALE Board Reappointment - Stephen Blackburn; **CR-174** - VALE Board Reappointment - Joyce Downing; **CR-175** - Youth Commission Reappointment - Meera Bipin; **CR-176** - Adams County MOU for Administration of the Minor Home Repair Program; **CR-177** - Banking Services Contract Extension; **CR-178** - Cash Management and Investment Policy – *passed unanimously*
- **Public Hearings and Second Readings:**
  - **CB-1956** - Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board – *one public comment, passed unanimously*
  - **CB-1957** - Retail Tobacco Licensing – *five public comments, passed 7-2 with a friendly amendment (no vote Brown, Downing)*
  - **CB-1958** - Allowing the Sale of Industrial Hemp Products at Marijuana Businesses – *no public comment, passed unanimously*
  - **CB-1959** - Marijuana Business Location Requirements – *no public comment, passed unanimously*
  - **CB-1960** - Campaign Finance Complaint Process – *no public comment, passed unanimously*
- **First Readings:**
  - **CB-1961** - Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 Authorization – *passed unanimously*
  - **CB-1962** - Supplemental Appropriation – *passed unanimously*
  - **CB-1963** - Liquor Licensing Authority Amendments – *passed unanimously*
- **Resolutions:**
  - **CR-179** - Underwriting Services – *passed unanimously*
  - **CR-180** - Setting Public Hearing on **CB-1961**; **CR-181** - Setting Public Hearing on **CB-1962**; **CR-182** - Setting Public Hearing on **CB-1963** – *all passed unanimously*
  - **CR-183** - Low Zone Tank Recoating Project – *passed unanimously*
  - **CR-184** - Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Triennial Review – *passed unanimously*
  - **CR-185** - AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment for Water Treatment Facility – *passed unanimously*
- **Discussion Item:** Council Ex-Officio Appointment to Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board

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## HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT POTENTIAL MARIJUANA DELIVERY?

This month, a state law goes into effect that allows cities to issue permits for licensed marijuana businesses to deliver medical and retail marijuana products.

The marijuana industry is highly regulated by the state, but local jurisdictions may decide if they want to allow delivery within their boundaries.

After two discussions on the issue, City Council is considering allowing Northglenn marijuana retailers to apply for a permit to deliver products to Northglenn residential addresses. The issue will likely be on a regular meeting agenda in late January or early February.

If you have questions or would like to share thoughts or opinions on this issue, please reach out to your City Council representative (contact information below), participate in public comment at a regular meeting, attend the Ward 4 virtual meeting on Jan. 14, or submit a comment online at [www.northglenn.org/virtualtownhall](http://www.northglenn.org/virtualtownhall).

## 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@](mailto:jsmall@northglenn.org)

[northglenn.org](http://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.**

## COUNCIL SCHEDULE

January meetings will be virtual.

- **Study Sessions:** 6 p.m. Mon. Jan. 4 and Feb. 1
- **Regular Meetings:** 7 p.m. Mon. Jan. 11 and 25
- **Jan. 18 meeting cancelled due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

Upcoming topics (tentative):

- Municipal Court update
- Water Resources update
- Permits to deliver marijuana products
- 2021 Economic Development overview
- Adams County Respite Fund

## 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 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

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

**Location:** Meetings, study sessions and special meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Go to [www.northglenn.org](http://www.northglenn.org) for updates on future meetings and study sessions.

## WATCH & LEARN ... VIRTUALLY

Listen to the January 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](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn).

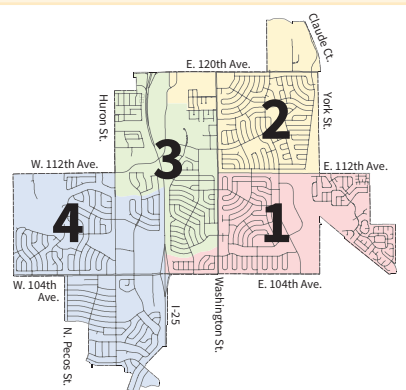
### Channel 8 Rebroadcast Schedule:

- **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).

Audio recordings are available the day after meetings at [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs).

## CITY WARDS



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

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DEC. 21: SPECIAL MEETING

- **Presentation:** Maiker Housing Partners
- **Consent Agenda:** *CR-189* - Colorado Legal Services Pilot Program Renewal; *CR-190* - Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board Ex-Officio Appointment - Randall Peterson; *CR-191* - Youth Commission Appointment - Nazly Soufiani – *passed unanimously*

TEMPORARY CAP PUT ON FOOD DELIVERY CHARGES

This ordinance places a 15% fee cap on third-party food delivery fees until March 31, 2021 in an effort to provide relief to restaurants and their customers that have experienced severe financial impacts as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

Public Hearings and Second Readings:

- *CB-1961* - Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 Authorization – *no public comment, passed unanimously*
- *CB-1962* - Supplemental Appropriation – *no public comment, passed unanimously*
- *CB-1963* - Liquor Licensing Authority Amendments – *no public comment, passed unanimously*
- **Emergency Ordinance:**
  - *CB-1964 - Food Delivery Fee Cap Emergency Ordinance* – *one public comment, passed unanimously*
- **Resolutions:**
  - *CR-186* - Professional Services Agreement Addendum #1 with Cumming Management Group for Northglenn Civic Center Phase 2 Implementation – *passed unanimously*
  - *CR-187* - Lift Station A Replacement Project Guaranteed Maximum Price – *passed unanimously*
  - *CR-188* - Force Main A Replacement Project Guaranteed Maximum Price – *passed unanimously*

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	

Efforts Toward Equity Both in Community and City Hall

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Finance Jason Loveland. “Thanks to the forethought of previous councils, the city is in a much better place financially than many others throughout the country.”

Community & Inclusivity

Community-Oriented Policing

In 2021, the Police Department will take their community-oriented philosophy of policing to the next level with the help of a new advisory board. Restructuring command staff and installing body and dash cameras are two additional endeavors. Police Chief Jim May shared, “We believe these changes will help strengthen our bond with the community and instill more trust, understanding and cooperation.” ➤ *Applications are now being accepted for the new Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board. Learn more on Page 5.*

Internal Inclusivity

Internally, the city will be adding a diversity, equity and inclusion framework for staff to complement the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board created by City Council in 2020. “I look forward to working with a new team on such an important endeavor,” said Chief Diversity Officer and Human Resources

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– City Manager Heather Geyer

Director Tamara Dixon, who joined the city on Nov. 30. “That the city has made this a priority is one of the reasons I wanted this position.”

Equity in the Courts

Inclusion and equity efforts have already started to be embraced in the city’s court system. “The city’s efforts are mirrored in Municipal Court,” shared Judge Amanda Bailhache. “We are looking for ways to address root causes in hopes of building our community and reducing recidivism.”

Planning for the Future

Strategic Plan Update

City Manager Heather Geyer and Assistant to the City Manager Rupa Venkatesh will continue to facilitate work on the city’s Strategic Plan, like the Homelessness Community Task Force. “It’s important that we continually assess our status on goals, and make sure we are still headed in the right direction,” said Geyer. “Part of strategic work is making course adjustments to best meet the needs of our

community with available resources.”

Communications and Engagement Plan

In conjunction with the Strategic Plan, there is a new three-year Communications and Engagement Plan. “We need to make sure that everything from this Connection that you’re reading to our Noel Northglenn event supports city goals and meets the needs of residents,” said Diana Wilson, director of the department.

Council Elections

Towards the end of the year, the election includes four council positions. Reach out to City Clerk Johanna Small if you are interested in running! “We saw record-setting turnout from Northglenn voters in the 2020 Election,” said Small. “We look forward to seeing that participation continue as voters choose their local elected officials in 2021.”

*There is a lot to look forward to in Northglenn!*

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](http://www.northglenn.org/connection). Contact John Eisel at [jeisel@northglenn.org](mailto:jeisel@northglenn.org) for any questions, comments or concerns.

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FREE CLASS ON ESTATE DOCUMENTS



*"I really want my family fighting over my estate, with the state ultimately deciding what happens."*

– No one, ever

Local attorney Jeff Althaus

will host “4 Docs You Absolutely Need” at 1:30 p.m. Wed., Jan. 13. Access the class at [www.northglenn.org/fourdocuments](http://www.northglenn.org/fourdocuments).

Althaus will discuss the

necessary documents to make sure your affairs are in order:

- Will
- Medical power of attorney
- Financial power of attorney

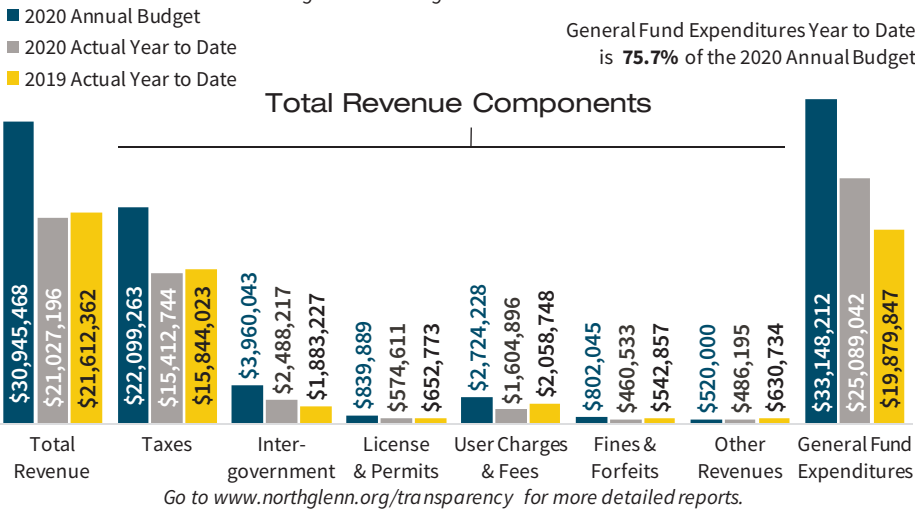
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- And as a bonus – the trust

For more information about this free lecture, call 303.450.8801 or email [seniorcenter@northglenn.org](mailto:seniorcenter@northglenn.org).

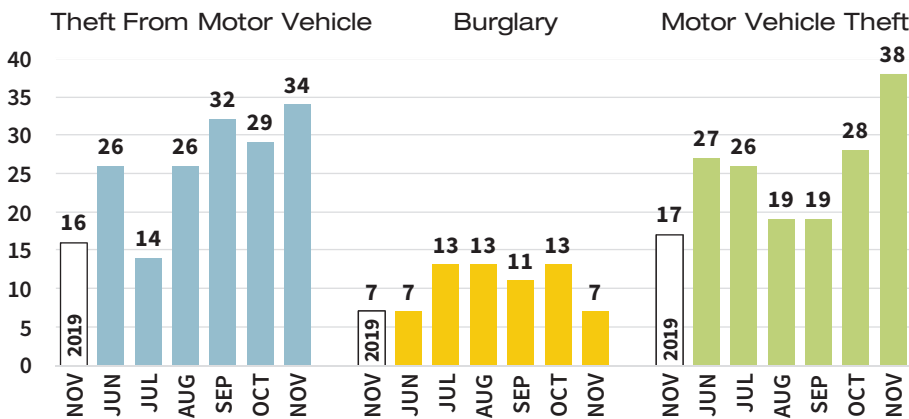
October 2020 General Fund Financial Report

Figures are through the end of October.



November 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 November 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

Meredith Leighty

## Time To Look Forward to 2021

## ► New Year Provides New Opportunities, Milestones and Possibilities



Leighty

Happy New Year Northglenn! The new year is always a time to take stock, reflect on how far we have come and to look, optimistically, into 2021. As we leave 2020 behind, we remember our challenges and triumphs and we look forward to new adventures in 2021!

My daughter graduates high school this year and will head to college in the fall! My son will transition from middle school to high school this year. 2021 holds significant milestones for my

family that are sure to bring both happy and sad tears. I'm also very excited about what 2021 holds for our city!

**New Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre**  
In late 2021 we will be celebrating with a ribbon-cutting! ► See an update on Page 7.

**Civic Center Phase 2 Planning**  
We are working with a developer to move this project forward. It will be exciting to hear new ideas, get input and give feedback.

**Return to Summer Fun**  
Kiwanis Pool reopened last summer, but

occupancy limits dimmed the excitement. That's a shame, especially since we just found out the project won an award from the state recreation association. ► Read more about this on Page 7. This year the pool should be easier to access and will be filled with laughing kiddos!

While our summer events may not be completely back to normal, one thing I know for certain is that our city staff will be just as creative and focused as ever and we will celebrate in the warm weather as a community.

**City Council Election Time**  
Four City Council seats will be on the ballot in the fall of 2021, and this

provides additional opportunities for dialogue in our community. It's a great time to listen and learn.

**Integrating Remote Options to Increase Engagement**  
We are all looking forward to a return to in-person meetings and events. However, we are also thankful for new options that will help us engage with a broader audience and make local government more accessible.

**2021 is a year of possibility.**

— Mayor Meredith Leighty

► Go to the cover to learn what else the city has planned for 2021.

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

Heather M. Geyer

## City Put COVID-19 Funds to Good Use

## ► Millions in Support Reached Residents, Businesses and Community Nonprofits



Geyer

Your local government is hard at work and our cover story is about the great plans ahead for 2021. Though our plans for 2020 were interrupted, we still managed to accomplish quite a bit as you will see in our Year in Review in next month's Connection.

However, one huge 2020 City of Northglenn endeavor was not directly related to our Strategic Plan – handling local impacts of a global pandemic.

Here are the highlights of efforts that aimed to give more support than ever for residents, while also continuing to provide our traditional city services (at times in new and different ways). Some were possible with the \$3.4 million of CARES Act funds we received, some thanks to the General Fund, and all were possible because we have a strong organizational value to do our best for our residents and businesses.

Adult and youth masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, Northglenn Hug signs, summer fun goodie bags, restaurant gift cards, a Northglenn COVID-19 testing location, wastewater testing, a part-time community resource

*"As our track record shows – if we receive funds we will do our best to quickly assess the highest needs of our residents and businesses and offer as much local support as possible, as fast as possible."*

navigator to help those facing challenges due to COVID-19, and awareness campaigns were all efforts to support and inform our community.

Four different phases of Northglenn business grants helped with rent/mortgage, covered COVID-19 related expenses and supported restaurants. ► Learn more on Page 6.

Federal and municipal laws restrict the city from providing direct monetary support to residents, so we partnered with numerous community organizations to address needs. We indirectly supported the community through food, rent/mortgage, medical, utility, and child

care assistance. Some partners also assisted with clothing, mental health services, educational supports, and grocery gift cards for families in crisis.

We also provided nonprofits with funds for COVID-19 operational expenses or other additional resources so they could support the increased community need they faced.

As I write this, more federal funds for 2021 are under consideration. As our track record shows – if we receive funds we will do our best to quickly assess the highest needs of our residents and businesses and offer as much local support as possible, as fast as possible.

We begin the year with hope as state and local health officials work to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. My understanding from local health officials is that we will still need to wear masks well into the late spring/summer. Be patient, be strong and please continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

**Happy New Year!**

— City Manager Heather Geyer

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## WARD 4 VIRTUAL MEETING

**Thurs., Jan. 14 • 6-7 p.m.**

Residents using the Internet can ask questions over chat; those calling in may email questions to council members.

- Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:  
[www.northglenn.org/ward4jan21](http://www.northglenn.org/ward4jan21)
- Telephone: 720.961.5043 • Meeting ID: 149 091 1602
- Council members will discuss the possibility of marijuana delivery in Northglenn.
- Ward 4 residents are encouraged to bring their questions, comments and concerns about the city.

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Future Ward 4 meetings will be held Thursday, March 11, May 13, July 8, and Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.



## NOMINATE LOCAL YOUTH WHO HAVE OVERCOME GREAT OBSTACLES

*"You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you."*  
— Mary Tyler Moore

Do you know of a Northglenn youth who has overcome great hardship? Nominate that person for the Adams County Mayors & Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA).

This program honors young residents who have faced overwhelming obstacles to become successful and productive students and members of the community.

Nominees must be in sixth through 12th grade, up to 20 years old, as of Dec. 31, 2020.

City Council will salute the Northglenn nominees during a special event, and at least one city nominee will be honored at the county level.

Nominations are due by Jan. 31 at <https://bit.ly/ACMCYANominationform2021>. For more information, email Jenni Murphy at [jmurphy@northglenn.org](mailto:jmurphy@northglenn.org).





MASK UP & MOVE FORWARD | COVID-19 OPERATIONS

COVID-19 details can change quickly. Below are general guidelines for city services, facilities, programs and events.

City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Building and Municipal Court are all closed to the public for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 rates in Adams County. In-person meetings are not available for those facilities. However, staff can be reached by email or phone. Note: The city’s police, water and wastewater, and trash and recycling services are all operating as normal.

CITY HALL

No In-Person Contact; All Departments Open  
Go to the phone directory on Page 3 or call 303.451.8326 to reach these divisions, departments or services. Other options and more information is below.

- **Bidding**
  - Go to [www.northglenn.org/bidding](http://www.northglenn.org/bidding) for live viewings of bid openings.
- **Building**
  - Permits can now be pulled online; go to Page 6 for more information.
- **Boards and Commissions**
  - All meetings are virtual. Go to [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs) for links.
- **Code Enforcement** (Neighborhood Services)
  - Notices will be posted in case of a possible code infraction; no face-to-face contact will be initiated. Contact information is provided on the notice.
- **Utility Billing**
  - Call 303.450.8770 if you are having difficulty paying your utility bill.

Not Operating

- **Passports**
  - Visit <https://travel.state.gov> for service updates and options.

JUSTICE CENTER

- **Court**
  - Cases are being heard online or over the phone. Go to [www.northglenn.org/court](http://www.northglenn.org/court) or call 303.450.8701 for more information.
- **Police**
  - The Police Department is operating as normal. In case of an emergency or a crime in progress, call 911. For all other incidents, call 303.288.1535.
  - Prescription delivery is available to city residents, 65 or older, who can't pick

up or have their order delivered. Call 303.450.8893 or go to [www.northglenn.org/prescription](http://www.northglenn.org/prescription) for assistance.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FACILITY (PUBLIC WORKS)

- **Right of Way Permits**
  - Visit [www.northglenn.org/row](http://www.northglenn.org/row) for forms.
- **Trash and Recycling**
  - Carts are being picked up as normal. Please have them out to the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.



Story Time With Kelli is set to have new episodes live at [www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn](https://www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn) on Friday, Jan. 1, 15 and 29. Check out some of the past episodes (and all the amazing outfits) now at [www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn](https://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn)!

RECREATION

- **All recreation programs require pre-registration.** Sign-up is available at [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn).
- Offerings may change. For updates, call the recreation center at 303.450.8800 or senior center at 303.450.8801, or go to [www.northglenn.org/recguide](http://www.northglenn.org/recguide).

Open

- **Parks and trails**

Limited

- **Northglenn Recreation Center**
  - The center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rentals of any rooms in the rec center, senior center or D.L. Parsons Theatre are not available.

Aquatics

- The rec center is hosting lap swim, small group fitness classes and small swim team practices.
- Private swim lessons are available on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Go to [www.northglenn.org/aquatics](http://www.northglenn.org/aquatics) for the most up-to-date schedule.
- **Fitness**
  - The rec center cardio/weight room is open by appointment only.
  - Small in-person group classes and virtual classes are available.
  - Personal training costs are reduced to the drop-in fee to accommodate those not comfortable in a group.

Arts and Culture

- Limited programs are available; go to [www.northglennarts.org](http://www.northglennarts.org) for details.

Preschool

- Limited spaces are open for youth ages 3 to 5; go to [www.northglenn.org/preschool](http://www.northglenn.org/preschool) for information.

Seniors

- The Northglenn Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays for one-on-one appointments only. Call 303.450.8801 or email [kfisher@northglenn.org](mailto:kfisher@northglenn.org) to reserve a time.
- Videos and virtual activities are available at [www.northglenn.org/seniors](http://www.northglenn.org/seniors).

Not Available

- **Sports leagues or practices**

REMOTE LEARNING

Limited spaces are open to K-5 youth for facilitated e-learning at the rec center. The program runs 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Email [kscharfenberg@northglenn.org](mailto:kscharfenberg@northglenn.org) or call 720.227.1613 for details.

COVID-19 BRIEFS

Vaccines Going to Highest-Risk

The nationwide effort to distribute COVID-19 vaccines has begun – including here in the metro area. According to the state’s COVID-19 vaccine web page – <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine> – vaccination priority in Colorado is in this order:

- **Winter:** Health care workers, highest-risk individuals and first responders
- **Spring:** Higher-risk individuals and essential workers
- **Summer:** The general public 18 years or older

Go to the website above or [www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccines](http://www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccines) or call the state’s hotline at 1.877.462.2911 for more information.

Testing Locations Throughout Area

Looking for a COVID-19 testing location? Water World and Riverdale Park are offering free testing through March 2021.

You can also go to [www.northglenn.org/covid19testsites](http://www.northglenn.org/covid19testsites), which will take you to the Tri-County Health Department's website and a list of free metro area testing locations.

A number of local pharmacies and medical facilities are also offering testing.

Please note – Tri-County Health Department advises people NOT to get tested for at least 90 days after a positive test result.

Still Time to Apply for New Police Advisory Board

► Applications Being Taken Until Jan. 15

Help shape the future of the Police Department! The long history of community policing in the city has positioned the department to take its community involvement to the next level.

Time is running out to apply for the city’s new Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board. The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15. Residents, youth and other individuals with strong ties to the community are encouraged to apply.

CCPP ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The new council-appointed board will have 13 members:

- One resident from each ward (four total)
- Two resident at-large members
- One youth at-large member (at least 16 years of age)

- Three designated positions representing community safety:
  - Fraternal Order of Police member
  - Police non-command supervisory staff member
  - North Metro Fire Rescue

District staff member

- Three at-large members from professional community service providers
- Randall Peterson was selected as the ex-officio, non-voting council member (*not included in the 13 member total*)

CCPP is a new operational approach that the Police Department will be implementing as a result of the department’s 360 assessment.

Strategic and forward-looking,

CCPP assesses public safety services as a whole. Gaps and opportunities are identified to create meaningful organizational culture change so resources and services align with the desires of the community.

CCPP goals include:

- Reducing fractionalism
- Creating transparency
- Balancing influence between residents and police on department services

In addition to helping implement CCPP, the board will provide input as the Police Department carries out recommendations based on the assessment and develops a new strategic plan.

"I am excited to involve our community on a deeper level," said Chief Jim May. "We want to increase community trust, enhance public safety, and improve racial equity. This board will help us get there."

If you are interested in more information and applying (must be at least 16 years of age), go to [www.northglenn.org/ccppboard](http://www.northglenn.org/ccppboard).

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITHOUT FIREWORKS

After a challenging 2020, we can’t wait for the new year to come. But don’t blow it – literally – by celebrating with fireworks.

Lighting fireworks in Northglenn could mean a fine of at least \$1,000 for the one setting them off and the person who owns or lives on the property.

Report fireworks by calling 303.288.1535, using the Access Northglenn app, or going to [www.northglenn.org/accessnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/accessnorthglenn).

TRAFFIC STATS

November 2020 traffic statistics compiled by Northglenn Police:

- Traffic Tickets: 82
- Traffic Accidents: 64





# Taking Care of Northglenn Businesses



## COVID-19 BUSINESS GRANT TOTALS

Name of Grant	Number Given	Amount Given
Elevate Small Business Grant - Round 1	129	\$494,271
Elevate Small Business Grant - Round 2	59	\$290,282
Business is Back Recovery Grant	131	\$319,224
Dining Mini-Grant	40	\$125,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>\$1,228,777</b>

## ► \$1.2M in Aid Given to Fight COVID Impact

In 2020, Northglenn businesses received more than \$1.2 million to mitigate COVID-19 impacts through three council-approved city grants. Funds came by way of \$3.2 million from Adams County through the CARES Act.

### Elevate Small Business Grant

Rent and mortgage assistance came over two rounds of awards.

### Business is Back Recovery Grant

Businesses could apply for up to \$5,000 in reimbursements for COVID-19 related costs. This included Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), business

equipment and operational supplies, and workspace and physical space modifications.

### Dining Mini-Grant

The city bought \$125,000 in gift cards from local restaurants, providing each with more than \$3,000 in immediate revenue. The \$25 gift cards were distributed to city residents to encourage dining locally and to possibly try out a new restaurant.

From left, Mayor Pro Tem Jenny Willford, Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Chairperson Rosie Garner, Jason Jones, Cheryl Leary, Mayor Meredith Leighty and Economic Director Debbie Tuttle present Cheryl with \$1,000 in gift cards.



# It Pays to Shop Northglenn

## ► \$2,000 Awarded Through Reindeer Receipt Rewards

This winter, the city and the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) teamed up to create another reason to Shop Northglenn.

Through Reindeer Receipt Rewards, shoppers could win \$250 to \$1,000 through

four awards. All they had to do was submit their receipt(s) from any shopping done at a Northglenn business from Nov. 20 through Dec. 13. For every \$25 spent, they received one entry in the drawing.

Northglenn businesses could join in

the fun, too. They earned one entry if a shopper entered a receipt from their business and additional entries each time they submitted photos promoting the contest. The award was one month of free advertising on the digital billboard at Interstate 25 and 104th Avenue.



## REINDEER RECEIPT REWARDS WINNERS

**Award: Name, Residence**

\$1,000: Cheryl Leary, Northglenn

\$500: Jessica Nieto, Brighton

\$250: Kimberly Andrade, Northglenn

\$250: Dale Sommers, Northglenn

*Business Winner: Quirky Homebrew*



Jessica Nieto



Kimberly Andrade



Dale Sommers

## Comcast Award Goes to Purple Moon ELC

Purple Moon Early Learning Center (ELC) was one of 28 Colorado small businesses, and more than 700 nationwide, to receive a Comcast RISE award.

Presented by the telecommunications giant, RISE stands for

“Representation, Investment, Strength and Empowerment.” The first phase of the program focused on U.S. Black-owned small businesses. Those were the hardest hit by the pandemic, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Purple Moon, located at 650 Kennedy Drive in Northglenn, will receive consulting, media and creative production services along with technology upgrades from Comcast.

The next phase of the program

has already opened. Small businesses owned by Black, Indigenous and People of Color are eligible. Apply or learn more at [www.comcastrise.com](http://www.comcastrise.com).

— Information courtesy Comcast RISE

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE

Have you sent in your city business license renewal for 2021 yet?

All Northglenn businesses – storefront, home-based and nonprofits – must have a license with the city and renew each year. It is a quick and easy process.

Renewal forms were mailed with the tax packets at the end of November. They are also located at [www.northglenn.org/businesslicense](http://www.northglenn.org/businesslicense).

If you have questions, please call 303.450.8729 or email [salestax@northglenn.org](mailto:salestax@northglenn.org).

## City Building Permits Now Available Online

Northglenn residents and contractors doing business in the city can now obtain building permits without stepping foot inside City Hall.

SAFEbuilt, which provides building division services for the city, has updated its CommunityCore online portal to provide all your permit needs. This includes:

- Applying online
- Submitting project plans if necessary
- Paying by credit card

- Printing the permit from your home or office

The types of projects that necessitate a permit are complex; go to [www.northglenn.org/buildingpermitlist](http://www.northglenn.org/buildingpermitlist) for a detailed listing.

Note – this site works for building permits only, not contractor licenses.

For more details, or to apply for a building permit, go online to [www.northglenn.org/buildingpermit](http://www.northglenn.org/buildingpermit). You can also contact SAFEbuilt at 303.450.8745 or [building@northglenn.org](mailto:building@northglenn.org).

## APPLY NOW FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE CREDITS

Make sure your business pre-certifies for Enterprise Zone state income tax credits in 2021.

Most city businesses can earn these credits when purchasing equipment, hiring new employees, offering formalized training, or providing health insurance. However, to qualify you must pre-certify each year, even if you have pre-certified in the past. This can be done at [www.northglenn.org/enterprisezone](http://www.northglenn.org/enterprisezone).

For more details and to find out if you are eligible, contact Shannon Fields at [sfields@northglenn.org](mailto:sfields@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8938.





This child was one of the first to enjoy the new splash pad.

# Award for Kiwanis Project

## ► New Splash Pad, Locker Rooms and Concession Facilities Installed at Pool

The Kiwanis Swimming Pool renovation that was completed this past summer is making a splash in more ways than one.

The project won the 2020 Columbine Award for Renovated Facility Design from the Colorado Parks and

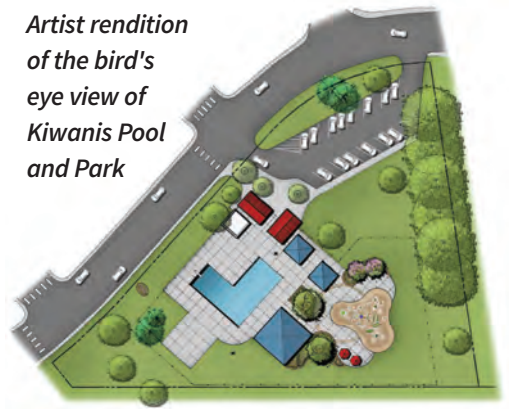
Recreation Association on Dec. 17.

A nature-themed splash pad highlighted by a giant green frog was installed just southeast of the existing pool. Instead of watering plants, the plants water you! Also, the

decades-old concession area and locker room buildings were completely replaced.

The facility, located at 550 Garland Drive, is closed now for the winter – but we look forward to seeing you this summer!

Artist rendition of the bird's eye view of Kiwanis Pool and Park



## WORKING ON THE INSIDE



Construction for the new Northglenn Recreation Center reached a milestone last month with the placing of the final structural roofing beam. Now that the skeleton is in place, crews can focus on filling in the rest of the facility.

Fireproofing, painting and electrical work are spread out through the facility. Additional interior work continues for the pool, its mechanical rooms, the locker rooms and the preschool areas. For the new Parsons Theatre, the front of which is shown above, framing and drywall are on top of the bill.

Outside the facility, paving is finished on the west side of the building. Concrete work for the future Festival Lawn just west of the Northglenn Veterans Memorial will continue as weather permits.

The 87,887-square-foot facility is directly west of City Hall, just off Interstate 25. Patrons will be able to enjoy swimming, fitness areas, preschool, arts & culture programming and classes. Estimated completion is late 2021. ► For more information, or to see a live camera view of the site, go to [www.northglenn.org/newrecenter](http://www.northglenn.org/newrecenter).

## Christmas Tree Drop Off Spots

Residents can drop off Christmas trees at the following locations:

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

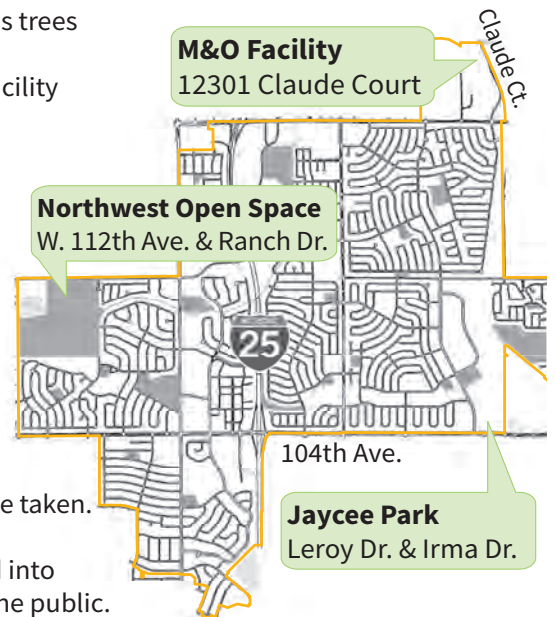
The service is provided through Jan. 10. Please remove tinsel and decorations from your tree.

Residents may also cut up their tree and put it in their trash cart. However, the cart lid must close completely.

Trees left on the curb will NOT be taken.

Trees dropped off will be turned into mulch that will be available to the public.

Call 303.450.4004 for questions.



**ENGRAVE A NAME**  
PURCHASE A BRICK TO HONOR A VETERAN  
at the Northglenn Veterans Memorial



In 2001, the Veterans Memorial Committee, consisting of members from the Northglenn American Legion Post 22, the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation and the City of Northglenn, partnered to pay tribute to the many men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of defending our country. The committee raised funds to commission the Veterans Memorial - a large-scale, three-dimensional bronze sculpture - placed across the street from E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park.

With the new Civic Center Plaza, the Veterans Memorial will remain in its original location and be a centerpiece to the \$54 million Northglenn Recreation, Senior Center and Theater. The plaza surrounding the sculpture will be redeveloped to include military branch recognition, aesthetic improvements, and enhancements for visitors and ceremonies.

Memorial bricks purchased during the 2001 development as well as the refurbished memorial bronze plaques surrounding the sculpture have been preserved and will be reinstalled.

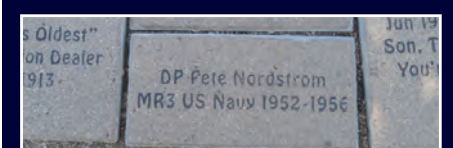
As part of the enhanced plaza, the City of Northglenn and the Northglenn Community Foundation are proud to offer an opportunity to add your own personalized brick. By purchasing one or more bricks to honor your veteran, you can help in our tribute to honor all.

### Purchase A Brick Today!

Bricks are laser engraved and will include the name of your veteran and a message. Cost ranges from \$40-\$120 and is dependent on the size of brick and the length of message.

Orders are due January 30, 2021.

For more information and to place an order, visit [Northglenn.org/VetMemorial](http://Northglenn.org/VetMemorial) or contact Belia Straushein at 303-280-7821.



## H2 UH-OH

The ongoing statewide drought is affecting Northglenn where it hurts the most – Standley Lake.

The graphic to the left shows Northglenn's supply of water in the reservoir, which is the city's main source of water.

As of Nov. 30, the total is only 3,283 acre feet. That's down 29% from the average amount for this time of year.

The community is encouraged to take steps now to reduce water use in case conditions don't improve over the next few months.

► Tips and programs to reduce water use are available at [www.northglenn.org/conservation](http://www.northglenn.org/conservation) or [www.northglenn.org/rebate](http://www.northglenn.org/rebate).

► To see the current drought conditions in Colorado, visit [www.drought.gov/drought/states/colorado](http://www.drought.gov/drought/states/colorado).

**Maximum**  
(6,977 Acre Feet)

**November Average**  
(4,624 Acre Feet)

**November 2020**  
(3,283 Acre Feet,  
71% of Average)

## NO TRASH PICKUP ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

If your trash is normally picked up on Friday by the city, it will instead be collected on Saturday, Jan. 2.

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 email [bsherrill@northglenn.org](mailto:bsherrill@northglenn.org).







## BENEFITING WITH BIKES AND BOOKS



Santa came early this year for hundreds of local youth, as more than 225 refurbished bikes were given away Dec. 5 at Stonehocker Farmhouse.

Also, youth at the event received a free book to take home as part of the Rudolph Reading Raffle, sponsored by Northglenn Build a Generation. The raffle usually takes place during the Olde Fashion Christmas, which was canceled this year.

Thanks to volunteers with the Northglenn Bike Program, who spent the year repairing and cleaning donated bicycles, and local nonprofit More Better Bikes, which helped run the event.

This event couldn't have occurred without all the bikes that were donated to the city. If you have a bicycle you would like to give, please contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or [jmurphy@northglenn.org](mailto:jmurphy@northglenn.org).

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE A SUCCESS!

For all of you who participated in the Cold Weather Clothing Drive to help out local families in need and our homeless population, the Northglenn Community Foundation and the City of Northglenn thank you!

The drive was a huge success, assisting the Northglenn-Thornton

Victim Services Unit, Adams County Day Works, SCL Hospital and Comitis Crisis Center.

A special thanks goes to:

- The Naked Hanger
- Althaus Law
- North Valley Bank
- Precision Metal Co.
- TCF Bank

- SCL Health
- Mark Walker and friends
- City of Northglenn employees
- And all our charitable residents!

Your generosity and thoughtfulness will go a long way in keeping folks warm this winter.

## CARING IN THE TIME OF COVID



Despite the obstacles due to COVID-19, the community stepped up to make sure plenty of local youth had presents to open and that families had food to eat this holiday season.

Normally, the city would have collection bins at all its public facilities, but closures due to COVID-19 made this impossible. Still, the community took advantage of the opportunities available. The bin at the Northglenn Recreation Center was stuffed with toys and food while online financial donations flowed in.

In total, over 200 kids received presents through a partnership between the Police Department and KYGO Christmas Crusade for Children. Also, city staff made five trips to local food banks with a van-full of non-perishable items.

Thanks to SCL Health, Gethsemane Lutheran Church and School (shown above), Purple Moon Early Learning Center, Precision Metals, city employees and the Northglenn Community Foundation for contributing to the cause.

2021 NORTHGLENN SUMMER  
**MOVIE**  
SERIES

Cast your vote for the top four films  
through January 29th  
[NorthglennArts.org](http://NorthglennArts.org)

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# Northglenn Arts

Virtual classes and in-person options at the D.L. Parsons Theatre  
Inside the Northglenn Recreation Center | 11801 Community Center Drive, Northglenn



## NYT Academy

### In-Person Classes

at the D.L. Parsons Theatre

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

### Just Off Center - Comedy/Improv

January 6-27 Wednesdays  
Ages 8-11 5:00-6:30 pm  
Ages 12-18 7:00-8:30 pm

### Page to Stage

January 7-28 Thursdays  
Ages 7-10 5:00-6:30 pm

### Digging Deeper

January 7-28 Thursdays  
Ages 11-18 7:00-8:30 pm

### Virtual At-Home Opportunities

Via Zoom from the comfort of your home

### NEW! Cinematic Teen Scene Study

January 6-February 24 Wednesdays  
Ages 13-18 5:30-6:30 pm

### Acting with an Accent - British

**Intro Class**  
January 11-February 1 Mondays  
Ages 10-18 4:00-5:30 pm

### Continuing Class

January 13-February 3 Wednesdays  
Ages 10-18 3:30-5:00 pm

## NORTHGLENN YOUTH THEATRE

# Auditions

NYT Jr. Ages 8-12  
"Biggy Bad and the Three Little Pigs"  
Video Submissions due January 14

Ages 12-18  
"The Worst Play in the History of Ever"  
"Pygmalion"  
Video Submissions due February 11

Auditions by video submission and will need to include:

- 1-2 minute memorized comedic monologue
- Cold read of a selected short poem
- Current resume
- Headshot photo

Callbacks and rehearsals will be held in-person at the DL Parsons Theatre.

Please visit [NorthglennArts.org/Auditions](http://NorthglennArts.org/Auditions) for show synopses and full submission details.

for more information, visit  
[northglennarts.org](http://northglennarts.org) or call 303.450.8846

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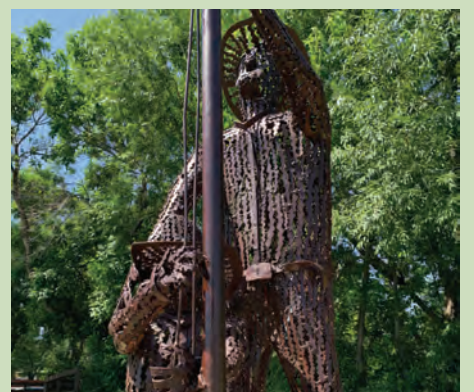
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**CALL FOR ENTRIES**  
for the 2021-2022 Art on Parade  
program is now open.  
Visit [NorthglennArts.org](http://NorthglennArts.org) for details.

**Submission Deadline: February 5**

2020-21 People's Choice  
Award Winner Named



Raising Old Glory by artist Bill Bunting