



# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



Overnight, the country learned to "socially distance," video calls became an integral part of life and we had to figure out how to educate our children from home.

The COVID-19 pandemic placed barricades into our way of life, and though the opening is in sight, the pain still throbs and there will be scars.

The response from the city government has been to continue fulfilling the needs of Northglenn while putting the safety of residents and staff at the forefront. Despite the challenges, we did not lose sight of our goals – as this review of an unprecedented year will show.

Wearing face masks in public was the new normal in 2020, even for "Salvere." The 2019/20 Art on Parade People's Choice Award winner was eventually moved to its permanent location at the Northglenn • 112th Avenue N Line Station, which opened in September.

February 2021

## Northglenn Connection

In 2019, a five-year strategic plan was adopted to focus the city government's efforts by setting benchmarks to track and goals to achieve.

This 2020 Year in Review shows that the city made progress on or achieved a number of these targets while simultaneously providing day-to-day services and combating the effects of COVID-19. This is just a sample of what your city government accomplished this year.

To view the entire 2019-23 Strategic Plan, go to [www.northglenn.org/strategicplan](http://www.northglenn.org/strategicplan).

- High-Performance Government
- Community Engagement
- Public Safety
- Business Retention and Growth

### Strategic Goals

- Housing Opportunities
- Diverse Community
- Sustainability
- Infrastructure

### IN THIS EDITION

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**MINOR HOME REPAIR:** Program now available to low to moderate income residents. ► **Page 9**

**WATER WHOAS:** Water levels are down; please conserve now. ► **Page 10**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS:** In February, watch the movies "Harriet" or "42," or see Cleo Parker Robinson Dance. ► **Page 12**

### High-Performance Government

#### 1.1 Regional Collaboration & Advocacy

Distributed the city's state legislative policy statement booklet to elected officials in December for the 2021 legislative session. The city also hosted a legislative preview study session with Sen. Faith Winter and Rep. Kyle Mullica on Dec. 7.

City Council members represent the city on 38 boards, commissions and regional organizations.



Peterson

#### 1.2 City Council Efficiency

Council appointed Randall Peterson as the new Ward 1 council member in January. He took the spot of Meredith Leighty, who was elected mayor the previous November.

Council participated in a team-building exercise in January.

#### 1.3 High-Performance Government

Received diversity awards from the National League of Cities and the International City Manager Association for arts and cultural programs.

Increased funding for street repair, street maintenance and snow removal to upgrade the level of service.

In the wake of COVID-19, utilized the "Road to Economic Recovery" plan to monitor the economic impacts and adjusted accordingly.

Assistant to the City Manager Rupa Venkatesh came aboard in late February. She works on special projects and leads key initiatives such as homelessness and diversity.



Venkatesh

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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.

#### Presidents' Day

- City Hall, the Northglenn Municipal Court and Maintenance & Operations Facility will be closed on Mon., Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.
- That night's study session has been cancelled.
- The Northglenn Recreation Center and Northglenn Senior Center will be open.
- Trash pickup will be on a normal schedule.

## Moving Forward, Defying COVID-19

Dear Northglenn residents and community partners,

2020 was filled with the unexpected – and in many instances, that unexpected was challenging. I am pleased to look back and see our city continued to move forward when it felt much around us was at a standstill. In the face of constant change and uncertainty, we continually pivoted until we found what we *could* do instead of fixating on what we could not do as planned.



Leighty

This proved a successful tactic – as you'll see in this review, we made significant strides towards our strategic goals, listed above.

Though managing a global pandemic on a local level required numerous resources to address the needs of our community, it did not hamper our commitment to the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

I feel that demonstrates the integrity of

our Strategic Plan, and that our council, staff, volunteers and community partners have the resolve to strive for excellence, no matter what.

Please take a few moments to look back on some achievements accomplished during a tough year. I hope it will help us appreciate the now and look forward to the future. 2021 will have challenges of its own. Northglenn is ready.

– Mayor Meredith Leighty



# Proclamation for MLK Jr. Day, Proposal for Dolly's Book Program

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

### JAN. 4: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - Westminster Rotary Regional Partnership, Municipal Court Quarterly Update, Water Resources Update

### JAN. 11: REGULAR MEETING

- **Proclamations:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Jan. 18, 2021
- **City Manager Report:** COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Plan
- **Financial Report:** November 2020 Update
- **Consent Agenda:** CR-1 Designating Public Posting Places; CR-4 2021 The Link IGA; CR-5 Acceptance of JAG Grant - Automated License Plate Recognition System; CR-6 Acceptance of Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant; CR-7 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program Resolution of Support; CR-8 Adams County Open Space Grant Resolution of Support for "A Sustainable Path to Northglenn's Trails and Waterways" – passed unanimously
- **First Reading:** CB-1965 2020 Edition of Model Traffic Code Amendment – unanimous approval

### JAN. 18: MEETING CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

### JAN. 25: REGULAR MEETING

- **Proclamation:** National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month – January 2021
- **Presentation:** Update from Congressman Perlmutter's Office – Jeremy Rodriguez
- **Consent Agenda:** CR-9 Municipal Judge Appointment – Amanda Bailhache; CR-10 Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow Account Contribution; CR-11 Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Removal, Hauling, and Disposal; CR-13 & CR-14 Youth Commission Reappointments - Abhiyan Barailee and Zen Kretsinger – passed unanimously
- **Public Hearing and Second Reading:** CB-1965 2020 Edition Model Traffic Code Amendment – no public comment received, passed unanimously
- **First Reading:** CB-1966 Electric Vehicle Ordinance Amendment – unanimous approval
- **Resolutions:**
  - CR-3 Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement – passed unanimously
  - CR-12 2021 Capital Equipment Purchases – passed unanimously
- **Discussion Items:** NGCC Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation January Update and Village Greens Fencing

### READING 9 TO 5

City Council was open to a proposal from Westminster 7:10 Rotary to provide financial support to the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to enable more Northglenn children to participate. Council directed staff to work out the details.



DISE Board - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2021

### DIVERSITY BOARD HONORS MLK JR. WITH VIDEO

The new Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board organized a video featuring board members reading a portion of the last speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr. See the video and latest DISE Board news at [www.northglenn.org/diversityboard](http://www.northglenn.org/diversityboard).

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

- Public comment for regular and special meetings may be submitted to [jsmall@northglenn.org](mailto:jsmall@northglenn.org)

or 303.450.8757 prior to the meeting start time. Comments are not taken at study sessions.

- You may also call or email the mayor or council members to share your opinion on city issues. ► **Contact information below.**

### COUNCIL SCHEDULE

February meetings will be virtual.

- **Study Sessions:** 6 p.m. Mon. Feb. 1 and March 1
- **Regular Meetings:** 7 p.m. Mon. Feb. 8 and 22

Feb. 15 study session cancelled due to Presidents' Day holiday.

Upcoming topics (tentative):

- Economic nexus
- Homeless Community Task Force update
- Adams County Commissioners and Mayors Youth Awards
- Council will have a work session from noon to 5 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 27.

### 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 February 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).

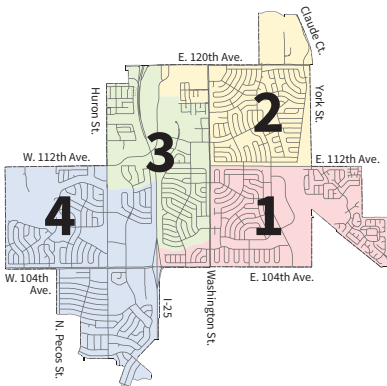
**Channel 8 Rebroadcast Schedule:**

- **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.

## MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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FROM THE OUTSIDE IN



Attention is on every nook of the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre construction site as workers spread out through the facility.

Recently, crews have begun priming and painting the theatre. They have also started installing the elevator on the theatre side of the building; this work is expected to continue over the next few months.

Ductwork is being installed in the pool area. Once that is complete, the layout of the heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) mechanical equipment can begin.

On the exterior, concrete has been put in place at the south entry. Other major

site improvements have wrapped up for the winter, with landscaping installation planned for this spring and summer.

Outside of the actual construction, staff is working on contracts for solar panels, furniture and other equipment.

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 this fall or winter. ▶ For more information, or to see a live camera view of the site, go to [www.northglenn.org/newrecenter](http://www.northglenn.org/newrecenter).



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	

Liquor Licensing Authority Has Vital Role

Volunteers for the city’s Liquor Licensing Authority fill an essential and very valuable role for the community.

The board oversees licenses for the retail sale of alcohol beverages at businesses and reviews applications for the sale or use of alcohol on city-owned property and/or park facilities.

The board issues penalties for violations and it is important that members do not have an abhorrence of alcohol.

And soon, they will start overseeing tobacco licensing in the city as well.

The board meets on the first and third Monday of the month

at 9 a.m. However, meetings are periodically cancelled for holidays or when there’s no official business to conduct. (Summertime is the busiest, with everyone wanting to hold celebrations and events with alcohol available.)

Usually the meetings have been held in City Council Chambers,

but they’re conducting business online for the time being due to COVID-19.

The board currently has two alternate positions available.

For more information on the board, go to [www.northglenn.org/lla](http://www.northglenn.org/lla).

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn)



[www.twitter.com/NorthglennCo](http://www.twitter.com/NorthglennCo)



[www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn)



[www.northglenn.org/nextdoor](http://www.northglenn.org/nextdoor)



[www.instagram.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.instagram.com/cityofnorthglenn)



NOMINATE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Do you know a Northglenn resident who makes a difference by helping others, beautifying our city, volunteering, supporting their neighbors, or in other ways demonstrating “Good Neighbor Behavior”?

Go to [www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor](http://www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor) to nominate them for the award, along with eligibility rules.

The next deadline is March 12, so don't wait!



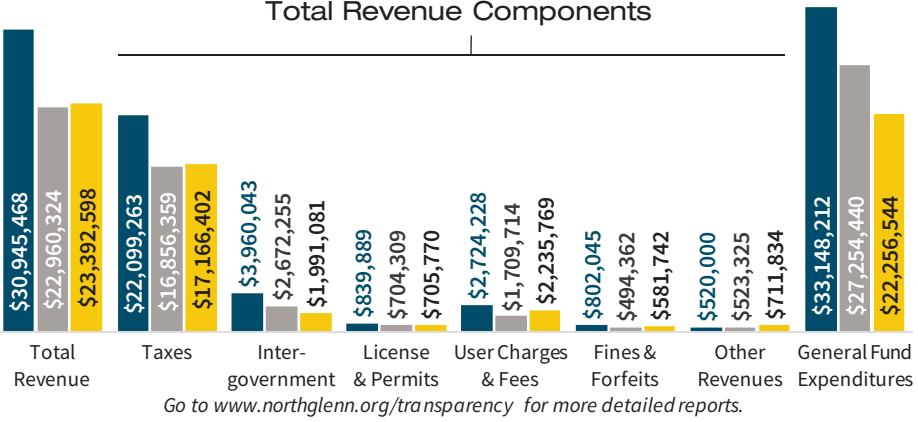
November 2020 General Fund Financial Report

Figures are through the end of November.

- 2020 Annual Budget
- 2020 Actual Year to Date
- 2019 Actual Year to Date

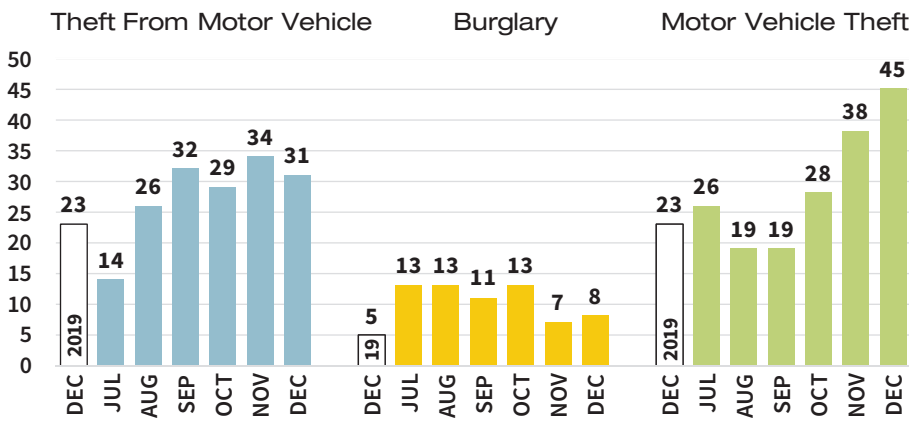
General Fund Expenditures Year to Date is **82.2%** of the 2020 Annual Budget

Total Revenue Components



December 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 December 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*

# Remember Your Mask

## ► COVID Rates Still High in City

YES! You still need to wear a mask.



Leighty

As vaccines roll out it's tempting to tuck away those masks. I want our community to stay healthy, our high-risk neighbors to feel safe going out, and our schools and businesses to stay open.

To accomplish this, I need your help – please continue to wear a mask until our federal, state and county health organizations tell us we no longer need to do so.

It is important to know, in Northglenn, we have more current, confirmed

*"I know we are all feeling 'pandemic fatigue'..."*

COVID-19 cases now than during our "spikes" in July and October of 2020.

There is relief from COVID-19 on the horizon, but it is going to take a while for enough people to be vaccinated to ease up on preventative protocols. Health officials recommend that everyone continue wearing masks, even if you have received a complete vaccine.

I know we are all feeling "pandemic fatigue," but I urge you to continue to wash your hands often and well, stay 6 feet away from those outside your household, stay home if you are sick and wear a mask. I am relieved fewer people are in the hospital due to COVID-19, yet we are not out of the woods – right at this moment

there are 150 Northglenn residents (that we know of) that are fighting the coronavirus.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I hope you listen to your heart. I know "be kind" sounds a bit like a meme or bumper sticker, but I do not mean to be trite. It's HARD to take the high road when there is so much anxiety and anger around us – just take a look at social media on any given day and that is obvious. However, one of the reasons I love Northglenn is because our community steps up. This time we need to keep stepping up until we reach the top of this COVID-19 mountain. The summit is within reach, we just need to persevere a bit longer.

Wear your mask. Be kind. It's good for all of Northglenn, and it's good for you.

— Mayor Meredith Leighty

## Coffee with the Mayor



Join virtually on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.

Grab a cup of coffee and call or log in to chat with the mayor and find out what is going on in Northglenn!

### Discussion Topics:

- Vaccine information
- Homelessness Community Task Force
- Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board and Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board updates
- Fiscal outlook
- Recreation center and programming updates

### Join In

- Online: [www.northglenn.org/coffeefeb6](http://www.northglenn.org/coffeefeb6)
- Telephone: 720.961.5043
- Meeting ID: 149 377 0229

📺 **Ward 3 Virtual Meeting at 1 p.m. March 6** – Get in touch with Council Members Goff and Duran Mullica. More details in the next Connection or go to [www.northglenn.org](http://www.northglenn.org).

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

*Heather M. Geyer*

# Maneuvering Around COVID to Reach Goals

## ► City to Review Strategic Plan to Make Adjustments

Before COVID-19 (remember way back when?), I highlighted a 2019-23 Strategic Plan goal each month.



Geyer

I may be able to return to that theme in future months, but for this month I would like to discuss how we are continuing to move the needle with the council Strategic Plan and respond to COVID-19.

In March of 2020, I was concerned that we would have to put significant initiatives on hold. There was so much unknown about COVID-19 and the impacts to communities such as ours.

Significant time was spent by staff at all levels figuring out how to adjust, work differently, work safely, get more creative and do the right thing. As we adjusted to our "new normal," we were able to continue our

*"The race does not always go to the swift, but the ones who keep running."*

focus on City Council's Strategic Plan initiatives. Some items were moved up, others delayed due to funding or resources, yet other than adjusting timelines I feel our progress has been on track and far exceeded expectations in light of operating during a global health pandemic.

I agree with the mayor's opening statement in the 2020 Year in Review – this demonstrates the integrity of our Strategic Plan, and our commitment to achieve the goals. What I want to reinforce right now is that your local government has been working tirelessly for the betterment of the community. We'll continue to do that in the year ahead!

2021 has been nothing short of a sprint continuing to keep up with COVID-19. Fortunately, updates to the Strategic Plan are on the horizon. It's important we continue to make this work a priority. Our city

Executive Team went over the Strategic Plan at our annual planning retreat in January, reviewing lessons learned from work that's been done and planning work to come. City Council will do the same at the end of this month. Once we have heard all the feedback, we will adjust and prioritize the action items to best meet the needs of our residents and businesses, as well as take advantage of new opportunities.

As we continue to press on I am reminded of a quote that I loved in high school: "The race does not always go to the swift, but to the ones who keep running." I often remind myself, it's a marathon, not a sprint. Nothing about 2020 was status quo here in the city and 2021 will be another dynamic year in the face of adversity. We are working to serve you well while using our resources wisely, listening to input from residents consistently, utilizing opportunities, and emphasizing customer service. I hope you share in the pride that myself, elected officials and staff have for our great city! #NorthglennProud

— City Manager Heather Geyer

# Westview Wonder Woman

## ► School Office Manager Ochoa Honored by 9News



Kathy Ochoa, the office manager at Westview Elementary School, was named a Wonder Woman in the community by 9News.

### Courtesy Adams 12 Five Star Schools

In December, ahead of the release of "Wonder Woman 1984," 9News asked viewers to nominate Wonder Women in their communities. They received several submissions about one special Wonder Woman in Northglenn – Kathy Ochoa, the office manager at Westview Elementary.

Students and staff members describe her as always putting others first and going above and beyond for the Westview community. The submissions share how

Kathy selflessly supported a grieving colleague, took on extra work during the pandemic to ensure Westview students were cared for and guided a student with words of wisdom on how to navigate middle school.

When asked about how it felt to be recognized for her efforts, Kathy said, "I was shocked and humbled! I have received an outpouring of love and compassion from others who have shared many kind words with me since the segment aired on 9News. I had no idea that anyone thought of me in a way of making a

difference in their lives. My heart guides me when I do for others; I don't think of recognition. I am passionate about helping."

While Kathy is not used to being in the spotlight, her outstanding dedication to the Adams 12 Five Star Schools community deserves this wonderful recognition.

► To read the nomination entry and watch a video of the 9News segment, visit [www.adams12.org/WestviewWonderWoman](http://www.adams12.org/WestviewWonderWoman).





MASK UP & MOVE FORWARD | COVID-19 OPERATIONS

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

City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Building and Municipal Court are all closed to the public for the time being 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 divisions, departments or services in City Hall. Other options and more details are 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 at [www.northglenn.org/buildingpermit](http://www.northglenn.org/buildingpermit).
- **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 at least through March. 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.



All Northglenn parks and trails are open. Visitors are asked to maintain social distancing and wear a mask if you plan on going near someone outside your household.

- Prescription delivery is available to 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 help.

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.

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) or see Page 12 for more 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). ▶ See more on Page 11.

COVID-19 BRIEFS

Vaccines for Health Workers, Seniors

According to the Tri County Health Department's COVID-19 Page, [www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccines](http://www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccines), vaccination priority in Colorado is in this order:

- **Now:** High-risk health care workers and individuals, people age 70 and older, first responders, frontline essential workers and continuity of state government
- **Spring:** Higher-risk individuals and other essential workers
- **Summer:** Anyone age 16 to 59

Go to the website above or call 1.877.462.2911 for more details.

Testing Sites in Area

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 testing locations. **Please check the website for details before going to the individual testing sites.** Times and days vary, and some locations require pre-registration.

Some locations in the area include:

- **FREE:** Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton, on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **FREE:** Water World, 8801 N. Pecos St. in Federal Heights, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- **FREE:** Crossroads Church, 10451 Huron St. in Northglenn on Wednesdays from 7 to 11 a.m.
- **\$95:** IECRM parking lot, 11429 Pearl St. in Northglenn, on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the end of February, based on demand. Credit card only, but HSA cards accepted.

TRAFFIC STATS

December 2020 traffic statistics compiled by Northglenn Police:

- Traffic Tickets: 100
- Traffic Accidents: 79



If there was an emergency alert for your neighborhood, how would you know?

SIGN UP TODAY for CodeRED!



Receive location-specific emergency alerts via phone call, text, email or a combination of all three.

[northglenn.org/codered](http://northglenn.org/codered)

County COVID App Launched

Includes Local Info, Resources

Courtesy Adams County

Adams County has launched the COVID View mobile app where residents can access outbreak data – when two or more positive cases are active – for Adams County, along with current case stats and restrictions. In addition, the app has free COVID-19 testing site locations and many other COVID-19 resources.

“This app will inform our residents of outbreaks in the community so they can

plan accordingly to keep their loved ones safe,” said Raymond Gonzales, Adams County Manager. “It’s also a great resource to find information about the county’s current level on Colorado’s COVID-19 dial and what restrictions are in place.”

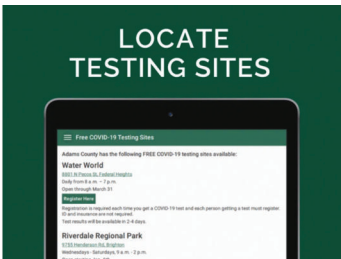
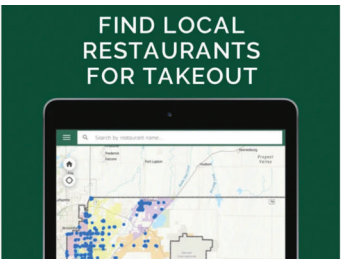
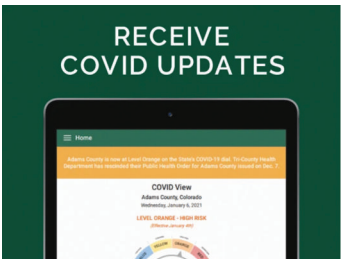
Available resources include:

- Outbreak data for Adams County (Outbreak = two or more positive cases)
- Testing sites in Adams County
- Add Your Phone app information for CDPHE
- Tri-County Health Department updates and resources
- Additional Adams County COVID-19 resources – available online at <http://adamscountycovid19.org>
- Adams County restaurant curbside and takeout options

Residents who download the app will receive periodic text messages with important COVID-19 updates, including updated case stats availability, updates to current county dial level, new public health orders, and other pertinent information as necessary. The app will also be updated regularly with new resources.

Under the AdCo To Go section, users can find restaurants offering curbside and takeout services. Local restaurants can add their establishment’s information to the list through the app or online at <http://adamscountycovid19.org>.

Download the COVID View mobile app in the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching COVID View, COVIDVIEW, or AdCoGov.







## ← CONTINUED FROM COVER

Approved a conservative 2021 Budget as the nation carries on through the COVID-19 epidemic.

### 1.4 Engaged Workforce

Raised the minimum wage for city government employees to \$13.65 with a goal of \$15 per hour in 2021.

### 1.5 City Manager Communications

In response to COVID-19, City Manager Heather Geyer increased her outreach to employees with weekly emails and virtual all-employee meetings.



Celebrated the halfway point of **new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Theatre** construction in November with a "topping out" ceremony and virtual tour video. ▶ *Go to Page 3 for an update on construction.*



## Community Engagement



### 2.2 Neighborhood Services

Collected 142.46 tons and filled 53 roll-offs of debris, trash and large items from residents during Dumpster Days events on July 18 and Aug. 1.

Modified code enforcement process to shorten timeline for action and decriminalized some infractions to enable addressing the issue as opposed to punishing an individual in response to resident concerns about health, safety, and code compliance of homes and businesses.

### 2.3 Volunteering

Continued volunteer programs with limited contact, including the Northglenn Bike Program, flowerbed planting, Most Magnificent Tree selec-

tion, neighborhood beautification, and Santa letters.

### 2.4 City Special Events

With large events off the table, shifted to virtual, drive-through, and limited attendance events such as neighborhood food trucks with goody bag giveaways/entertainment, the July 4 Cool Car Cruise, Boo Block and Noel Northglenn.

### 2.6 US Census

Worked with state, regional and local groups to promote 2020 Census participation. Census self-response rates were over 2010 levels in nine of the 12 Northglenn area census tracts. ▶ *See Page 11 for more.*



24 residents received Good Neighbor Awards.

### 2.8 Communications Strategic Plan Implementation and Updates

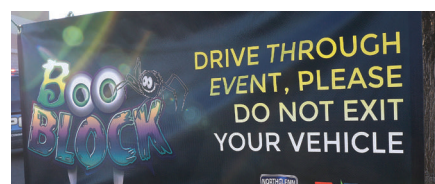
Completed the remaining action items in the 18-month communications plan established in 2019 and added significant COVID-19 communications efforts.

Launched new e-newsletter in March.

## Public Safety

### 3.1 Community Safety

Continued public education and communications on a wide array of safety issues including scams, theft, leash laws, identity theft, and fireworks.



Community outreach and engagement efforts included apartment manager and business community meetings, attending ward meetings, two mask distributions, a shred event, prescription delivery for seniors, Boo Block, and Christmas Crusade.

Responded to numerous inquiries on operations, tactics, and safety after the public upheaval over the death of George Floyd.



### N LINE OPENS

Hosted a celebration on Sept. 21 for the opening of the Northglenn • 112th Station, part of RTD's FasTracks N Line. The commuter rail travels from downtown Denver up through Adams County. After a ribbon-cutting, City Council members joined officials from RTD and throughout Adams County to head up to the final stop near 124th Avenue and Claude Court. The city also dedicated a number of art pieces.

Created the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board; activities will begin in early 2021.

### 3.3 Police Department Staffing and Operational Assessment

Began work on a new Police Department strategic plan.

Consultants BerryDunn completed the assessment in July. Engagement was sought on the assessment through multiple avenues.

### 3.4 Police Officer Recruitment and Retention

Developed and began implementation on a new command staff structure.

## Business Retention and Growth

### 4.1 Business Attraction, Retention & Expansion

Implemented restaurant gift card mini-grants and Reindeer Receipt Rewards efforts to support businesses.

### 4.2 Civic Center Master Plan

Signed Memorandum of Understanding

with Continuum Partners to work together exclusively on Phase II of the Civic Center Master Plan.

### 4.3 Karl's Farm Development

Completed several Karl's Farm development planning and zoning benchmarks; infrastructure is underway with construction to follow.

## Housing Opportunities

### 5.1 Housing

Continued support for the Colorado Legal Services Pilot Program for landlord/tenant eviction defense.

### 5.2 Homelessness

Formed the Homelessness Community Task Force. The group presented initial

recommendations to City Council in October. ▶ *See Page 9 for more.*

### 5.3 Home Repair Service

Completed agreement with Adams County to provide low-income residents with needed home repairs. ▶ *See Page 9 for more.*

## Diverse Community

### 6.1 Race & Equity Initiative

The Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board started in October and is now focusing on a work plan.

Allocated \$75,000 for the city's Race & Equity Initiative for the 2021 Budget.

Hired Tamara Dixon as the new director of Human Resources and chief diversity officer on Nov. 30.



Dixon

### 6.2 Historic Preservation

Received a grant from History Colorado to study the historic relevance of the Deza Estates neighborhood, which will take place this February. ▶ *See Page 9 for more.*

### 6.3 Cultural Arts Programming

Began creating video profiles for the city's sculpture collection.

### 6.4 City Communications

Council issued numerous proclamations

celebrating diversity in our community, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Hmong New Year, LGBTQ month, Native American heritage month, Hispanic heritage month and more. Efforts were mirrored on city communications platforms, and diverse Northglenn Arts programs were highlighted in a video.

### 6.6 New Resident Welcome Guide

Developed and disseminated a new resident guide in print and digitally.

### 6.7 Promote Service on Boards and Commissions

Shifted all meetings and many programs to a virtual format in response to COVID-19, increasing accessibility to community members.

we hear you.

we see you.

we are with you.

**We Stand Against Racism.**



Posted anti-racism banners around Northglenn.

## Sustainability

### 7.2 Xcel Partners in Energy

Implemented the Xcel Partners in Energy Program, with a Ward Challenge currently underway. ▶ *See Page 10 for more.*



Created a tree nursery on unused ground just south of the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### 7.4 Water Consumption

Increased awareness of water conservation in light of drought conditions. ▶ *See page 10 for more.*

### 7.5 Recycling

Signed a waste optimization contract to evaluate the recycling and trash habits of residents.

### 7.7 Healthy Eating Active Living

Printed magnets with information on sugar content in food and distributed to 4,000 residents.

Council passed a retail tobacco licensing ordinance to help limit youth access to vaping products.

## Infrastructure

### 8.2 Traffic Calming

Revised the traffic calming policy, launched the No Need for Speed Program and established annual funding.

Placed speed humps on Claude Court at 112th Place and Livingston Drive.

### 8.3 Roads, Sidewalks and Parks

Invested \$5.5 million into road work throughout the city.

### 8.5 Wastewater

Upgraded filters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Installed the lift station at Bunker Hill in anticipation of the Karl's Farm development.

Began work on the Lift Station A and force main replacement project.

Completed the wastewater master plan.

### 8.7 Upgrade of Parks and Recreation Infrastructure

Placed signs at parks communicating standard rules and algae status in lakes.



Received the 2020 Columbine Award for Renovated Facilities from the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association on Dec. 17 for the Kiwanis Pool and Splash Pad renovation.

## VISION, MISSION & VALUES

*Our common purpose as elected officials and city employees.*

### OUR COMMITMENT

To provide a high quality of life to our residents and businesses through the provision of excellent municipal services.

### VISION

Northglenn is a diverse and welcoming community that celebrates its small-town character, urban energy, and thriving businesses.

### VALUES

Sustainability  
Inclusivity  
Innovation  
Engagement

## MASK UP & MOVE FORWARD

# Stepping Up to Face Challenges of COVID

In 2020, the City of Northglenn managed the local impacts of a global pandemic.

Some efforts worked in conjunction with the Strategic Plan (virtual meetings and programs supporting accessibility, for example), but others were not only outside the plan, but in addition to regular operations. The city reached out to residents, businesses and other groups to see where help was needed the most. Here are highlights of efforts that aimed to provide information and vital support for residents, many made possible with \$3.2 million of CARES Act funds.

• Council approved an emergency declaration on March 19.

• Emergency Operations Center: A key group of employees met virtually on a daily, weekly, then bi-weekly basis to get updates on COVID-19 impacts, address issues, and plan for anticipated needs.

• Made facility adjustments such as temperature stations, Plexiglas dividers, cleaning supply stations, etc.

• Created a temperature monitoring app for staff.

• Police, water/wastewater, sanitation and other critical service staff adopted schedules to minimize personal contact and reduce the risk of core service interruption.

• Distributed masks, face shields, and hand sanitizer to residents, businesses, and other organizations (schools, nonprofits and senior facilities).

• Presented ongoing COVID-19 communications through banners, digital signs, the Connection, direct mail, video, social media, the website and telephone town halls led by the mayor.

• Delivered 9,000 Northglenn Hug signs from April through June.

• Provided "Color for Courage" coloring sheets, encouraged placing white lights in windows and promoted a Northglenn Cares Facebook group started by residents.

• With the absence of a Veterans Day event, placed signs in the front yards of city veterans.

• Assembled and distributed 4,000 Summer Fun goodie bags to



residents that included a \$25 restaurant gift card.

• Worked with Adams County to establish a Northglenn COVID-19 testing spot that offered free tests once a week from August to December.

• Implemented COVID-19 wastewater testing to assist in forecasting impacts and add to county/state data collection efforts.

• Hired a part-time community resource navigator to help those facing challenges due to COVID-19 find resources.

• Provided funding to Maiker Housing and Almost Home for rent and mortgage assistance for city residents.

• Distributed grants to nonprofits to enable them to increase capacity or purchase items needed to stay open under COVID-19 health orders.

• Teamed with community groups to address resident needs such as food insecurity, rent/mortgage assistance, medical and mental health, utility payment support, and child care expenses.

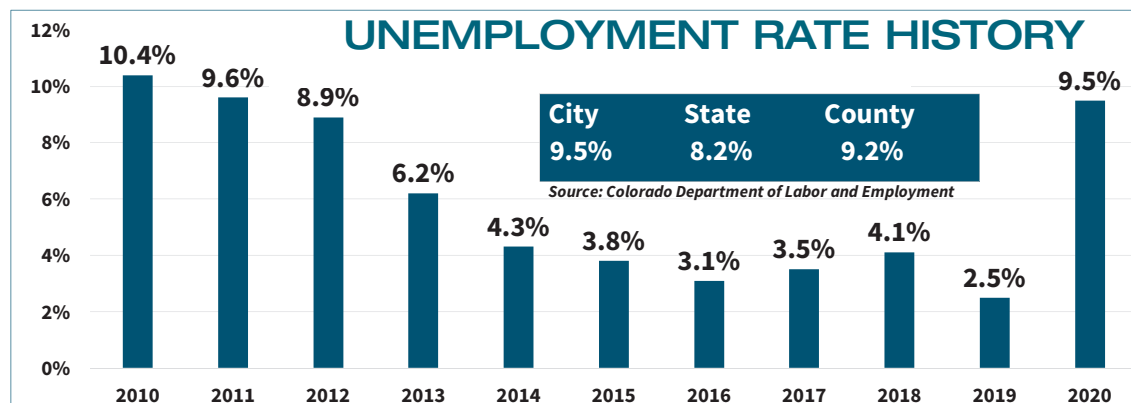
• Supported nonprofits to provide clothing, educational supports, and gift cards for families in crisis.

• Adjusted parks, recreation, theatre and senior programs to virtual classes and smaller groups to fall within safety protocols.

• Offered multiple grants to city businesses to help mitigate COVID impacts.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS



## 2020 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

87,540

Square Feet of Retail, Office and Industrial Space Absorbed

50

New Businesses

9.5%

Unemployment Rate in December 2020

150

New Storefront Jobs

As of Jan. 23, 2021

## COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE: Q4 2020

	Vacancy	Properties	Square Feet	Lease Rate
Office	8.5%	34	629,573	\$23.71S/F
Industrial	2.6%	46	1,091,280	\$10.47/nnn
Retail	8.9%	132	1,921,702	\$14.09/nnn

Source: CoStar

## 2020 NURA INDICATORS



\$92,048

Total Business Grants



\$5.5M

Amount of Private Sector Improvements Leveraged



58,304

Square Feet of Commercial Space Improved



39

New and Retained Jobs

## COVID-19

## County Grants for Businesses

## Courtesy Adams County

The county's Small Business Relief Program offers one-time awards to restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, caterers, movie theaters, and fitness and/or recreation centers in amounts of \$3,500, \$5,000, or \$7,000 per business applicant based on the company's annual income. The application portal is now open, and the timeline has been expanded to April 1.

"Widespread vaccinations and continuing prevention measures like masks and social distancing give us hope the light at the end of the tunnel is approaching. But our local business owners still need additional help now until that time comes," said Board of County Commissioners Chair Emma Pinter. "Our small

businesses are the lifeblood of our community, and this is another way the county can offer financial assistance."

During the recent Colorado General Assembly Special Session, Senate Bill 20B-001 was passed establishing a Small Business Relief Program, valued at \$37 million. As part of Adams County's ongoing COVID-19 emergency response and recovery strategy, the county is administering the program on behalf of the entire county and all municipalities within the county.

For more details on eligibility criteria or to apply, contact [EconomicDevelopment@adcogov.org](mailto:EconomicDevelopment@adcogov.org) or go to <http://adamscountycovid19.org/small-business-relief-program>.

## Paycheck Protection Program Reopened

The Small Business Association has reopened the Paycheck Protection Program loan application for all businesses, even those that have received a PPP loan.

Second Draw PPP Loans can be used to help fund payroll costs, including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or

vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations.

To apply for the second draw, businesses must have previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses, have no more than 300 employees, and demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

► For more or to apply for PPP loans, go to [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program](http://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program).

## BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES: FOURTH QUARTER OF 2020

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

## 30 Years

- We Solve Problems\*

- Timeless Expressions Photography\*

## 20 Years

- Aceite Energy Corporation
- Check Into Cash
- Geoscience Petroleum Services
- Step by Step Child Development Center

## 5 Years

- American Convenience Store
- Glamour Hair Salon
- Mr. Sids Fine Auto Upholstery
- Scissorhand Design Studio
- Southern View Creations\*
- Texas Roadhouse

## 15 Years

- Papa Murphy's Pizza

\* Denotes home-based business.

## NEW BUSINESSES: FOURTH QUARTER OF 2020

- **Dent Master** leased 3,000 square feet at 10575 Melody Drive, Suite 103. This auto repair business employs three people. For more information, call 303.717.9311 or go to [www.dentmasterinc.com](http://www.dentmasterinc.com).

- **Phenix Salon Suites** welcomed these one-person businesses to its location at 10620 Melody Drive, Unit F:

- **Bliss Moments** is a beauty salon that offers hair and waxing services. For more information, call 720.837.7860.

- **Unique Barber Shop** specializes in cut/style, hair braiding, facials, head shaves, fades, razor fades, and facial shaves. For more information, call 303.332.8976.

- **Office Evolution** welcomed these businesses to its co-working location at 11990 Grant St.:

- **Onin Staffing** works with job seekers and

employers to fill staffing needs and employs three people. For more information, call 970.295.4116 or go to [www.oninstaffing.com](http://www.oninstaffing.com).

- **Sharp Law** provides legal services within a wide variety of industries across the United States and employs one person at this location. For more information, call 720.932.0700 or go to [www.sharplawllp.com](http://www.sharplawllp.com).

- **Rojas Mexican Restaurant Food Truck** parks at 11423 Washington St. and serves classic Mexican food. For more information, call 303.949.6352.

- **Horace Mann Insurance** leased 300 square feet at 10465 Melody Drive. This one-person business offers auto, home, renters, and life insurance. For more information, call 720.269.4899 or go to [www.horacemann.com/insurance](http://www.horacemann.com/insurance).





# Collaboration Against Homelessness

## ► City Working With Groups and Acting on Task Force Recommendations

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit people experiencing homelessness (PEH) especially hard. Cold weather care shelters have had to change their capacities to meet new COVID-19 restrictions.

To help, the City of Northglenn is collaborating with an array of groups and organizations to provide care to those experiencing homelessness and to let PEH know about resources available.

One of those resources is the Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP). During

severe weather, SWAP is activated and people in need of services can visit the Anythink Library on Huron Street. The program is funded by Adams County and administered by Almost Home, a local nonprofit assisting people experiencing housing instability. To learn more, visit [www.almosthomeonline.org/swap](http://www.almosthomeonline.org/swap).

Other local resources for PEH include:

- Mobile shower and mobile laundry services at Crossroads Church, West 104th Avenue and Huron Street on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon through

the Adams County Day Works program

- The A.W.A.R.E. Center in Thornton for Medicaid clients
- Street outreach efforts through the Northglenn Homelessness Community Task Force (HCTF) and Adams County

HCTF was created by City Council in March 2020 to make recommendations on how the City of Northglenn could address homelessness. The task force started its work in August 2020 (delayed due to COVID-19) and provided initial recommendations to council in October.

Some of those items Council approved HCTF to pursue include:

- Purchase RTD passes for transport to longer-term shelters and other resources
- Form a street outreach team
- Research safe parking lot partnerships
- Research the possibility of a navigation center in Adams County through regional partnerships

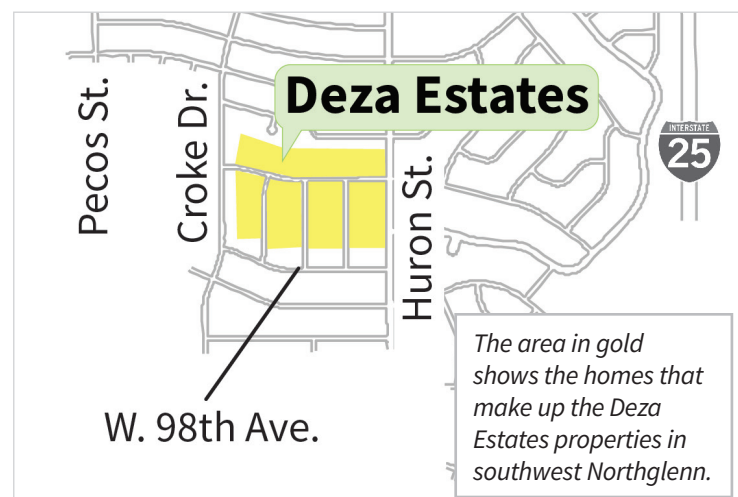
► To find out more about the task force, visit [www.northglenn.org/homelessness](http://www.northglenn.org/homelessness).

# Making History?

## ► Survey to Look at Historical Significance of Deza Estates



▲ Top: Example of a Deza Estates house ► Right: Copy of a flyer when the Deza Estates homes were originally being sold



Northglenn may have a historic gem hidden in its oldest neighborhood.

The city received a grant from History Colorado Inc. to survey 44 properties in the Deza Estates neighborhood, located in the southwest tip of Northglenn.

The historic resources survey will involve researching the neighborhood and its architect, as well as understanding the many features that make each of these houses significant.

Built from 1955 to 1960, the Deza Estates neighborhood provides a unique look into mid-century residential architecture. During this time, residents of new neighborhoods usually had few options for the design of their houses. However, those building in Deza Estates had more freedom to have their own unique, architect-designed home.

The survey will provide context for the neighborhood and an understanding of which houses

may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Deza Estates residents will receive more information regarding the project in the coming weeks. Please note that the survey will occur over a couple-day span in early February. All work will be conducted from the public right-of-way, most likely the sidewalk.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sara Dusenberry at [sdusenberry@northglenn.org](mailto:sdusenberry@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8836.

# Minor Home Repair Program Now Available

## ► Open to Low to Moderate-Income Residents Needing Health or Mobility Fixes

Does your house need repairs to ensure the health and safety of its residents? The Adams County Minor Home Repair Program is available for assistance, and Northglenn residents with a low to moderate income can start applying now.

Due to COVID-19, interior repairs are currently limited to failed water heaters and HVAC

units and urgent accessibility upgrades. Exterior work remains the same and includes repairs and/or replacements of roofs, water heaters, HVACs, windows, doors, accessibility improvements, and other minor repairs.

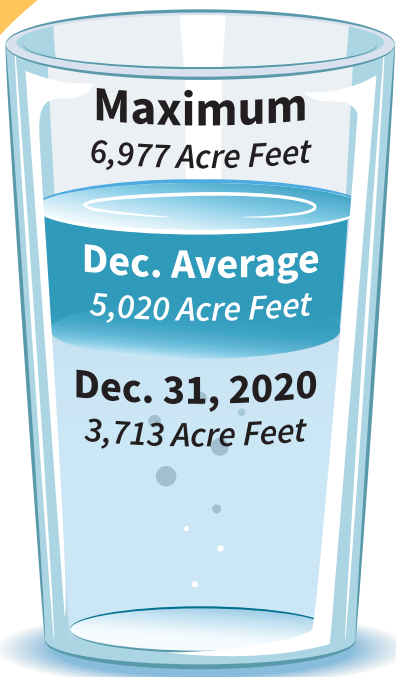
Council approved the use of federal Community Development Block Grant funds to cover the costs of this program.

Eligibility is based on the yearly household income of the household. For more details or to apply, go to [www.northglenn.org/minorhomerepair](http://www.northglenn.org/minorhomerepair), which will send you to the Adams County web page. Residents may also reach out to Sara Dusenberry at [sdusenberry@northglenn.org](mailto:sdusenberry@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8836 for more information.



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HALF EMPTY

The ongoing statewide drought is affecting Northglenn where it hurts the most – Standley Lake. The graphic above shows Northglenn's supply of water in the reservoir, which is the city's main source of water.

At the end of December, the total was only 3,713 acre feet. That's down 26% from the average amount for this time of year.

- ▶ 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 the state, visit [www.drought.gov/drought/states/colorado](http://www.drought.gov/drought/states/colorado).

# Don't Leak on Me

## ▶ With an Ongoing Drought, Check for Leaks Throughout Your Residence

Courtesy EPA WaterSense

The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.

Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

The city notifies customers that have been identified as possibly having a leak in late January by mail. If you have questions, please call 303.450.8770.

- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Go to [www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week) to print off a checklist to keep track of your search for leaks.

# Virtual Home Energy Visits Available from Xcel

## ▶ Northglenn in Midst of Ward Energy Challenge

Courtesy Xcel Energy

Northglenn is committed to conserving resources and promoting sustainability to provide an exceptional quality of life and resilient future for its residents and businesses. As part of this effort, Northglenn

has launched a Ward Challenge. You can earn points for your ward by participating in various qualifying Xcel Energy programs like the one below!

Home Energy Squad® offers virtual home energy visits to help you find ways to save energy and improve the comfort of your home. Using a smart device such as a cell phone or tablet, a technician will guide you through your home to identify key opportunities for efficiency improvement. These virtual visits are \$25, which can be earned back

in a gift card for installing energy saving measures that are verified during the follow-up virtual visit. You'll receive:

- Direct interaction with a technician to identify potential improvements
- NO COST energy-saving items delivered to your home for DIY installation (these items qualify you for the \$25 gift card)
- Virtual installation support
- Safe and reliable service from local experts with follow-up opportunities

for planning next steps

A virtual visit is complementary to a future in-person visit — you can do both! After a virtual visit, you may find benefits from additional energy-saving products and services. Meanwhile the virtual visit gets you started saving right away!

To schedule, visit [www.xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad](http://www.xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad) or call 303.446.7910.

To learn more about the Ward Challenge visit [www.northglenn.org/saveenergy](http://www.northglenn.org/saveenergy).

# Winter Perfect for Pruning Trees

Courtesy Colorado State Forest Service

With spring around the corner, the Colorado State Forest Service is reminding residents that late winter is the best time to prune most trees.

Trees are still dormant at this time of year and, unlike in early winter, wound closure will happen sooner if pruning occurs just prior to the time new growth emerges.

Although some elms, maples, birch and walnut trees may visibly exude sap if pruned in the late winter or early spring, this should not harm the tree.

The CSFS offers the following tree pruning tips:

- Know what you want to accomplish before you start pruning. Don't remove any living branches without a good reason or specific objectives in mind.
- Remove any torn, dead or



broken branches.

- For shade trees, develop or maintain one dominant vertical top stem, or leader, and don't cut off the tops of trees.
- Space the main branches along the trunk, and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or getting too large.
- Always prune just outside the branch collar, the point where one branch leaves a larger one (or the trunk), often discerned by raised or wrinkled bark.

- Limit pruning of newly planted trees to the removal of dead, damaged or crossing limbs, or those interfering with the main stem.
- Avoid removing too many of a tree's branches in any one year, which puts undue stress on the tree.
- Consider recycling pruned limbs by having them ground into mulch at the city's Yard Waste Mulching Center, 12301 Claude Court. Through March, it is open on the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If a job requires running a chain-saw overhead or removing large branches or entire trees, it is best to contact an insured, ISA Certified Arborist. A list of these professionals can be found at [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

▶ For more information about urban tree care, go to [csfs.colostate.edu](http://csfs.colostate.edu).



Have you ever Googled composting, electric vehicles, zero waste or net-zero energy homes? We need you!

Devoted, knowledgeable and passionate people are sought to partner with city staff on Sustainability Committee. They advise City Council on all matters related to sustainability, especially the environment.

For more about the group or to view the city's Sustainability Plan, go online to [www.northglenn.org/sustainability](http://www.northglenn.org/sustainability).

The committee will be meeting online every month. If you have any questions or would like to join, please reach out to Becky Smith at [bsmith@northglenn.org](mailto:bsmith@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8741. Help drive citywide sustainability to create a more resilient city and a better future for residents.



# HONOR A VETERAN ENGRAVE A NAME

AT THE NORTHGLENN VETERANS MEMORIAL



**last chance! last chance!**

## Deadline extended - February 28

**VISIT [Northglenn.org/VetMemorial](http://Northglenn.org/VetMemorial)  
OR CALL 303-280-7821  
TO ORDER A MEMORIAL BRICK TODAY!**

## 2020 CENSUS

# 74% Self-Response Rate for Northglenn

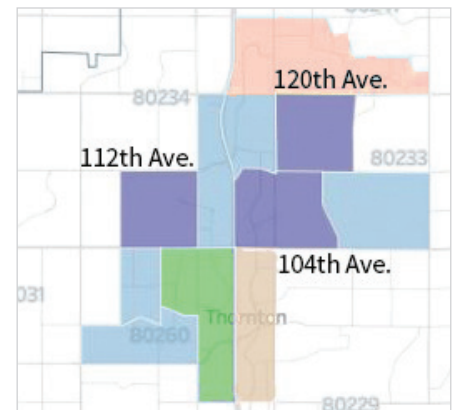
## ► U.S. Population Counts Expected Around April 1

The 2020 Census wrapped up in October, and the Census Bureau is currently processing the data to make sure that everyone is counted once, only once, and in the right place. Here is a recap of Northglenn participation and Census Bureau activity:

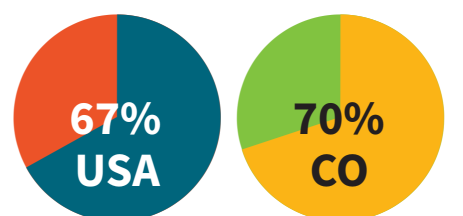
The self-response rate for the U.S. was 67%; the State of Colorado 70%; and Northglenn 73.8%. There are 12 census tracts in Northglenn, and nine had better self-response rates than in 2010. The remaining residents were contacted by Census Bureau staff to achieve a 99.9% overall response.

The Census Bureau delivered population counts used for apportionment to the president, as required by law, as close to Dec. 31, 2020, as possible. As close to April 1, 2021, as possible the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to the states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

Each year, the Census Bureau releases estimates from the American Community Survey. This survey supplements the census by providing information on more than 40 topics including education, income, health insurance coverage, commute times,



**Self-Response Rates Per Census Tract**



*Self-response rate for the U.S. and Colorado, respectively, in the 2020 Census, compared to Northglenn's 73.8%.*

occupations, and languages spoken at home. Census data is used in numerous ways – including allocation of funding for education, housing, infrastructure and public safety.

Thank you to all residents for your participation in the 2020 Census! It helps us get our fair share of funding, and assists in planning ahead for our community.

## SENIOR CENTER VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES



### Birthday Party

**Fri., Feb. 12, 1 p.m., [www.northglenn.org/seniorbirthday](http://www.northglenn.org/seniorbirthday)**

Just because we can't meet in person doesn't mean we can't celebrate your birthday!

The Northglenn Senior Center is bringing back monthly birthday parties – even if they are virtual for the time being.

Everyone ages 55 and over are invited. Entertainment, community and a resounding rendition of “Happy Birthday to You” will be included – all for free. However, you have to come up with the cake, candles and party hat.

The plan is to continue these virtual birthday parties at 1 p.m. on the second Friday of the

month until we can all meet together again.

For more information, call 303.450.8801 or email [seniorcenter@northglenn.org](mailto:seniorcenter@northglenn.org). Sponsored by the Northglenn Senior Organization.



### National Pig Day Races

**Mon., March 1, 1 p.m., [www.northglenn.org/pigrace](http://www.northglenn.org/pigrace)**

COVID-19 may have cooked a lot of the Senior Center's events activities – but not the annual National Pig Day races!

Grab some pork rinds, a plate of bacon or your finest pineapple glazed ham. Then cheer for your favorite mechanical swine to cross the finish line first from the comfort of your home.

For more information, call 303.450.8801 or email [seniorcenter@northglenn.org](mailto:seniorcenter@northglenn.org). Oink oink.

## VOLUNTEERING

# Canal Cleanup Coming in March

Spring has almost sprung in Northglenn, which means it's almost time for the Farmers' High Line Canal Cleanup! This year's event will be 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 13.

With COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of last year's event, the city needs as many volunteers as possible to clear up over 30 miles of Greenway Trails, riverbeds and walkways. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part. This includes

sports teams, church groups, fraternal organizations, school groups or just proud patrons of our parks and trails.

To maintain safety, groups will go directly to their cleanup area; no large in-person gatherings will take place. Volunteers will receive a coupon to Boardwalk Pizza for their efforts.

► **For more information or to register, go to [www.northglenn.org/fhcc](http://www.northglenn.org/fhcc).**



*Unlike this Farmers' High Line Canal Cleanup from a few years ago, this year participants will be required to wear face masks and the large group meal at the end will not be held. Instead, volunteers will receive coupons to Boardwalk Pizza!*



**Public Hearing: Recreation Programming  
Feb. 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

Call in at 720.961.5043  
Meeting ID: 148 262 6320



Can't make it? Share your suggestions with us at [www.northglenn.org/parksboard](http://www.northglenn.org/parksboard).



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Film Series FEBRUARY 2021

A Northglenn Arts Production  
Sponsored by the City of Northglenn's Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board



HARRIET  
THE UNBELIEVABLE TRUE STORY OF HARRIET TUBMAN

February 12

7 p.m. at the D.L. Parsons Theatre  
11801 Community Center Drive | Northglenn



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February 19

Ticket Pricing

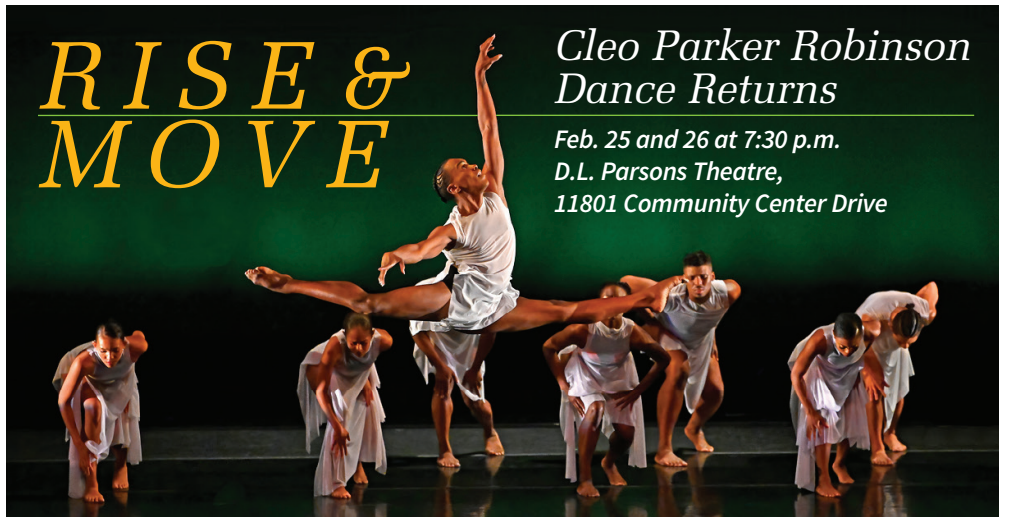
One Film \$5 Adults | \$4 Youth, Senior & Military  
Both Films \$8 Adults | \$6 Youth, Senior & Military

All ticket proceeds to benefit Cleo Parker Robinson Dance.

Purchase online at [NorthglennArts.org](http://NorthglennArts.org)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required.  
Seating is limited to 50 participants. Concessions not available.

Additional support provided by



Tyveze Littlejohn with the CPRD Ensemble in "The MOVE/ment," choreographed by Cleo Parker Robinson. Photo: Stan Obert.

The world-famous Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble (CPRD) will perform "Rise & Move," which celebrates diversity, equity, community, and carry the holiday spirit of Kwanzaa into 2021.

"In developing our 'Rise & Move' performance at the D.L. Parsons Theatre for Northglenn Arts, the theme from the first day of Kwanzaa entered my mind and heart," said Cleo Parker Robinson, Founder and Artistic Director, CPRD. "Umoja (Unity) focuses on togetherness and community; it refers to the African saying 'I Am We,' or 'I Am Because We Are.' 'Rise & Move' celebrates and understands the beauty, power, and passion of Unity – we all need each other."

The commitment to diversity is a stated goal for both the City of Northglenn and the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation. Each has made it a high-level priority in their 5-year action plans.

Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Returns

Feb. 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
D.L. Parsons Theatre,  
11801 Community Center Drive

- In-person tickets: \$15 for adults, \$13 for youth, senior and military
- Livestream tickets: \$20

"We couldn't have asked for a more timely production than 'Rise & Move'," said Northglenn Cultural Programs Supervisor Michael Stricker.

The audience situation this year will be dramatically different than when CPRD came last February. Only 50 audience members will be allowed per event, and everyone must wear masks. But don't worry if you're concerned about crowds or can't obtain tickets. The two shows will be live-streamed, so you can watch from anywhere with Internet access.

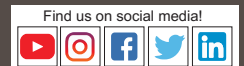
"The pieces we will perform for you – whether you see them live or virtual – take our bottled-up energy and inspire getting up and moving together," said Robinson.

- For more information on the shows, go to [www.northglennarts.org](http://www.northglennarts.org).
- For more on Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, visit [www.cleoparkerdance.org](http://www.cleoparkerdance.org).

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



Auditions

**Ages 12-18.** The Northglenn Youth Theatre is holding auditions for *The Worst Play in the History of Ever* and *Pygmalion*. Auditions are by video submission only. Callbacks will be in-person at the D.L. Parsons Theatre.

Videos must be submitted by February 11 at midnight. Details at [Northglenn.org/Auditions](http://Northglenn.org/Auditions).



April 9-11



April 23-25

Presented by the **Northglenn Youth Theatre**  
Directed by **Kimberly Jongejan** | at the **D.L. Parsons Theatre**

By Jeffrey Wolf

Jeremy, a middle school student, has written a play and the drama club is putting it on for the whole school. But with only three days and a lot of re-writing to do, can Jeremy and the wacky cast of characters pull it all together? Shakespeare, sock puppets, farm animals...this hilarious show proves that sometimes not every idea is a good one, but then again, the show must go on!

By George Bernard Shaw  
Adapted by Christopher Morse  
(Based on the musical *My Fair Lady*)

Linguist Henry Higgins has a fateful encounter with an impertinent Cockney flower seller. He makes a wager with a colleague to transform her from a rough street urchin into an aristocratic lady in just six months' time. This lighter version of Shaw's original blends social satire, philosophical wit and a heated battle of the sexes.

**In-Person Tickets** Adult \$10 / Senior, Youth, Military & Groups \$8 | **Live Stream Tickets** \$20  
Limited in-person ticket availability, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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

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Special Event



**Ages 5-13**

Join us for a unique, active and timed experience where a scavenger hunt and escape room meets the Amazing Race. Daddy and Daughter teams receive clues and go on progressive quests to find locations in the Northglenn area. Once all puzzle pieces are collected, a last clue will lead teams to a final location and an ultimate prize!

**Saturday, February 27**

Participants will sign up for staggered start times between 1:30-3:30 pm. The quest is expected to take two hours to complete.

**\$40/ family pair; \$15/additional child**  
Pre-registration required by February 24.