THE MEMORIES REMAIN

The demolition of the old Northglenn Recreation Center began in earnest in early February. Originally opening in 1975 as the Northglenn Community Center, the facility operated for over 45 years until the new rec center was finished in 2021. Over the decades, the old rec center hosted countless events, classes, sporting events and more. Read City Manager Heather Geyer’s column below for what the future holds for the old rec center land and surrounding Civic Center area.

Civic Center Vision Coming to Life

Current Work to Clear Old Rec Center, Build New City Hall

Have you been in the Civic Center area lately? The old recreation center is being demolished, as you can see in the photos above. I think it spurs nostalgia in many of us. I’ve heard many stories from residents who took their first swim class or attended their first theatre production in the facility. These memories will always be with us. After the building is fully demolished the ground will be graded, although the existing parking lot will remain for now.

Across Memorial Parkway, the new City Hall is quickly going up, as shown in the photo to the top right. Construction is on time and on budget, with an anticipated move-in for late August and a public open house in September. This building will mark the third major capital construction project the city has completed in seven years, beginning with the Justice Center in 2017 and the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre in 2021. All of these facilities will serve our community well into the future!

We are now assessing the existing City Hall building for demolition. While we don’t have an exact timeline, we will share that in the coming months. In 2022, council completed an update to the Civic Center plan that was originally adopted by council in 2017. Council will revisit this plan to determine what is next. Last year, the city started a parking study to identify ways to address the parking challenges on the site. Results from this study will be presented to council this spring.

The Civic Center will play a major part in the new five-year strategic plan, which council will start working on this month. Stay tuned for details!

– City Manager Heather Geyer
FEB. 5: ACMCYA
• Recognition of the Northglenn nominees for the Adams County Mayors & Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA) ➤ See photo on Page 3.

FEB. 12: REGULAR MEETING

PROCLAMATIONS: American Heart Month - Month - February 2024; Black History Month - February 2024

PRESENTATIONS: Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture - Christopher Hampton Day - Business Committee for the Arts

FINANCIAL REPORT: December 2023 Update

CONSENT AGENDA: CR-36 Youth Commission Appointment - Anusha Khanal; CR-37 Youth Commission Appointment - Lexicon Shi; CR-38 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Appointment - Trevor Hosterman; CR-39 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Joel Brown; CR-40 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Camille Linn; CR-41 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Pat Marquez; CR-42 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Ihsan Riahi; CR-43 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Shannon McDougald; CR-44 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Dan Shube; CR-45 Community Co-Production Policymaking Advisory Board Reappointment - Richard Vokk; CR-49 Northwest Open Space Pedestrian Bridge; CR-51 Capital Equipment Purchases; CR-54 Diversity Inclusivity, & Social Equity Board Ward 4 Member Appointment - Catherine Schyling; CR-56 2nd Amendment to Alternate Defense Counsel (I&G); CR-57 Municipal Court Video Services IGA

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE - SECOND READING:
• CB-2021 Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance Amendments

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING:
• CB-2023 Abandoned and Removed Shopping Carts in the Public Right of Way

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DISCUSSION ITEM: City Council Quarterly Agenda Planning - City Manager Geyer

The city officially proclaimed February 2024 as American Heart Month in Northglenn. Cardiovascular diseases accounted for one in three deaths in Colorado in 2003, making it the leading cause of death in the state.

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL SCHEDULE
Meetings are 6 p.m. in Council Chambers unless noted.
• March 6: Study Session & Special Meeting
• March 11: Regular meeting canceled for National League of Cities Conference
• March 16: Strategic Planning Session, Justice Center, 8:30 a.m.
• March 18: Special Meeting
• March 25: Regular Meeting

Tentative Items: Traffic Calming; Good Neighbor Awards; Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Annual Report, Long-Range Plan & Per Capita Funding; Marketplace Sub Area Plan, Section 36 Sub Area Plan

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.

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. Listen to the March meetings by phone at 720.961.5043. See the agenda at 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.

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CITY WARDS

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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. 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.

If you have a question about what ward you live in, please call 303.450.8756.
City Council recognized the Northglenn nominees, listed to the right, for the Adams County Mayors & Commissioners Youth Awards on Feb. 5 at the Parsons Theatre. These students have overcome great obstacles to become productive members of the community. A select few will be honored at the county level in April. Congratulations!

Evan Abeguy, Muzghan Ahmad, Anthony Alvarado, Angel Arcevallo, Mark Espinosa, Isabel Hendrickson, Abraham Hernandez, Denise Martinez Segura, Ewee Morgan, Sofia Munguia Rivera, Ansia (Nissy) Munoz, Nilam Omelas, Blaire Pendegrass, JJ Puente, Jennifer Ramirez Cano, Zynas Rogers, Alex Salazar, Zoe Spence, Gerardo Torres Sanchez and Arman Valle.

### $10K Grant for Youth Theatre

**Aimed at Diversifying Participation**

The Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF) received a $10,000 Challenge America grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in January. This grant is specifically designated to support an evaluation initiative aimed at diversifying Northglenn Youth Theatre participants. The Challenge America grants are a part of the NEA’s commitment to enhancing the arts sector throughout the United States. These grants, awarded in all artistic disciplines, primarily support small organizations engaging in a variety of arts projects that reach historically underserved communities. These communities may have limited access to the arts due to factors such as geography, ethnicity, economics, and/or disability.

Maria Rosario Jackson, Ph.D., Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, expressed her pleasure in announcing these grants. She highlighted the diverse range of projects that contribute to the well-being of individuals and communities.

“The NAHF’s initiative will focus on evaluating and enhancing Northglenn Youth Theatre programming to ensure increased diversity and inclusivity. The grant will play a pivotal role in expanding opportunities for young artists, particularly in communities with rich and dynamic cultural identities that may have historically faced limited funding opportunities.”

The program’s first year is part of a four-year Arts and Culture initiative that will build towards a future of new art, opportunities to the National Endowment for the Arts, and inclusivity. The grant will play a pivotal role in expanding opportunities for young artists, particularly in communities with rich and dynamic cultural identities that may have historically faced limited funding opportunities.

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### Sign Up Now for Canal Cleanup

**Sat., March 23, 9-11 a.m., locations throughout Northglenn and Thornton**

The Farmers’ Highline Canal Cleanup has become so successful at giving a spring cleaning to the city’s trails, riverbeds and walkways, we can’t contain it! So this year, Thornton is joining in. We’re looking for volunteers to come out and make Northglenn (and Thornton!) beautiful. Every year, we collect more than 300 bags of trash plus the occasional tire, mannequin or bed.

Volunteers are invited to come out and help clean up the canal. Volunteers receive lunch. For more details, contact Jenna Gragg at jgragg@northglenn.org or 303.450.8904. In case of inclement weather, the cleanup will move to March 30.
Home Rule A Home Run

Status Allows City to Make Decisions That Work for Northglenn

Did you know Northglenn is a home rule city? That means the residents of the city took the time in 1975 to create and approve a charter, which is essentially the Constitution of the city as it relates to matters that are subject to “local control.”

Local control under the Colorado Constitution reserves both structural and functional home rule powers to municipalities and “the full right of self-government in local and municipal matters” to citizens. Northglenn has the power to make many decisions locally, including through the elected City Council or by vote. The advantages to home rule include:

- Northglenn has greater flexibility to solve local issues because we are less constrained by state requirements.
- Home rule allows for quicker response time to emergency situations since we do not need to wait on a state legislative process.
- We do not have to follow state statutes in matters of local and municipal concern.
- Residents have enhanced control, interest, and involvement in Northglenn than in areas that are not home rule or unincorporated.

Home rule is basically the power to operate and control our community, with the understanding that elected officials representing you know what is best for residents of the city, and that not everything at the statewide level is necessarily better for Northglenn. Some examples of ways we have used home rule include creating Safety Sensitive Zones, trash and recycling as a city service, local taxes to support capital improvements (like water/ sewer infrastructure replacements and park improvements), offering business grants during COVID-19 and land use.

Lately, land use has been a big issue between the state and home rule municipalities. For example, since affordable housing is a concern, the state has tried to make higher-density housing allowable without local resident input or going through a local process, and has suggested eliminating such things as parking requirements in an attempt to preempt Northglenn from deciding how best to address the impacts of new development on our city. Cities (including Northglenn) oppose this type of legislation, because no input on what is built in your own community could have major impacts on current residents and future plans. For example, a state level land use mandate may not take into consideration local concerns like traffic, water supply, sewer infrastructure, emergency services and more.

Our council and staff will continue to work on state legislation that could diminish home rule. We will do all we can to make sure Northglenn continues to keep local control, otherwise we could not be as responsive to the needs of our residents and businesses.

~ Mayor Meredith Leighty

Mayor’s Memo: A Message from Mayor Meredith Leighty

Summer Job Fair

Wed., March 13, 3-7 p.m., Northglenn Rec Center, 1 E. Memorial Parkway

This is the place if you’re looking for a summer job. We’ll have on-the-spot interviews and lifeguard tests (just bring a swimsuit!). You could receive a prize just for showing up.

Jobs and hourly pay are listed to the right. You must be at least 15 to 21 years old depending on the position. Please bring a government ID or driver’s license and a Social Security card.

For a list of all current recreation jobs, go to www.northglenn.org/recjobs.

Seasonal Recreation Positions Available

- Position: Hourly Pay (Minimum Age)
- Pedal Boat Attendant: $15.35 (16)
- Kiwanis Pool Cashier: $15.35 (16)
- Day Camp Aide: $15.35 (16)
- Lifeguard: $16.88 (15)
- Youth Sports Instructor: $16.88 (16)
- Parks Maintenance Trainer: $16.88 (16)
- Lifeguard/Swim Instructor: $18.57 (16)
- Day Camp Leader: $18.57 (16)
- Seasonal Parks Maint. Laborer: $18.57 (16)
- Teen Trip Leader: $18.57 (21)
- Head Lifeguard: $20.43 (18)
- Seasonal Park Ranger: $20.43 (18)
- Day Camp Director: $20.43 (21)

Local Letters of Support Sought for City Projects

Community participation is vital to Northglenn thriving. Few examples are better than the Adams County Open Space grant program. The task is to get the people to your letters of support, the city received over $2.12 million in 2023 for a variety of recreation amenities and improvements.

Now, the city is seeking endorsements from residents for the following projects:

- Restoration of select sections of the city’s Greenway Trail System: These systematic repairs will focus on cracked or damaged sections of the trail with the goal of ensuring that pedestrians, cyclists and others can safely navigate the trails as a part of their daily commute to work or school, to exercise or to enjoy nature.
- A safety notification system at the Civic Center: This system will allow for safety announcements to be made at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and on the Civic Center Campus, which is especially important during large events or festivals. The system will also include security cameras, enhanced lighting in the pedestrian tunnel and other safety features.
- Electric lawn mowers for parks: Though they have a higher up-front cost, they are less expensive to operate and maintain over time. The goal is to replace gas-powered mowers with electric mowers, reducing noise and air pollution as staff maintain our parks.
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Let us know why you want these projects to happen and how they would benefit you. Send in your letters of support by March 15 to Jesse Mostrom at jmostrom@northglenn.org, or to City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn 80233.

The proposal would combine the North Metro Fire Rescue District (yellow) and Adams County Fire Protection District (red). North Metro Fire provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and technical rescue to Northglenn, Broomfield and unincorporated parts of four north metro counties.

North Metro Fire

Looking at Merger

The North Metro Fire Rescue District and Adams County Fire Protection District have agreed to explore a merger. The two came to the decision at a joint board meeting on Jan. 16.

The idea behind the merger is to unite resources in a cost-effective manner to improve services in both districts. Both already train together, operate on scene together, and collaborate together with other north area fire departments. A merger may reduce redundancies, capitalize on strengths, improve financial efficiency, and ultimately better serve their communities.

In the months ahead, the boards and district staff will conduct an in-depth evaluation of each agency. The next discussion in this exploratory process will take place at a joint board meeting in early spring.

For more details and updates, go to www.northmetofire.org/merger.
Looking for an additional location for Lizzie’s Axe Throwing, owner Zach Silver targeted Northglenn. This choice has hit the mark so far, as the new location captured the city’s 2023 Rookie Business of the Year Award.

“I’ve always been entrepreneurially minded, and owning my own business was a dream,” said Silver, who also owns the original Lizzie’s in Brighton. “It is amazing to serve the community and to do that with something fun.”

But Lizzie’s isn’t limited to throwing axes. In addition to eight lanes and a private throwing area, there are pool tables, a large arcade, and a full bar.

“Axe throwing is what we do, and we do it well,” said Silver. “But we have folks that come in and have a margarita and sit and watch and that is A-OK with us.”

With a number of axe-throwing options in the area, Lizzie’s focuses on customer service to stand out, whether that’s showing customers how to throw or bringing them a drink.

Note: This is the fourth in a series featuring winners from the 2023 Business Appreciation Event. Go to www.northglenn.org/bab to see videos of all the winners.

Zach Silver with former council member Becky Brown at the Business Appreciation Event in October 2023.

The Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) is a special purpose governmental entity which was created by City Council in 1990 to deal with economic and physical blight.

NURA improves urban renewal plan areas in Northglenn by assisting development and redevelopment projects through private and public-related commercial improvements.

The commission meets every second Wednesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

For more information, go to www.northglenn.org/NURA.

NORTHGLENN URBAN RENEWAL AREAS

Businesses must be located in the highlighted URA areas on this map to be eligible for NURA grants.

2023 NURA INDICATORS

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2023 NURA GRANTS

NURA awarded matching grants for up to $12,500 in 2023 through its Business Improvement Grant (BIG) and Business Utility Assistance Grant (BUAG) programs. BIGs are for exterior improvements that are visible from the public right-of-way, while BUAGs are for utility upgrades. The grant amount has been raised to $15,000 in 2024.

To learn more about NURA grants and if your business is eligible, contact Shannon Fields at 303.450.8938 or sfields@northglenn.org.

Big Grants | Amount | Use
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Palmer Plaza | $4,075.98 | Exterior signage
Palmer Plaza | $8,262.50 | Parking lot improvements
Mochinut | $2,303.60 | Exterior signage
Prost | $12,500 | Exterior signage
Twisted Shears Grooming Lounge | $3,623.71 | Exterior signage
Scissorhand Colour Studio | $1,900 | Exterior signage
Cakes by Karen | $9,374.75 | Exterior signage

BUAG Grants | Amount | Use
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Mochinut | $12,500 | Grease interceptor
Prost | $12,500 | Gas and electrical lines

MOCHINUT

Mochinut held its ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 1. This donut shop serves mochi donuts and rice hot dogs. They leased 1,634 square feet at 421 W. 104th Ave., Unit D and employ three people.

The mochi donut is the happy union between Japanese rice cake (mochi) and American-style donuts, which originated in Hawaii.

▶ For more information, call 303.362.0604.
Find Out What City Police Officers Do

Ever wonder what it’s like to be a police officer? Gain a working knowledge of the Northglenn Police Department (NPD) through its Citizen’s Police Academy.

Applications are being taken now for the next 12-week session, which starts April 3. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at the Northglenn Justice Center, 50 W. Community Center Drive.

You’ll learn through lectures, hands-on experience and demonstrations from NPD officers and other local law professionals. Not only will you get to know some of the members of the NPD, you’ll gain a better understanding of how and why they make their decisions.

Please sign up at www.northglenn.org/policeacademy by March 27. The academy is free, with limited space available. You must be 18 years of age or older and either live or work in Northglenn to register.

For more details, contact Officer Chris Miller at cmiller@northglenn.org or 303.450.8852, or Officer Jeramie Lund at jlund@northglenn.org or 303.450.8850.

Citizen’s Police Academy Topics
• Community policing
• Patrol duties
• Adams County Communication Dispatch
• DUI and Drug Task Force
• Accident investigations
• Special assignments
• Technology crimes
• Officer safety
• Crime Scene Investigation
• Traffic law
• Juvenile issues
• Police powers
• Crime prevention
• Criminal investigation
• Legal aspects
• Case law
• Case preparation

COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF
Fri., March 8, 8-9 a.m., Safeway Starbucks, 500 E. 120th Ave.
Why pay for your coffee when you can get it for free? As an added bonus, have a chat with Chief Jim May about any police or public safety concerns you may have!

Deza Estates Now a Local Historic District

On Jan. 22, City Council approved the designation of Deza Estates as a local historic district. This neighborhood in the southwest corner of Northglenn stands out due to its unique Modern Movement style architecture and post-war development.

This designation is in addition to being named to the National Register of Historic Places, which occurred in November 2023. This is the city’s first local historic district, and it will help to preserve the character of the neighborhood for all residents and visitors. The city will work with Deza Estates residents to develop design guidelines that allow for the architecture and design of the neighborhood to be celebrated while still supporting needed growth and evolution.

To learn more about Deza Estates, go online to www.northglenn.org/historicpreservation.

FEB. 26: REGULAR MEETING
The Connection went to print before the Feb. 26 meeting. Tentative agenda items included:

• Interview: Kimberly Bauer, Historic Preservation Commission
• Presentation: Introduction of Crystal Armendariz – Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Local Government Liaison
• Presentation: Youth Commission Annual Report
• Abandoned and Removed Shopping Carts in the Public Right-of-Way – Public Hearing & 2nd Reading
• Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment – Joyce Downing
• Planning Commission Reappointment – Stratus Mushabe
• Youth Commission Reappointment – Suyash Shrestha
• Capital Equipment Purchase
• Parks Capital Equipment Purchase
• 2024 Janitorial Services
• Revised Council Policies
• 2024 Pay Plan Amendment
• Discussion Items: New City Hall Construction Update, Electronic Participation Policy, Council Protocol 7 – Urgent Information Communication to Council

Proposal to Rename Gallery

Ruibal Rivera
A Champion of Arts in The City

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is considering a proposal to name the gallery next to the Parsons Theatre after Lucille Ruibal Rivera, who played a pivotal role in fostering collaboration and enriching the Northglenn arts community.

As a member of the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF) and the Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board, Lucille played a crucial role in promoting inclusivity.

She facilitated collaboration between Northglenn Arts and the Chicano Humanities & Art Council (CHAC), and curated a space that provided extraordinary experiences for residents and visitors to the Parsons Theatre.

She was committed to a broad spectrum of art, including works representing the LGBTQIA+ community, Dia de los Muertos celebrations, street art, and the creations of the late Stevon Lucero.

The public can provide support, opposition and alternatives to the proposal through the March 14 Parks Board meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The board is slated to weigh in on the recommendation at the meeting.

Options are also available to participate remotely or to submit feedback via email. Please contact Christie Chambers at cchamber@northglenn.org or 303.280.7221 for details.

Red Cross Youth Safety Classes

On March 13, the Red Cross is offering a free safety class for youth at the rec center – no matter their age. Please sign up by March 4. Call 303.450.8880 or go to www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn to register.

Use REETrac Code 10206004 for all classes.

Prepare With Pedro the Penguin
9-9:45 a.m. | Ages 6-9
Learn along with Pedro the Penguin how to stay safe during home fires, local hazards and other emergencies. Students gain coping skills and receive a free workbook to share what they have learned.

Pillowcase Project
10-10:45 a.m. | Ages 10 - 13
Participants learn about personal and family preparedness, safety skills, local hazards, and basic coping skills. Students go through a “Learn, Practice, Share” framework to engage them in disaster preparedness and survival skills. Upon completion, students receive a sturdy pillowcase to build a personal emergency supplies kit.

Hands-Only CPR
11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Ages 13+
Learn how to do hands-only CPR. Although you will not receive a CPR certification, you will leave with the knowledge and skills to help someone in an emergency.

REC CENTER PASS DEAL IN MARCH
Here comes the sun … and the savings!
If you purchase any regular punch pass to the Northglenn Recreation Center in March, you’ll receive five free visits. That’s 25 visits for the price of 20! This promotion is available to all age groups, residences, and renewals, but does not apply to Judo.

To purchase, stop by the center, 1 E. Memorial Parkway.
The Northglenn Recreation Center, Northglenn Senior Center and Parsons Theatre are located at 1 E. Memorial Parkway.

For items with a RECTRAC CODE, sign up at www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn or call 303.450.8800.

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**SENIOR CENTER**

In addition to hot coffee and warm smiles, the Northglenn Senior Center offers activities throughout the month. These are for people 55 and over and held at the center. All are free and registration is two days in advance unless noted. Sign up by stopping at the center, calling 303.450.8801, or going to www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn.

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**Gaming With the Chief**

**Tues., March 5, 1 p.m.**  
Challenge Chief Jim May in crokinole – a disk-licking dexterity board game. No need to sign up – just come on by!

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**Wii Bowling**

**Tues., March 5, 1 p.m.**  
The controllers are out and we’re ready to throw some strikes. The best score wins a prize. Sign up until the day of the event. RECTRAC: 10531005

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**Dungeons and Dragons**

**Tues., March 12, 1 p.m.**  
Do you like fantasy adventure? Puzzles? Thinking quick on your feet? Then join a group of friends to save the innocent and defeat the wicked. Come exercise your imagination, creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills playing this iconic game. RECTRAC: 10531003

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**Crafts with Kirstie**

**Mystery Lunch**

**Fri., March 29, 12 p.m.**

St. Patrick’s Day Potluck

**Fri., March 15, 12 p.m.**

Get your Irish on for this fun annual event. The Northglenn Senior Organization provides the corned beef and cabbage; you supply a side dish or dessert. RECTRAC: 10530008

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**Tie Dye Day**

**Fri., March 22, 1 p.m.**

Rock out and get crazy making a one-of-a-kind tie-dye shirt. Make sure to let us know your t-shirt size when registering. Cost is $10. RECTRAC: 10530009

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**MAD SCIENCE: Bubbling Beakers**

**April 1-5, 1-4 p.m. | Ages 6-12**

Discover a whimsical world of molecules and magic with bubbling beakers and all kinds of radical reactions in this exciting science-themed camp! Prepare your own potions and all sorts of concoctions to take home. Learn about the many types of chemical solutions and find out how different chemicals react when mixed together. Cost is $245 for residents, $294 for non-residents.

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**Egg Hunt Splash-In**

**Sat., March 30, Northglenn Recreation Center**

**Ages 0-6: 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Ages 7-17: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Splash into the indoor pool and see how many eggs you can collect before time runs out! Participants will be separated into different pools based on age and swim skill level. Cost is $5 per person. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Register by March 23. RECTRAC: 10921004

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**SPRING BREAK LEARNING**

**Wilderness Medicine Camp**

**April 1-5, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Ages 6-10**

Participants will role-play emergency situations in the wild and learn how to prepare for natural disasters. These future emergency medics will learn about snake bites, hypothermia, tour-niquets, poisonous plants, edible plants, distress signals, forest fires, tornadoes, mosquito bites, and more. Cost is $310 for residents, $372 for non-residents.

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**Haunt the Library**

**Tues., March 12, 1-4 p.m. | Ages 6-10**

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**Teen Activities**

**Is your older child/teen looking for something to do? This is a sample of what’s available at the rec center. Open to youth ages 10 to 17.**

**Video Game Day**

**Sat., March 9, 2:30-6 p.m.**

Compete in pick-up and competitive games! Play on gaming laptops, PS5, XBOX S and Nintendo Switch. Snacks and drinks provided. Participants receive fun prizes. Cost is $5. Please sign up by March 6. RECTRAC: 10921001

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**Table Top Game Days**

**Sat., March 9, 2:30-6 p.m.**

Gather together for some fun pen-and-paper games led by a local game master! Test out a new game world including Dungeons and Dragons, Dishonored, Cyberpunk, Honey Heist and more. Snacks and drinks provided. Please register by March 6. Cost is $5. RECTRAC: 10921003

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**Teen Adventures**

**March 11 and then each day April 1 through 5 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m., leave and return to the rec center**

Celebrate a day off from school by going on an adventure! Each day, head to a regional attraction for some fun. The March 11 trip is to Boondocks. Go to www.northglenn.org/teens for the trips in April.

Destinations may change depending on weather. Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle, cold-weather clothing and swimming attire as appropriate. Cost is $45 for residents, $50 for non-residents. Register at least one week in advance. RECTRAC: 10924091 (Ages 10-13) and 10924012 (Ages 14-17)

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**Sign Language Class for Youth**

**Thursdays, March 7 to May 2, 4-5 p.m. | Ages 7-11**

Embark on a journey into the vibrant world of American Sign Language (ASL)! Our beginner ASL class is the perfect starting point for anyone interested in learning this expressive visual language. During this course, kids learn ABCs, numbers, animal signs, food signs and much more! Cost is $52 for residents, $57 for non-residents. Please sign up by March 4. RECTRAC: 10206004

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**Health & Fitness**

These rec center activities will help you reach your wellness goals.

**Weight Room Orientation**

**Fri., April 5, 9:30-10:30 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 March 29. RECTRAC: 10425001

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Aquifer Storage Project Moves to Second Well

One down, one to go. The first well for the city’s Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project is complete. The second is being drilled now just a few feet away. Both are on the grounds of the Water Treatment Facility, 2350 W. 112th Ave.

ASR injects water into deep bedrock aquifers for long-term storage. The water is then available for future recovery during droughts or seasonal high-demand periods. If successful, ASR will provide additional drought resilience and sustainability to the city’s water supplies.

Test pumping will begin once both are drilled. The viability of the project will be decided in 2024 or 2025.

Drilling can run 24 hours a day at times. Sound walls are in place to help mitigate the noise, but those nearby may still be able to hear it.

The city thanks you for your understanding and apologizes for any inconvenience.

▶ For more information on the project, go online to www.northglenn.org/aquifer.

HOURS EXPANDING FOR NORTHWEST OPEN SPACE RECYCLING CENTER

Starting April 2, the hours for the Northwest Open Space Recycling Center will expand to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is currently 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on those days.

The center is located off West 112th Avenue and Ranch Drive. Any individual may drop off items, but commercial use is not allowed.

▶ For more about recycling in Northglenn, go to www.northglenn.org/recycling.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS Sought

Help recognize some of your neighbors who go the extra yard to maintain their yard! The Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program needs three new judges to support areas in each ward.

Also – the city’s Flowerbed Partners program is looking for groups or individuals interested in helping plant and tend flowerbeds at parks across the city!

▶ For more details on either of these volunteer programs, please contact Jenna Gragg at j.gragg@northglenn.org or 303.450.8904.

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