



## DANCE DANCE PROFUSION

More than 1,000 people got their jam, boogie and groove on – and some even busted a move – at *Dancing Through the Decades* on Aug. 18 at Festival Lawn.

Awards were given out for the best costumes and dance moves, and attendees could take part in dance lessons taught by Gayton Dance.

A special feature was a drone show that celebrated the city. Thanks to everyone who attend the event!



Sept. 2023

# Northglenn Connection

**A Message from Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Manager Heather Geyer**

## Big Projects Benefit Residents

The City of Northglenn has invested heavily in infrastructure and facility improvements this summer.



Leighty

### Huron Street

The water line along Huron Street needed to be replaced and thanks to ARPA funding, the City was able to get this project done sooner. As part of the replacement, City Council prioritized repaving the roadway as well. We knew that a project of this magnitude would affect daily traffic.

Thank you for giving our contractor a brake during construction. One resident we communicated with over the duration of the project recently said, "The road is so smooth, easy to drive, and a great big THANK YOU."

### 120th Avenue

The need to expand capacity and improve traffic flows on 120th Avenue was identified several years ago. Work began in late December and as we move into fall we are in the home stretch on this major roadway improvement.

In addition to widening the section of 120th between Sylvia Drive and the N Line overpass to three lanes to eliminate a bottleneck, the project includes improved drainage, lighting, and pedestrian paths. The city not only leveraged local, state and federal funds, the Karl's Farm developer contributed as well. Communication about project status to address reported issues has been constant. Weather has affected the construction schedule, but extended work hours have helped keep things on track. In fact, the project is scheduled to be finished by November!

### Park Improvements

The summer weather has delayed two large park projects this year – **Croke Reservoir improvements and tennis and pickleball courts at Wyco and Danahy Parks.** We are pleased they are back on track, and the courts are now open for use at Wyco and are nearly complete at Danahy Park, with bocce ball to follow.

Croke Reservoir will soon have a new fishing platform for easier access to the water's edge, fencing to remind visitors to stay out of wetland areas, interpretive signage and a refinished railing. These projects came out of recommendations from a neighborhood committee, and we are excited to see their ideas put into action!

**The Sensory Playground at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park** re-opened on Memorial Day weekend, as scheduled. New poured-in-place safety surfacing, updated play features and new benches have refreshed this well-loved and well-used community gathering space.

**Jaycee Ballfield** now has all-new LED lights for softball leagues. This is the only lighted ballfield in Northglenn, allowing for summer evening games. The electrical system was original to the facility and has been completely modernized. Thanks to a Charge Ahead Colorado grant, an electric vehicle charging station will be installed at Jaycee for ballfield and dog park users by the end of the year. Future improvements include upgrades to the restrooms and score-keeper booth.

All four of these projects were possible due to generous grant funding from Adams County Open Space.

### Easements and Rights-of-Way

In addition to city projects, companies like Xcel, Comcast, and T-Mobile Fiber are also working on infrastructure improvements. Sometimes access is from private property or

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## IN THIS EDITION

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## CLOSURES

**Labor Day, Mon., Sep. 4**  
All city facilities are closed except for the Police Department.

**The holiday will not affect trash pickup by the city.**

### Recreation Center Annual Closure

The Northglenn Rec Center, including the Senior Center and Parsons Theatre, will be closed Aug. 28 to Sept. 4 for yearly cleaning and maintenance.

No classes or activities will be held with the exception of some theatre rehearsals. ▶ *Call 303.450.8800 for more information.*

**Pirate Fest Community Center Drive Closure**  
Community Center Drive will be closed for the Pirate Festival from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 and 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.



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## DIRECT REPRESENTATION

U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, second from left, and U.S. Rep. Yadira Caraveo (CO-8), second from right, held a town hall on Aug. 21 at the Northglenn Recreation Center and took a moment for a photo with some members of council.

## MEETINGS & STUDY SESSIONS

Council must 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 and study sessions are both at 6 p.m. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month; study sessions are on the first and third Monday.

**Location:** Meetings are held in City Council Chambers in City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive.

# Local Legislative Recap: July 2023

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.

▶ All items passed unanimously.

### JULY 31: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Violent Crime and Fentanyl Overview; Land Use/Housing Initiatives; Dog Day Care in Residential Areas; Civic Center Phase 3 - Brownfields Grant Land Transfer; 2024 City Budget Process

### AUG. 7: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** 2023 Compensation Study Results; Recommended 2024 City Budget - Department Presentations (part 1)

### AUG. 14: REGULAR MEETING

- Financial Report - June 2023
- **Consent Agenda:** CR-105 Citizens' Affairs Board Appointment - Zachary Dimond
- **RESOLUTIONS:**
  - CR-17 Alexan Northglenn Development Agreement
  - CR-100 November 7, 2023 Coordinated Election IGAs
  - CR-106 Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project GMP Addendum #1

## FOURTH THOUGHTS ON HOLIDAY

This discussion item generated a number of different observations from council members such as the significant number of police calls for service around the July 4th holiday not related to fireworks, the practicality of enforcement of our local ordinance given proximity to other jurisdictions and time to respond, and the staffing demands of the city's July 4th Festival and fireworks. Council decided to revisit the topic at a later date to further review response regarding the no fireworks ordinance, public communication about July 4 police calls for service, and perhaps whether the city event should always be on July 4 or moved to a weekend instead.

▶ If you would like to learn more, see <https://webdocs.northglenn.org/> to view the meeting. To weigh in on this topic, reach out to the mayor and council members (contact information below).

- CR-107 Wastewater Treatment Plant Odor Mitigation Improvements Change Order #1
- CR-108 Placement of Sculpture American Steel Eagle
- CR-109 2023 Pay Plan and Personnel Summary Amendments
- CR-110 2023 Employee Handbook Revisions
- CR-111 Abatement and Demolition of Former Recreation Center Building
- CR-112 Deza Estates National Register Nomination Recommendation
- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Police Department Fourth of July Fireworks Enforcement

### AUG. 21: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Recommended 2024 City Budget Follow-Up; Recommended 2024 City Budget - Department Presentations (part 2); and Capital Improvement Program

The Connection went to print before the Aug. 28 agenda was posted. Meeting highlights will be in the October issue. Go to [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs) for voting results and meeting video.

## WATCH & LEARN

Council meetings and study sessions are shown live on Comcast Channel 8 or 881 HD in Northglenn and on [www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn).

Listen to the September meetings by phone at 720.961.5043. See the agenda at [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs) for meeting ID.

### Channel 8 Rebroadcast Schedule:

- **Sunday, Wednesday, Friday:** Study sessions at 1 p.m., meetings at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:** Study sessions at 7 a.m. and 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).

## COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Meetings start at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

- **Regular Meetings:** Sept. 11 and Sept. 25
- **Study Session & Special Meeting:** Sept. 18
- **No Meeting:** Sept. 4 (holiday)
- **Tentative Items:** 2024 Budget; 2023 Emergency Operations Plan Adoption; 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service Proclamation; Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation; Managing Public Spaces; Vehicular Public Nuisances ▶ Go to [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs) for the most up-to-date agenda.

## YOUR THOUGHTS?

**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:**

Comments on city business or matters of community interest are heard at the start of regular meetings, and comments on items previously addressed by council during the meeting are

heard at the end. Comments are not heard at study sessions.

Anyone may address council in person or by phone. To call in, see the top of the agenda posted online at [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs). For in person, there is a sign-in sheet or speak up when prompted by the mayor.

You may also call or email council to share your opinion on city issues. ▶ Contact details are below.

## CITY WARDS



If you have a question about what ward you live in, please call 303.450.8756.

## MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**Mon., Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.,  
9/11 Memorial, 3 Community  
Park Road, Broomfield**

North Metro Fire is co-hosting this ceremony, which will consist of brief remarks from community leaders, special music and a bell ringing in remembrance of the lives lost during and following the 9/11 attacks.

Community members unable to attend the ceremony are invited to visit the memorial throughout the day.

▶ Go to [www.northmetrofire.org/411/911-Memorial](http://www.northmetrofire.org/411/911-Memorial) for details.



## Mingle with the Mayor

Mayor Meredith Leighty

**Tues. Sept. 19 • 6-7:30 p.m.** | Karl's Farm Pasture Park  
E. 123rd Ave. & Farmview St.

### Discussion Items

- State of the City Highlights
- Karl's Farm Trivia
- New City Hall Construction & Lobby Sculpture
- And Your Questions and Comments!

**Have Fun With the City's Block Party Trailer!**

Pizza and Dessert for Attendees!

## PHONE NUMBERS

**EMERGENCIES: 911**

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

## WHEN IN WARD 3



Council members Katherine Goff (top) and Rich Kondo profiled a couple of their favorite places in Ward 3. This includes the rec center, Kiwanis Pool, and several local restaurants. ▶ To check out the videos, go to [www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn).

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING WARD 2

**Thurs., Sept. 21 • 6-7 p.m.**  
Larson Glenn Park  
E. 112th Ave. & Larson Dr.

Topics: 120th Ave. Construction | T-Mobile Fiber | Washington Point Safety  
Bring Your Questions, Comments and Concerns! | Refreshments Provided

For more details, please contact your council member:  
 • Becky Brown: 720.255.4708 or [bbrown@northglenn.org](mailto:bbrown@northglenn.org)  
 • Jay Jaramillo: 720.620.6203 or [jjaramillo@northglenn.org](mailto:jjaramillo@northglenn.org)

## PD ACCEPTING CANDY DONATIONS FOR SAFE STREET HALLOWEEN

I want candy. You want candy. And everyone attending Safe Street Halloween on Oct. 14 will want candy, too. (We're going to need a lot of candy...)

You can help out by donating unopened bags at City Hall, the Justice Center and the Northglenn

Recreation Center. Drop-off bins will be available starting Sept. 18.

▶ For more details, contact Officer Chris Miller at 303.450.8852 or [cmiller@northglenn.org](mailto:cmiller@northglenn.org).

▶ For more on this year's Safe Street Halloween, go to [www.northglenn.org/ssh](http://www.northglenn.org/ssh).

## 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)



## THANK YOU, NEIGHBOR



Nine city residents were awarded a Good Neighbor Award at the July 24 council meeting. They exemplify what it means to be a good neighbor and we're thankful for all they do for our community! Do you know someone who should be nominated for this award? The deadline for the final round of 2023 is on Sept. 15! ▶ Nominate them at [www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor](http://www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor).

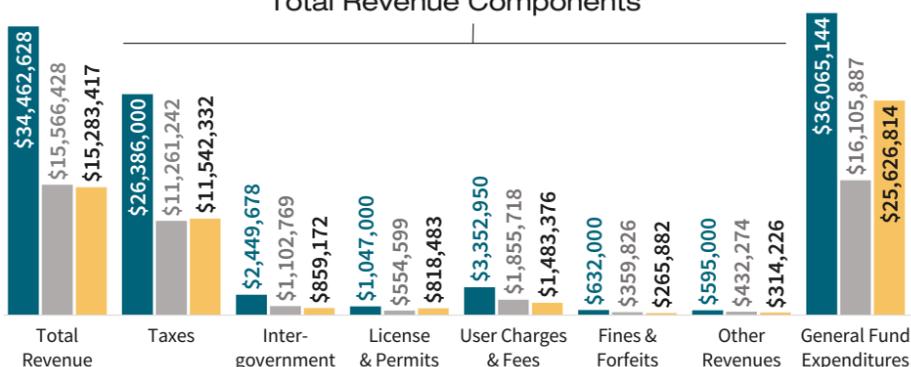
## June 2023 General Fund Financial Report

Unaudited figures are through the end of June.

- 2023 Annual Budget
- 2023 Actual Year to Date
- 2022 Actual Year to Date

General Fund Expenditures Year to Date is **44.7%** of the 2023 Annual Budget

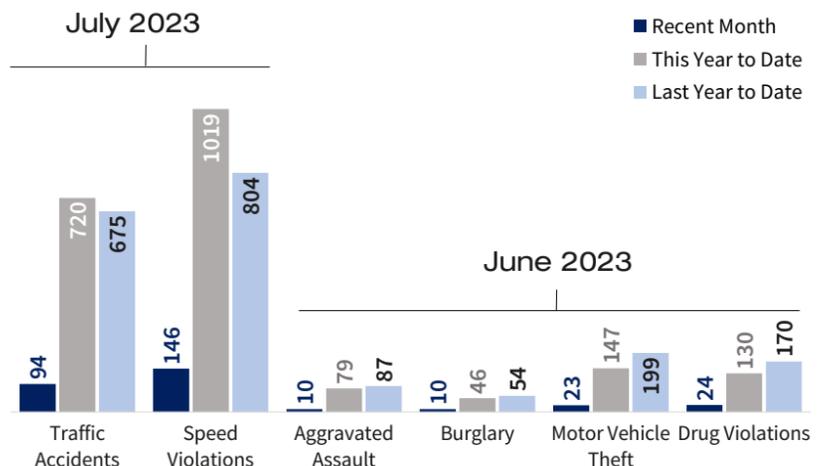
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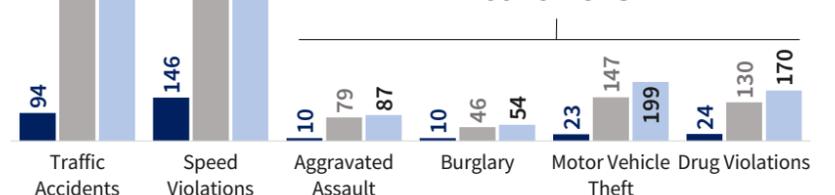
## Northglenn Police Statistics

Go to [www.northglenn.org/crimestats](http://www.northglenn.org/crimestats) for more data.

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what is perceived as private property. The city requires private companies to remediate impacts from work, however, they have a right to access their infrastructure to make improvements and sometimes that feels invasive.

Most companies try to communicate upcoming work and coordinate with residents. All are required to have permits and follow regulations. If you have issues, please contact the company. If you don't receive an adequate response, the city may be able to reach out on your behalf.

Many more projects are happening in our community; hopefully these examples give you an idea of the efforts the city is making to bring quality amenities and services to residents. Water, sewer, electricity, gas, internet, parks, and roads are critical to our quality of life.

**Report an Issue**

If you have an issue or concern about a city project or easement/right-of-way activity, make a report using [www.northglenn.org/AccessNorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/AccessNorthglenn) or the Access Northglenn app on your smart phone. Concerns are routed to the appropriate staff and tracked to ensure a prompt response.

Our infrastructure is aging, which means big projects and investments will continue. City Council will continue their work on finding solutions to challenges around safety concerns at the Washington Point Shopping Center and the skatepark at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park. Updates will be provided in future editions of the Connection.

— Mayor Meredith Leighty & City Manager Heather Geyer

**GREEN WITH ENVY**

Congratulations to Steven Musco, as his Ash tree at 294 East 112th Drive was named the 2023 Most Magnificent Tree. Musco will receive a \$100 discount on his next water bill and a plaque to commemorate the achievement. Council recognized Musco and the tree at their Aug. 28 meeting. Well done!

**GOVERNMENT FOUNDATIONS**

The footprint for the new City Hall has taken root. After installing utilities and caissons in July, crews moved onto foundation walls and crawl spaces in August. This foundation work will continue into September.

When it opens in the fall of 2024, this 32,600-square-foot facility will be Net Zero and have a CORE Green Building rating – the first municipal building in Colorado to achieve that certification. The \$33.8M building is being funded completely through reserves and is located next to the current City Hall. ▶ For more information on the project, go to [www.northglenn.org/newcityhall](http://www.northglenn.org/newcityhall).

**Support Sought for Park Projects**

The city is seeking funding from the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board for two projects. We need letters of support to help with our applications. Let's show everyone that we are #NorthglennProud.

Please send your letters by Sept. 18 to [jmestrovic@northglenn.org](mailto:jmestrovic@northglenn.org), or mail them to Jesse Mestrovic, c/o City of Northglenn, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233.

Anyone can write a letter – youth or adults. They can be formal or informal, what is most important is that you share your thoughts!"

**Traffic Signal Cabinet Wraps**

Northglenn is looking to spruce up the bland cabinets that house the controls for traffic signals with art. They will assist trail users with wayfinding and help tell Northglenn's story in the community.

**Alvin B. Thomas Park Playground Improvements**

The playgrounds at Alvin B. Thomas Park are ready for an upgrade. How often do you visit this playground? What new equipment or amenities would you like to see? Why would they benefit you? Work is expected to start in 2024.

**AUGUST 2023 YARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to our yard award winners for August. You help keep our city beautiful!

**Yard of the Month**

- Denise & Steve Reyes, 10563 Adams St.
- Jessie McRae, 2780 E. 109th Ave.
- The Hugo Family, 11925 E. 119th Pl.

- David & Ernestine Garcia, 11621 Gilpin St.
- Joseph & Sarah Silva, 2002 Fisher Way
- Sonia & Kevin Archibeque, 623 Leonard Lane
- Leon & Olga Enriquez, 199 Muriel Dr.

- Chris & Tracy Proksch, 11125 Osage St.
- Darlene Feist & Angel Reyes, 10990 Claire Lane
- Marina & Joel Roy, 1464 W. 101st Ave.
- Bill & Marjorie Friend, 9627 Pelon Dr.

**Waterwise Yard of the Month**

- Kyle Messler & Leslie Cook, 10917 Alvin Dr.
- June Hood, 10489 Pearl Way
- Elizabeth Mehlhorn, 10768 Brewer Dr.
- Mark & Irene Fick, 742 Melody Dr.

**DISPOSAL BRIEFS****Got Mulch?**

Mulch helps retain moisture in the soil, suppress or block weeds, keep the soil and plant roots cool, prevent frost heaving in winter, and makes garden beds and landscape look more attractive. And guess what?

The city has two large piles of mulch available to anyone for free! The mulch was produced from green waste dropped off by residents and from

city parks and trails maintenance.

Just stop by and take what you want at either location:

- **North side of Northwest Open Space, East 112th Avenue and Ranch Drive:** It's open anytime, but you'll have to load the mulch yourself as no staff is on site.
- **Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Facility, 12301 Claude Court:** It's open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every

Saturday through November. Staff will be available and can load the mulch if you sign a liability waiver.

Also during this time at M&O, only residents may drop off tree branches, tree stumps, leaves and grass clippings. This is a great way to save space in your trash carts.

▶ For more details, go online to [www.northglenn.org/yardwaste](http://www.northglenn.org/yardwaste) or call 303.450.4004.

**Free Landfill Day Oct. 7**

Free Landfill Day for city residents is Oct. 7! This is a perfect opportunity to get rid of items too large for your trash cart.

▶ For more details about rules, including what is and what is not accepted, go online to [www.northglenn.org/freelandfillday](http://www.northglenn.org/freelandfillday).

We'll also have more details in the October Connection.

**SHREDDING FRAUD**

Officer Alary assisted one of 1,234 cars that came by the Shred Event on Aug. 19 at the Northglenn Marketplace. Shredding old documents with personal information on them is one of the best ways to prevent multiple kinds of fraud – many of which are time-consuming or expensive to fix. Thanks to Metro Denver Crime Stoppers, Fox 31/Channel 2, Iron Mountain, Waste Management and Horizons North Credit Union for sponsoring the event.

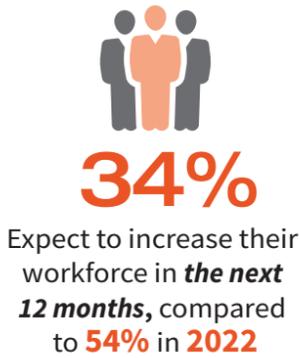
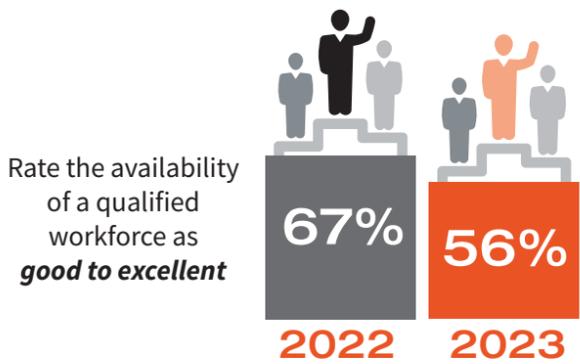
## 2023 BUSINESS SURVEY



City of Northglenn Economic Development Department | 303.450.8743 | [www.northglenn.org/biz](http://www.northglenn.org/biz)

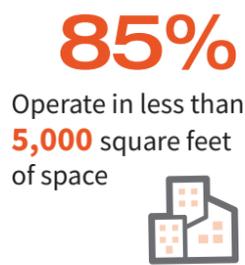
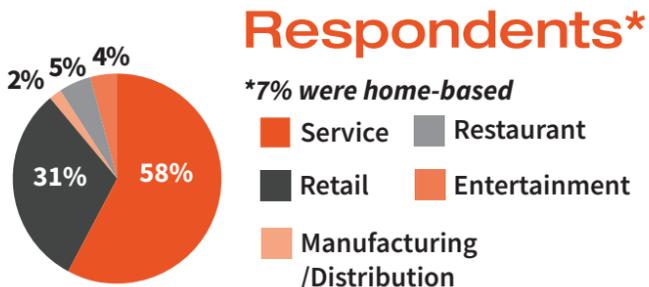
### Business Retention is the Foundation of a Healthy Local Economy, and is a Top Priority for the City.

To better understand the business climate of Northglenn, the Economic Development Department distributed its 10th annual business survey to all companies in the city. The survey had 79 responses.



### 2023 Top Challenges

1. Access to Local Supplies
2. Systems & Procedures to Manage Growth
3. Access to Customers
4. Recruitment & Staffing
5. Employee Turnover



### NEW BUSINESSES

- **Humble Art Tattoo** leased a 170-square-foot unit at 11654 N. Huron St., Suite 120. This one-person business specializes in tattoo design and services. ▶ For more details, call 559.776.3026 or go to <https://bit.ly/45DymOF>.
- **Phenix Salon Suites** welcomed this one-person business to its location at 10620 Melody Drive, Unit F –
- **Unveiling Beauty** is a beauty salon. ▶ For more details, call 720.231.0177.
- **Itacate Mexican Food** leased a 1,501-square-foot facility at 1006 W. 104th Ave. This locally-owned Mexican restaurant employs seven people. ▶ For more details, call 303.997.7410.
- **Tanner Automotive** leased a 4,000-square-foot facility at 10789 Irma Dr. This company repairs automobiles. ▶ For more details, call 303.596.4712.

**Have you opened a business in Northglenn in the past three months?** The city would be happy to have a ribbon-cutting to welcome you to the community! ▶ Please contact Marisa Phillips at [mphillips@northglenn.org](mailto:mphillips@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8840.

### Q3 2023 BIZ ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following companies that celebrated major milestones of doing business in the city!

#### 35 Years

- Colorado Gum Care
- Dean's Lock & Safe Service\*

#### 25 Years

- J & E Interiors\*
- Koppenheffer & Koppenheffer\*
- The Glitter Box\*
- Lee's Truck & Auto

#### 20 Years

- Mercedes Mexican Restaurant
- Nena's Beauty Salon

#### 15 Years

- Analytics Informatics Institute\*
- Farrell Consulting\*
- Pat-Cin Enterprises

#### 10 Years

- A Small Business Solution
- Quirky Homebrew
- R&M Liquors
- Sasha's International
- The Shadows Studio\*
- Wright Counseling

#### 5 Years

- Affordable Dentures & Implants
- Diguang USA
- Esthetics By Leigh
- First Love You\*
- Hair by Della
- Liquor Locker
- Pasito A Pasito Nannies Daycare\*
- Phenix Salon Suites
- Purple Moon Early Learning Center
- Sensible Choices Counseling

\*Indicates home-based business

### PLEASE WELCOME



### TWISTED SHEARS

**Twisted Shears Grooming Lounge** held its ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 28. It leased 1,200 square feet at 420 E. 120th Ave., Suite B-6. This barbershop employs two people. ▶ For more information, go online to [www.twistedshearsgroominglounge.com](http://www.twistedshearsgroominglounge.com) or call 303.254.4247.



### RYAN MURCHIE & ASSOCIATES

Ryan Murchie & Associates (RMA) held its ribbon-cutting on Aug. 18. It leased 1,700 square feet at 10701 Melody Drive, Suite 600. This insurance agency employs four people. ▶ For more information, call 720.456.7921 or go online to [www.rmaagents.com](http://www.rmaagents.com).

### DISCOVER Northglenn

▶ Go to [northglenn.org/biz](http://northglenn.org/biz) for more on economic development and [shopnorthglenn.org](http://shopnorthglenn.org) for a list of city businesses.

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Five Star Schools

# Thriving Students Lead to Thriving Futures

In Adams 12 Five Star Schools, we know if our students are thriving in school, they're more likely to thrive after they graduate.



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will earn at least a 6 percent total increase in pay.

Additionally, all classified employees (support staff) will earn at least a 6 percent total

increase in pay, and administrators will receive 6 percent.

## Expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programming

The district will make additional investments in CTE programming, which is called FutureForward in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

In response to student demand, the district will increase the number of classes offered in the following areas:

- Sports medicine
- Crime scene investigation
- Diesel
- Firefighting
- Behavioral & mental health
- Law enforcement

Additionally, given student interest, the district is adding a new program, veterinarian assistant, to FutureForward in 2023-2024.

## Safe Schools

At the beginning of 2023, the Five Star District made a commitment to invest in two additional school security liaisons. The district Safety and Security team now has three school security liaisons.

► This column was cut for space; to read in its entirety, go to <https://bit.ly/2023adams12>.

These safety and security team members work directly with school administrators, district security staff and our local law enforcement partners, including school resource officers, to ensure a safe and secure learning environment at all schools.

School Security Liaisons are required to have had or currently maintain a POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certification, or similar certification necessary for firearms proficiency.

We're excited for the opportunities that lie ahead for our students this year and beyond. Welcome back!

Sincerely,  
**Chris Gdowski**  
Superintendent,  
Adams 12 Five Star Schools

ELEVATE, our strategic plan, serves as a road map for creating and sustaining an environment in which our students thrive. Three conditions are equally important to elevating student success in the Five Star District.

- Raising achievement levels for all students.
- Taking pride in and feeling connected to the district's positive culture.
- Knowing every student by name, strength and need.

I encourage you to take a look at this year's Five Star FOCUS magazine (<https://adams12.org/focus>), which features personal stories of these goals coming to life in the Five Star District.

Additionally, we're making a number of investments for the 2023-2024 school year in support of these three priorities.

## World Class Staff

As one of the focus areas in the district's strategic plan, World Class Staff includes the following priority: "We will improve our competitive market position for recruiting and retaining high-quality staff."

To remain competitive and address significant inflationary pressures, Adams 12 Five Star Schools has addressed a number of compensation matters. The district raised starting teacher salaries to \$58,000 a year, an increase of more than \$12,000 from the previous starting salary. The compensation package for the 2023-2024 school year also ensures that all educators



Officer Festi greeted students at Northglenn Middle School during their first day back on Aug. 14. Festi is one of three School Resource Officers from the Northglenn Police Department serving in Adams 12 schools, with others at Northglenn High School and Vantage Point High School.

## YOUTH BRIEFS

### Youth After School Experience

M-F, August to December, 3:30-6 p.m., Northglenn Recreation Center, 1 E. Memorial Pkwy. | Grades 6-8

Middle schoolers have a fun, safe space to go to after school. There's supervised time for homework help and to take part in exclusive club activities. Transportation is offered from Hulstrom K-8, STEM Lab and Northglenn Middle School. (Note: you are not required to attend these schools to participate.) The program will not be held during Adams 12 holidays

and breaks. Cost is typically \$90 per week, however, scholarships and discounts are available. Contact Christie Chambers at 303.280.7821 for information.

► Go to [www.northglenn.org/teens](http://www.northglenn.org/teens) or [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn) for the full schedule. RECTRAC CODE: 30924001

### RTD Free For Youth This School Year

Following up its two-month Zero Fare for Better Air program, RTD is introducing Zero Fare for Youth. From Sept. 1, 2023, through Aug. 31, 2024, all people ages 19 and under can use RTD services for free. There are no time, mode, or distance

restrictions for participants. No registration required; just have a valid ID if a person's age is in question. The goal is to promote equity and affordability as well as encourage lifelong use of public transit.

► For more details, go to [www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com).

### Try Out for the Fusion Swim Club

This USA Swimming competitive swim team is open to youth ages 6 to 18. Team members train several sessions each week at the rec center and compete in local and statewide meets at least once a month. The program focuses not only

on swimming skills but also character building, teamwork and more.

► For questions, tryout details and to register, contact Head Coach Marc Rios at [mrios@northglenn.org](mailto:mrios@northglenn.org). You can also visit the team's website at [www.northglenn.org/fusion](http://www.northglenn.org/fusion).

## CPAAAN FUNDRAISER

Wed., Sept. 13, 12-8 p.m., Taziki's, 100 E. 120th Ave. in the Webster Lake Promenade

You can help CPAAAN out and have a Mediterranean-inspired meal at Taziki's at the same time! Just mention CPAAAN at the register during the fundraiser and they will receive a portion of the profits.

Can't join us in person? Don't worry, you can still support the fundraiser by ordering online at [www.tazikis.com](http://www.tazikis.com) using promo code CPAAAN at checkout.

► For more information, contact Denise Clarke, CPAAAN secretary, at [denysue@q.com](mailto:denysue@q.com).

**The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association of Northglenn (CPAAAN)** is a 501(c)3 volunteer organization that works with the Northglenn Police Department (NPD) and city residents through volunteer, educational and support programs. Funds collected are donated to NPD functions such as Safe Street Halloween, Kops vs. Kids events, National Night Out and Christmas Crusade.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### 9/11 Day of Service

The city is looking for volunteers who want to give back during our second 9/11 Day of Service. This event runs Sept. 2 to 11 and encourages residents to help with community projects.

Don't want to do something on your own? The city is hosting a group project on Sept. 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the east entrance to Northwest Open Space off Kennedy Drive.

► To register or learn more about the week-long event or group

project, contact Jenni Murphy at [jmurphy@northglenn.org](mailto:jmurphy@northglenn.org).

### Snow Stormers Assist Neighbors

The temperatures have hit 100, which means we're 100 percent focused on finding volunteers for our Snow Stormers program!

The city needs people to help shovel snow for neighbors who physically cannot do it themselves. ► If you are interested, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or [jmurphy@northglenn.org](mailto:jmurphy@northglenn.org).



On Aug. 10, volunteers from Allegro Coffee spruced up the south entrance of Northwest Open Space. They put down weed barriers, moved rocks and painted the entrance sign. Thank you so much for keeping our community great!

► For more on how you can volunteer in the city, go to [www.northglenn.org/volunteering](http://www.northglenn.org/volunteering) or contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or [jmurphy@northglenn.org](mailto:jmurphy@northglenn.org).

▶ The Northglenn Recreation Center, Northglenn Senior Center and Parsons Theatre are located at 1 E. Memorial Parkway.

▶ For items with a **RECTRAC CODE**, go online to [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn) or call 303.450.8800.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Young kids and their adults can have some fun at the Northglenn Recreation Center.

### Grand & Me Tea Party



**Fri., Sept. 22, 1-3 p.m.**

Kids ages 2 to 6 and their grand person will have fun participating in crafts while enjoying snacks and tea! Cost is \$15 for couples, \$5 for each additional person. Please sign up by Sept. 20. **RECTRAC CODE: 30531001**

### Adult's Night Out

**Thurs., Oct. 5, 5:30-8 p.m. | Ages 3-10**

Need a night out to get some shopping done, have a nice dinner, run errands or just get some quiet time? Bring your kids over to the rec center, where they can bustle around the indoor playground and poolside classroom. We'll have fun, games, crafts, pizza and plenty of playtime. Children must be potty trained. Cost is \$18 for residents and \$25 for non-residents, with a second child discount of \$13 for residents, \$19 for non-residents. **RECTRAC CODE: 30206003**



## 6-Foot & Under Basketball Tournament

**Sat., Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Northglenn Rec Center | Ages 18+**

Adults 6 feet tall and under can hoop it up in this 4 vs. 4 tournament. Rims are set at 8.5 feet tall and dunking is allowed.

Teams have four to eight players, and they must provide white and black shirts or jerseys. The single-elimination tourney is limited to 12 teams. All squads play at least three games. Cost is \$140 per team. Please RSVP by Oct. 2. **RECTRAC CODE: 30855001**



## WELLNESS

Get physically fit – inside and out – with one of these activities at the Northglenn Recreation Center.

### Weight Room Orientation



**Fri., Sept. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Ages 14+**

The weight room offers a variety of workout equipment and resources. If you are new to it, this is a great place to start! Cost is free. Please RSVP by Sept. 1. **RECTRAC CODE: 30425001**

### Fall Equinox Yoga Workshop



**Sat., Sept. 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m. | Ages 16+ or 14+ accompanied by a guardian**

Join us for a morning of balancing and intention-setting. Start with reflective journaling and then go into a 90-minute Yin/Yung yoga practice – half gentle vinyasa flow and half Yin Yoga. The class ends with intention and goal-setting. Please sign up by Sept. 20. Cost is \$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. **RECTRAC CODE: 30423004**

### Sound Bath

**Sat., Sept. 23, 12-1:30 p.m. | Ages 16+**

Experience what sound vibration immersion can do for your body, mind and energy field. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$25 for non-residents. Please register by Sept. 20. **RECTRAC CODE: 30423001**

## ★ SENIOR CENTER

Activities are for people 55 and over and are held at the Northglenn Senior Center. Unless noted, they are also free. To register, stop by the center, call 303.450.8801 or go to [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn).

### Estate Planning Documents



**Tues., Sept. 5, 2 p.m.**

Do you want to keep your family out of court and save them thousands of dollars in legal fees after you pass? Learn from attorneys at Althaus Law how to avoid the probate process, protect your family, and get your hard-earned assets to the people you want to inherit them. Please register by Sept. 2. **RECTRAC CODE: 30527001**

### Gaming With The Chief



**Fri., Sept. 8, 10:45 a.m.**

Challenge Chief Jim May in crokinole – a disk-flicking dexterity board game. No cost – just stop by!

### Guac & Roll



**Fri., Sept. 15, 1 p.m.**

Join us in Celebrating National Guacamole Day. If you love

guacamole and music like we do, this is the event for you. Please sign up by Sept. 13. **RECTRAC CODE: 30530001**

### Pie Bake-Off



**Fri., Sept. 29, 1 p.m.**

Who will be the queen or king of pies this fall? Does your apple, chocolate or even shepherd's pie have what it takes to win? After judging, everyone can sample the entries. Cost is \$3 if you are not competing. Please RSVP by Sept. 27. **RECTRAC CODE: 30530003**

### Nutrition for Fitness

**Tues., Oct. 3, 1 p.m.**

Join a fitness instructor and nutritionist for an informative class. Please register by Sept. 30. **RECTRAC CODE: 30527001**

### First Friday Flick

**Fri., Oct. 6, 1 p.m.**

(No September flick due to annual facility cleaning)



Hang out and enjoy a movie and free popcorn. Titles will be announced one week prior at the center and online. Please sign up in advance. **RECTRAC CODE: 30530002**

## TEEN ACTIVITIES

Get your older child and teen out and about with one of these activities at the Northglenn Recreation Center.

### Video Game Day



**Sat., Sept. 23, 1-6 p.m. | Ages 10-17**

Have some festive fun while playing local pick-up competitive games! We have gaming laptops, PS5, Xbox S and Nintendo Switch consoles. Snacks and drinks provided. Having an account to log into systems is encouraged, but not required. Cost is \$5. Please sign up by Sept. 16. **RECTRAC CODE: 30921001**

### Mystery at the Rec

**Fri., Oct. 6, 3-6 p.m. | Ages 10-17**

Do you have what it takes to solve the mystery at the rec? Detectives complete tasks, mini-games and riddles to

uncover the great mystery hidden in the rec center. Cost is \$5. Please sign up by Sept. 29. Rules and guidelines are at [www.northglenn.org/teens](http://www.northglenn.org/teens). **RECTRAC CODE: 30921003**

### TEEN ADVENTURES: Bounce Empire



**Fri., Oct. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., leave & return to the rec center | Ages 12-17**

Celebrate a day off from school by going on an adventure! Head to Bounce Empire, the largest indoor inflatable park in the world. Jump on over 40 inflatables, go down three-story slides and tackle monumental obstacle courses. RSVP by Sept. 29. Cost is \$45 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. **RECTRAC CODE: 30924012**

▶ To learn more about Teen Adventures occurring in October and January, go to [www.northglenn.org/teens/](http://www.northglenn.org/teens/)

## DOG DAZE OF SUMMER

**Mon., Sept. 4, 5-7 p.m., Kiwanis Pool, 550 Garland Drive**

Lucky dogs are invited to swim in the pool before it's drained for the season.

Please make sure immunizations are up to date. Cost is \$5.

Also, the pool is open that day for humans from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

▶ **FESTIVAL LATINO: Sun., Oct. 1, 11 a.m.** at the Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton. Presented by Adams County.



**FESTIVAL INCLUDES**

- Walk Around Entertainment
- Food and Adult Beverage Vendors
- Bounce Houses, including a Pirate Ship
- Costume Contest, Crafts and Activities for the Kids
- Mermaids

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**FRI: PIRATE NIGHT**  
5:00 - 10:00 PM  
ADULTS ONLY

**SAT: PIRATE FEST**  
11 AM - 6:00 PM  
ALL WELCOME

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**Cardboard Boat Regatta**

Saturday 2 p.m.  
Cost: \$20

Build a boat of cardboard and duct tape and sail it across Webster Lake

**\*REGISTER AND FIND RULES ONLINE**

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1 E. Memorial Parkway, Northglenn



**SEP 8**

**SONGS OF BRAZIL**



**SEP 12**

**THE LURE OF ALASKA**



**SEP 13 & 14**



**SEP 29 - OCT 1 JR.**



**OCT 7**

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