



# THE ARVADA REPORT

NEWS AND INFORMATION

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## Voters Approve Funding to Add Police Officers

*Issue 2A Wins With 11-Point Margin*

### To the Citizens of Arvada:

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your tremendous support of the Arvada Police Department in passing the ballot measure to increase the number of officers and support staff working to address crime in the City.

The Arvada Police Department has long enjoyed a strong partnership with the community, and we look forward to building upon that positive relationship as we embark on this new chapter in the Department's history.

The support of the community will translate to the addition of 23 police officers, three sergeants, and seven civilian support personnel. The additional officers and supervisors will improve our ability to respond quickly to emergencies, address the emerging crime trends, and more effectively manage the State mandates related to sex offenders and domestic violence.

The Department will keep you informed of our progress in these initiatives through publications such as *The Arvada Report* as well as the Police Department's web site ([www.arvadapd.org](http://www.arvadapd.org)).

The members of the Arvada Police Department are truly proud to serve our community and we look forward to our role in partnering with Arvada's residents to maintain their quality of life through the reduction of crime, disorder, and the fear of crime in this great community.

Sincerely,

**Chief Ron Sloan**

*Arvada Police Department*

# Rocky Flats Cleanup Complete



*Rocky Flats at full operating capacity (inset at right) and today, cleaned up, decommissioned, and ready to become a National Wildlife Refuge.*

For over 50 years, Arvada had a neighbor that few were allowed to visit, employed as many as 6,000 people—many from Arvada—and was a bustling, completely self-contained industrial community with hundreds of buildings. That neighbor was Rocky Flats, the nuclear production facility that from 1952 to 1989 built every one of the plutonium and enriched uranium “triggers” found in the current U.S. arsenal, and played an important role in one of the most important geo-political strug-

gles of the 20th century. That neighbor we used to see in the distance is now gone, soon to be replaced by a National Wildlife Refuge.

On October 13, 2005 the completion of the cleanup of Rocky Flats was announced. After ten years and the expenditure of seven billion dollars, Kaiser-Hill, the Department of Energy's contractor in charge of the project, announced they had completed the cleanup ahead of schedule and under budget.

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2005 Arvada Citizen Survey results now available on-line at [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org).

# Rocky Flats

# Then & Now

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It is hard to overestimate the impact Rocky Flats has had on Arvada since the Atomic Energy Commission chose the site to build components for nuclear weapons in 1951. By no small coincidence, for many years the growth of Arvada mirrored the growth in production at Rocky Flats. The economic impact to Arvada from the facility has been enormous—from the Federal funds spent at the site, to the number of Arvada residents working there, to the local businesses serving Rocky Flats. In addition, the social and community impacts to the fabric of the City have been substantial. Regardless of individual perspectives, from pride in the contribution to winning the Cold War to fear and protest of the production of nuclear components just outside Arvada's boundary, Rocky Flats has made an indelible mark on our community.

When cleanup of the site began it was hard to imagine a finished project. Never before had a cleanup been attempted of this size, scope, and purpose. The production

buildings at Rocky Flats were some of the most dangerous and highly contaminated buildings ever attempted for cleanup and demolition. Initially estimated to take 70 years at a cost of \$36 billion, serious doubts existed as to whether a cleanup project of this magnitude and complexity could be completed. It took a new approach from the Department of Energy (DOE) in contracting and completing projects, new technologies, work processes, safety procedures, and the best-qualified, most dedicated, and conscientious environmental workforce ever assembled to get the project done in only ten years.

The end result is a tribute to those who worked at the site both during production and during cleanup. The production workers who came to the site every day as part of the national defense complex and who are credited with winning the Cold War over the Soviet Union and Communism, and the employees who literally worked themselves out of a job by completing the cleanup early, should be proud of their work and the promise it holds for future generations. Arvada is

especially proud to say that over the years, more Rocky Flats workers have been residents of our community than any other.

The City of Arvada, along with other surrounding local governments, played a key role in ensuring that the largest, most complex environmental cleanup project in United States history converted an environmental liability into a community asset. The City has played an active role in the cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats and has worked very hard with DOE, Kaiser-Hill, the State of Colorado, and the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure a safe and protective cleanup. Arvada will continue to be involved in monitoring the site and in the transformation into and management of the Wildlife Refuge.

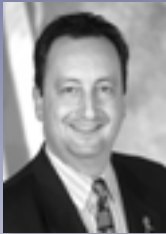
The future is bright for Rocky Flats. All buildings are gone and the site has been revegetated with native plants, quickly returning to its natural state. The 6,200 acre buffer zone surrounding the former industrial area of Rocky Flats will be turned over to the Department of Interior and Arvada will have the new Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on its northern border. The 385 acres of the former industrial area will remain in the possession of DOE and off-limits to the general public. Although it will be many years before the Refuge is completed and all areas open to the public, several direct trail connections to the community are planned as the site moves from environmental liability to community asset. ☺

## Arvada Sales and Use Tax Rate Change

The City of Arvada's residents voted November 1, 2005, to increase the amount of the City's sales and use tax rate from 3.21% to 3.46%. This .25% increase will be dedicated to fund additional police services, both equipment and police officers.

This increase will take effect January 1, 2006.

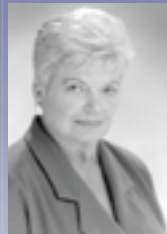
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Have a concern, comment, complaint? Let your City Council representative know. The Arvada City Council cares about your concerns.

Please write to: The Arvada City Council, City of Arvada, 8101 Ralston Road, P.O. Box 8101, Arvada, Colorado 80001-8101,

or call the City Manager's Office at (720) 898-7500. Our web address is [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org).

# Arvada City Council Seeking Applicants For Citizen Appointed Boards and Commissions

The Arvada City Council is recruiting applicants to fill vacancies for 2006 on the boards and commissions listed below. For more information, log on to the City's web site at [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org) or call the Arvada City Clerk's Office at (720) 898-7550.

Boards and Commissions are established for the purpose of acquiring and studying information in specific areas and to make recommendations to the City Council on issues within the board's area of expertise. Some boards are quasi-judicial and have decision-making powers within their areas of expertise; others are advisory boards to both staff and City Council. The City relies heavily on citizen volunteers to study community issues, provide staff direction, obtain public comment, and take action or offer recommendations to the City Council. These groups are the community's voice, and influence public policy and decisions that impact the community.

The recruitment period is December, 2005 through January, 2006. **Applications, along with the accompanying questionnaires, are due in the City Clerk's Office by January 31, 2006.** Each application must be accompanied by the questionnaire which can be obtained on the City's web site at [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org) or through the City Clerk's Office. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified during February and March.

## Description of Boards and Commissions

### *Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities*

- Advocates for the arts and humanities and for the Arvada Center, and are committed fund raisers and informed advisors to the City of Arvada and Arvada Center staff. Projects on the current work plan include: establishment of an Endowment Fund for the Arvada Center; establishment of a Public Arts and Historic Preservation Ordinance; participation in fund-raising campaigns including endowment, public art, and planned giving; targeted recruitment of Board Membership; and active participation in the Annual Children's Charity Gala. Meetings are generally on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., with committee meetings at various other times on a monthly basis.

This is a volunteer appointment. Terms are for three years.

**Arvada Festivals Commission** – Advises and makes recommendations to City Council on future and existing festivals of community-wide celebration; sponsors, coordinates, plans, and works with community-based organizations on festivals of community wide celebration by promoting activities consistent with public celebration. Meets generally on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is a volunteer appointment. Terms are for three years. You must be a resident of the City of Arvada to apply.

### *Arvada Urban Renewal Authority* -

Responsible for revitalizing three distinct urban renewal districts: Arvada City Center, Ralston Fields, and Jefferson Center. AURA works with private developers, business and property owners, neighborhood groups, and the City to redevelop tired areas within the community and provide vibrant retail, residential, and office opportunities. Meets generally on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. This is a volunteer appointment. Terms are for five years.

**Parks Advisory Committee** – Prioritizes and makes recommendations to the City Council on projects for parks, open space, and trails; works with the City's Parks, Golf, and Hospitality Department to prioritize park and open space issues; and works cooperatively with North Jeffco Park and Recreation District Board and staff. Meets generally on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This is a volunteer appointment. Terms are for three years. You must be a resident of the City of Arvada to apply.

**Human Services Advisory Committee** - Advises City Council on the allocation of funding from the Human Services funding pool, as well as the funding for public services from the Community Development Block Grant. Meets generally four to six times per year in the evening. This is a volunteer appointment. Terms are for three years. You must be a resident of the City of Arvada to apply. ☎

## Inter-Church ARMS Celebrates 30 Years of Community Service

September, 2005 marked the 30th anniversary of Inter-Church Arvada Resource of Ministry and Service (ARMS). The local nonprofit organization has provided financial aid and basic human services to Arvada's poor since 1975.

Thirty years ago, concerned citizens and local clergy came together to establish an agency that would address the issues surrounding poverty. Between 1975 and 1984, ARMS served as a resource and referral agency—arranging for people in crisis to see psychologists at a pro-rated fee. ARMS became proactive in 1984 and developed the ARMS Emergency Service Program. This outreach provided direct financial aid to help the poor pay their rent, utility, and grocery bills. Until the early 1990s the organization donated an average of \$3,000 annually. The program has expanded dramatically since then. Today, ARMS expends an average of \$81,000 annually to provide basic needs for approximately 1,700 people. For more information about Inter-Church ARMS, call (303) 456-4892. ☎

## Thanks to Reservoir Rangers

The Arvada Parks Department would like to thank the many dedicated and committed Arvada Reservoir Rangers, who volunteered, collectively, 7,500 hours in 2005.

A number of Reservoir Rangers reached the 400 hour and 600 hour service award plateau.

400 hours: Ray Andrews, Dick Hamilton, Fred Heimstra, Walt Harris, Mike Hult, Jerry Ling, Howard Palmer, Ray Shackelford, Bob Sharp, Frank Spicola, Bob Phillips, and Bob Davis.

600 hours: Lyle Booth, Ronald Deno, John DiGiacomo, Jim Dutrow, Floyd Eggleton, Vern Flegel, Vic Hicks, Ron Horn, John Jacobson, Boots Lewis, Marv Lewis, Fred Newman, Shannon Parsons, Duffy Reinhard, Stoo Reinhard, Dan Richards, and Dave Richards.

The City Of Arvada Parks Department is always looking for new volunteers to be in the Ranger program. For more information, call the Arvada Parks Department at (720) 898-7416. ☎

SEE APPLICATION FORM ON PAGE 4.



## Board And Commission Application Form

THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LISTED BELOW WILL HAVE VACANCIES OCCURRING IN 2006. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM. APPLICANTS ARE ALSO ASKED TO COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE SPECIFIC TO EACH BOARD OR COMMISSION, AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE OR BY CALLING THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. PLEASE SUBMIT BOTH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY JANUARY 31, 2006.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company/Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate up to three boards and committees on which you would be interested in serving by ranking them as 1, 2 or 3:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Arvada Festivals Commission*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Parks Advisory Committee*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Urban Renewal Authority*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Human Services Advisory Committee*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities*

How many years have you lived in Arvada? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously served on any City of Arvada board or commission?  Yes  No

If so, what board or commission and years served: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any relatives employed by the City?  Yes  No

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also attach a resume to this application form. Citizens serving are limited to twelve years of service per board or committee. Board and commission applicants are considered for appointment regardless of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability. **Note that most of the boards and commissions require you to be a resident of the City of Arvada.**

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (720) 898-7550 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Arvada fire protection district

These four pages of The Arvada Report are for and about the Arvada Fire Protection District.

## Arvada Fire Protection District

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# Change is Good for the Fire Service

BY FIRE CHIEF PAUL A. DEXTRAS

I remember reading a great line that stated, "Change is inevitable unless it comes from a machine." Regardless of your age or occupation, change is a natural part of life, and certainly something that impacts every occupation including the fire service.

Over the decades, there have been many changes in the provision of fire service in the Arvada community. Dating back to 1911 when most Arvadans worked in agriculture, the first organized fire service was established. The early volunteers had the same dedication to helping others when fire emergencies happened and crops or property were jeopardized.

Through the years, the fire service mem-

bership grew as did the service capabilities and approach to providing what is viewed as an essential service to the community. Despite the many changes in the fire department and the passing of the torch to a new generation, the commitment to community and helping others remained consistent.

The majority of fire departments are responsible for all types of fire suppression, emergency medical care, and hazardous material stabilization. Special rescue training to deal with water rescue and confined space emergencies such as construction site accidents is also a primary responsibility of the fire service.

Today's fire service requirements such as entry level training, educational certifications, and diverse training programs are progressive

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## Community Support Greatly Appreciated

BY FIRE CHIEF PAUL A. DEXTRAS

The community support of the 5A ballot issue associated with the Arvada Fire Protection District's strategic plan was greatly appreciated. The responsibility of providing equitable fire protection and emergency medical care for our community will be addressed as a result of this successful ballot issue.

On behalf of the men and women of the Arvada Fire Protection District, I extend my sincere appreciation for the impressive community interest and support

associated with this critical public safety issue. In the coming months and years, the tangible results from this successful issue will be visible in the form of additional fire stations, replacement of aging fire engines, and savings to replace our communications system.

Although the past four years have been a challenge, our community's future is now on a positive track to meet the multi-dimensional emergency needs that are provided by the Arvada Fire Protection District. Again, thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated. ■

## Put Your Cell Phone on I.C.E.

**Y**ou've just been in a terrible car crash. You are unconscious as paramedics load you into the back of an ambulance. Meanwhile, police officers are rifling through your belongings, looking for a phone number, an address, something that will lead them to a family member or friend who can go to the hospital or provide medical history that could save your life.

It is a scene that plays out every day across the country, and officers admit finding emergency contact information at a moment's notice isn't always easy.

A simple way to help emergency personnel get in touch with next of kin in the event of an emergency is to program your cell phone with specific emergency numbers. The program called "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) is a unique way to help first responders gain valuable information in the event of a personal emergency.

This program is very simple as most cell phones have the ability to program-in frequently called numbers. By listing two emergency numbers under the ICE acronym, emergency responders have the ability to scroll through a programmed cell phone list and call the numbers listed under the "ICE" heading.

The key is to list two contacts who know you and are familiar with such things as your medical history. First should be your primary contact; second should be someone available in the event the first person cannot be reached.

This concept is catching on worldwide. Emergency personnel including police, fire departments, and hospitals are endorsing this program. Security is not usually a factor as most cell phone users already have these numbers programmed into their phones. ■

# Make Candle Safety a Priority This Holiday Season

**R**emember that a candle is an open flame. It can easily ignite any combustible nearby.

## Facts and figures

- December has almost twice the number of home candle fires of an average month.
- Christmas Day was the peak day of the year for home candle fires in 1999-2002. New Year's Day and Christmas Eve tied for second.
- An estimated 18,000 home fires started by candles were reported to public fire departments in 2002. These fires resulted in an estimated 130 civilian deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries, and an estimated direct property loss of \$333 million.
- Candle fires accounted for an estimated 5% of all reported home fires.
- 40% of the home candle fires started in the bedroom, resulting in 30% of the associated civilian deaths.
- Reported home candle fires have more than tripled since the low of 5,500 in 1990.
- 50% of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material came too close to the candle; 18% occurred after candles were left unattended, abandoned, or inadequately controlled; and 5% were started by people (usually children) playing with the candle.
- Falling asleep was a factor in 12% of home candle fires and 25% of the home candle fire deaths.



## Safety tips:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire like table decorations, clothing, books, and curtains.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Keep candlewicks trimmed to one-quarter inch and extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get to within two inches of the holder. Votives and containers should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.
- Use flashlights during power outages. Avoid carrying a lit candle.

*Source: National estimates based on NFIRS and NFPA survey. NFPA does not test, label, or approve any products.*

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changes that are designed to meet a more demanding level of care and property protection yet with the same spirit of those from our past who answered the emergency call.

My fire service career is long enough to have witnessed a transition from basic first aid training to being capable of administering the same level of care found in hospital emergency rooms at the scene of an emergency. The capability of providing such interventions as cardiac medications, intubations of patients airways, and administering electrical shocks to heart attack patients prior to transport-

ing to a medical facility, is nothing short of amazing.

As the Arvada Fire Protection District continues to embrace change, we want you, our customers, to know we view change as a positive reflection of providing our community with the best emergency service possible.

To all the past members of the fire service, we appreciate your dedication. To our current firefighters, your daily service is greatly appreciated. To the many who will come after our tenure is complete, we pledge to leave the AFD better than we found it and challenge you to do the same. ■

# Where There's Lint, There's Fire

Recent newspaper headlines from across the country tell the same devastating story: a man in Kentucky, a woman in Michigan, an 11-year-old boy in California—all killed in fires caused by lint buildup in clothes dryers. Lack of routine maintenance is the top cause of the nation's 15,600 dryer fires each year. These tips will keep your dryer running smoothly:

- Plug in to an outlet appropriate for the dryer's electrical needs.
- Don't run the dryer when you're away from home—even for a brief period of time.
- Clean the lint filter after each load.
- Keep the laundry area clean and clutter-free (that includes vacuuming behind the machine).
- Install rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal vent ducts. Plastic or foil spiral-wound ducts catch lint more easily.
- Vent the dryer to the outdoors and check periodically to make sure the exhaust isn't blocked.
- If drying is taking longer than usual, it could be a sign that lint or other obstructions are blocking vents. Call for service.



## Need a Public Speaker?

One of the public services provided by the Arvada Fire Protection District is a speakers bureau. If your civic club, church, or neighborhood is looking for a speaker for a wide range of public safety topics, a call to the AFD administrative offices can most likely meet your needs. Although the AFD is primarily known for fire safety programs, we also have significant expertise in first

aid, emergency preparedness, and home safety education.

The Arvada Fire Protection District offers a number of free programs including smoke detector checks and installation, home inspections, how to document medical history, and child safety seat installations. One special program we offer provides information relating to sheltering in place during a natural disaster, as

well as instructions on how to create a 72-hour emergency kit which enables a family to survive for three days in the event of a significant emergency such as a snow storm or power outage.

Our diverse safety programs can be presented to most age groups and targeted to specific topics when requested. For additional information or to schedule a speaker, call (303) 424-3012. ■

## 72-Hour Kits

BY JIM LANCY,  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The recent hurricanes have served as a stark reminder that individuals must prepare for emergencies. One of the most important things you can do is prepare a "72-Hour-Kit."

It has been determined through the experiences of many different types of natural disasters that the 72-hour time frame is a reasonable amount of time to assume you will need to take care of yourself. Data shows that most services are restored within three days. By preparing a 72-hour kit, it is likely you will make it through the worst of most emergencies. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross encourage people to prepare for longer periods... just in case.

What comprises the 72-Hour Kit? FEMA recommends, at a minimum, the following supplies for you and each family member:

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Three-day supply of water—one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper).
- Matches and waterproof container.
- Whistle.
- Extra clothing.
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener.
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards.
- Cash and coins.
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solutions, and hearing aid batteries.
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers.



It is important to tailor your survival kit to your individual needs and the needs of each of your family members. Your emergency supply kits should be stored in a place that is easily accessible during an emergency. The 72-hour kit is often called a "grab and go" kit because that describes how you would use it.

For further information on 72-Hour Kits and other family preparedness information, visit the City of Arvada web site at [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org) or contact your local emergency manager, Jim Lancy, at 720-898-7510 or by e-mail at [jlancy@ci.arvada.co.us](mailto:jlancy@ci.arvada.co.us). ■

# Responding to Katrina



BY FIREFIGHTER DAN SNYDER

For the first several days after we returned from the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, you could have told me I dreamed it and I might have believed you. There was a sense of unreality to the entire experience, because the damage was so extensive and so complete and so many people were desperate and in need of help (initial reports of nearly 60,000 people trapped were not far off the mark). On the rare occasions in the evening when I could get through on a cell phone to my wife she would remark at how stunned I sounded. I was no more or less stunned than anyone else working down there; I was just doing my job, along with a lot of other hard-working responders. It's just that the jobs we were doing and the circumstances we were working in were simply off the scale in terms of being a maddening, uplifting, mentally draining, physically tough, heart warming, gut wrenching human experi-

ence. It was the toughest and most rewarding work I've ever done in my life.

The Arvada Fire Protection District is one of 14 metro area fire departments that participate in Colorado Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force 1 (COTF-1). COTF-1 is part of FEMA's national emergency response network comprised of 28 teams across the United States. These are self-sufficient teams specially trained in search and rescue operations within collapsed buildings or in other areas where special techniques are required to remove and help victims. The teams are equipped with tools and equipment as well as trucks to transport them to disaster areas. When Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans, all of those teams were put into action. COTF-1 was sent to New Orleans within a day of Katrina's landfall. Captain Todd Gilgren, Firefighter Chris Ambrosio, and Firefighter Dan Snyder of the AFD were deployed with that 34-member team.

We drove down with all our equipment and personnel in a convoy of eight vans and trucks in a 28-hour marathon. The next seven days began with a breakfast of MREs (meals ready to eat) at 5:30 a.m. A team briefing would follow at 6:00 a.m. By 7:00 a.m., convoys of trucks with rescuers and boats, sometimes several miles long, would snake their way into the flooded areas to begin search and rescue operations. The City of New Orleans was divided into divisions; each morning COTF-1 would be assigned divisions. From approximately 9:00 a.m. until dusk, COTF-1 searched its area. We used highway on-ramps as boat ramps. We subdivided our division into a grid so pairs of us searching with armed Coast Guard escorts could cover the area quickly but thoroughly.

In six days COTF-1 rescued 221 people, and made contact with about 450 more who decided not to evacuate. Some were merely trapped by the water; others were lucky we came when we did. On one occasion, we gave all of our food and water to the 86 people we'd brought out that day. The victims had eaten nothing in days, and the trucks would be late in coming to take them the rest of the way to safety. By the time we'd washed and refueled our equipment and ourselves in the evenings, it was often 11:00 p.m. Sleep came easily.

On September 8, COTF-1 was demobilized and returned home to hugs and handshakes from our families and colleagues. Would we do it again? ABSOLUTELY! In fact, we did. The Arvada Fire Protection District contributed three additional personnel to COTF-1's response to Hurricane Rita. It's what we do. ■



# Add Some International Flair to Your Life!

**A**rvada Sister Cities International (ASCI) is seeking volunteers to join this dynamic non-profit organization, created to enhance cultural and economic relationships with other countries around the world.

The City of Arvada is honored to have two Sister Cities: Mechelen, Belgium and Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan. Past activities of Arvada Sister Cities International include student exchanges to Belgium, an exchange of art exhibits, 'pen pals' with local schools, the fund-raising and fun Margarita Garden booth at the annual Harvest Festival, and hosting delegates from other countries.

Most recently, ASCI surveyed medical supply needs in Kyzylorda. Then, in cooperation with Rotary and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, ASCI raised the necessary funds to ship over half a million dol-

lars worth of surplus U.S. medical supplies to this special Sister City. Further, ASCI is working to help Kyzylorda develop more modern utilities of power and water and to encourage other forms of economic development, including non-extractive industry development and micro-enterprise loans. Finally, ASCI is also looking into a "freedom forum" to educate community leaders on the principles of democracy, free enterprise, free press, and the judiciary. Business and industries from Colorado are invited to participate with us in these potential development opportunities.

To become involved with Arvada Sister Cities International, call (720) 898-7400, or attend one of our public meetings, held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at Arvada City Hall. Please call ahead to confirm meeting time and date. ☎



*Sonia "Sonny" Marschner, creator of the "Buffalo Bill" doll that will be sent to Mechelen, Belgium*

## Keeping Arvada Clean is Everyone's Responsibility

### *City Crews Heavily Impacted by Excess Trash and Debris*

**T**he careless toss of a gum wrapper, cigarette butt, soda can, or plastic bag.....the trash can that didn't get covered and the contents strewn about on a windy day.....the pets that are not picked up after.....all of these 'small' actions or events accumulate and result in a mess which, as often as not, City crews and volunteers are cleaning up at the expense of other important tasks.

Littering—regardless of the frequency—demonstrates a disregard for the greater community. Dedicated City staff in the Parks and Streets Departments go above and beyond defined duties to manage trash in the City of Arvada because these crews take tremendous pride in keeping our parks, medians, and streets clean and safe.

Consider the following astonishing statistics for park clean up and trash removal.

#### **In 2004:**

- 12,427 labor hours were devoted,
- \$268,617 was spent on labor and equipment,
- \$20,992 was spent on dumpster service expenses, and
- 25,000 trash bags were used and 594 trash barrels maintained.

#### **2005 to date:**

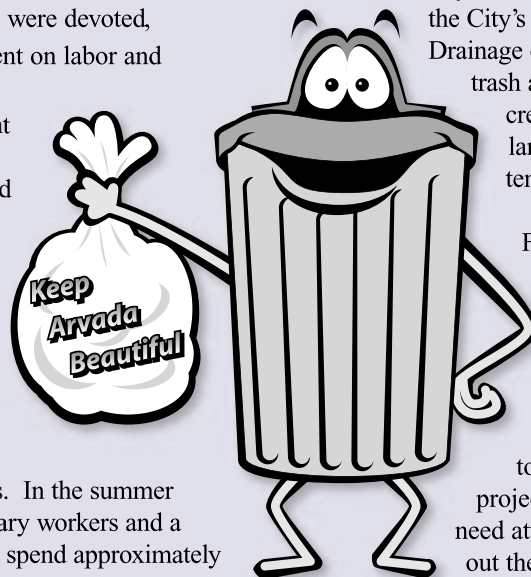
- 9,149 labor hours were devoted,
- \$208,081 was spent on labor and equipment,
- \$18,731 was spent on dumpster service expenses, and
- 18,660 trash bags were used and 619 trash barrels maintained.

In addition, the City's Streets Division crews pick up trash from rights-of-ways and medians. In the summer months, four temporary workers and a permanent employee spend approximately

one-third of their time removing trash and debris in advance of mowing tractors. In summer, 2005 hundreds of bags of trash were picked up at a cost estimate of \$20,500. Enormous amounts of trash are also cleared during normal street sweeping operations, and numerous truck loads of construction material, appliances, and other large items are removed throughout the year after being left in the City's rights-of-ways.

Drainage crews pick up trash and debris from creeks during regular drainage maintenance operations.

Remember to Fillup A. Can. While you help to keep Arvada beautiful, you're also giving City crews more time to devote to other projects that badly need attention throughout the community. ☎



*These two pages of The Arvada Report are for and about Historic Olde Town Arvada (HOTA).*



# There's Lots Going On In Olde Town Arvada!

## Historic Olde Town Arvada

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## Calendar of Events

**A Chocolate  
Affair**  
February  
12, 2006



**Gold Strike  
Festival**  
June 10 & 11,  
2006

**Fresh Flavors of Olde Town**  
Thursdays beginning July 20, 2005

## Olde Town Supports Homefront Heroes

**D**uring Harvest Festival in September, Historic Olde Town Arvada launched its adoption of a Ft. Carson unit deployed to Iraq and the families left at home.

Olde Town's hometown family grew by 50+, considering the soldiers deployed and exponentially more given their family members.

Sarah Luciano, working part time in the Historic Olde Town Arvada office, took this adoption idea and made it real. Sarah has military friends serving in Iraq, and knows, through their limited but meaningful communications, what the soldiers need to make their deployment more tolerable. Sarah connected with Homefront Heroes, a non-profit in Colorado Springs. They provide the guidance for gathering items for the troops, and the shipping of those items. Historic Olde Town Arvada is the first community that's actually "adopted" an entire unit for the duration of their deployment.

During the Harvest Festival, amid the booths of food and crafts, the Homefront Heroes booth in front of the HOTA offices at the McIlvoy House was a beacon of caring. It represented giving, rather than buying. It inspired giving to Americans we'd probably never otherwise know in Olde Town.

A simple Quality of Life List of care package items became tangible in a big way. Quickly, HOTA volunteers and Homefront Heroes founder Linda Denny



were hauling full bolts of fleece and pounds of jerky into the McIlvoy House—destined for "our" soldiers.

Historic Olde Town Arvada's soldiers are front line infantry soldiers, privates in rank. They don't make much money for their service to their country. Their families at home have limited resources to send items while supporting themselves.

Yellow ribbons herald our support of "our" troops throughout Olde Town. Linda Denny will come up every month or so to hang new ribbons, pick up more care package items, and guide donors in gathering the items needed.

The first shipment of care package items will arrive as an early Christmas present. The holidays are particularly challenging for those at home, so folks are encouraged to buy gift cards from stores like WalMart, Kmart, and Target. Those stores are available and affordable shopping destinations for the families in the

See **HEROES** on page 11

# A New Sleigh for Santa

The Santa sleigh that had been used in recent years in Olde Town Arvada had grown weary from the tumbling tumult of toddlers coming to see Santa, up close and personal. Frankly, Santa needed new wheels – or runners. Dean Hohnstein, an Arvada elf related to the ladies at Olde Town's Seasons Gourmet Market, applied his woodworking artistry to create the “awesome, over the top” Santa Sleigh debuting for the 2005 holiday season.

This sleigh truly is over the top – it is the size of a small car, 11 feet long, nearly five feet tall, and four feet wide. Hohnstein painstakingly fashioned wood to create the sleigh's gentle curves. But he knew he needed runners to do justice to the passenger part of the sleigh. He found Jim Friel of Friel's Ironworks in the phone book. Friel is just east of Olde Town on Grandview. Friel soon had the same volunteer vision, and “it was on.”

Hohnstein says he had a templette in his mind, and as the work proceeded he kept thinking “it needs more, it needs more.” Friel provided much of the “more.” He charges \$95 per hour for working cold steel; after over 30 hours of work he's probably not through, and the investment in time and materials is \$5,000 plus.

The Hohnstein – Friel collaboration was “elfin magic.” Hohnstein says of Friel, “Finally I've found someone who cares about intricacy like I do.” Hohnstein says his investment could be valued at close to \$25,000.

A plethora of supplies was donated by Global Manufacturing of Colorado, Inc. in Wheat Ridge, the Arvada Home Depot, and Arvada Lowe's.

## HEROES from page 10

Springs. Homefront Heroes will give out the cards at their holiday party. Their instructions for donors is to seal the card in an envelope, address the envelope “Homefront Heroes” and, in pencil, put a dollar amount on the envelope. That way the cards can be distributed according to family need and size. Members of their Olde Town “hometown” family will attend this party. It will be an exciting



Santa and Mrs. Claus will perch comfortably on a black upholstered seat and back, dotted with golden buttons. Gingerbread, rosettes, and lace will embellish the body of the sleigh, complimenting the curly intricacies of the steel runners and

time for our first meeting. During Girl Scout Cookie Month, Historic Olde Town Arvada will coordinate with the Girl Scouts-Mile Hi Council, to gather cookies for the soldiers. Linda Denny has already put her order in. It's a big one and the Girl Scouts are glad to oblige. For more information on how to be a Homefront Hero in our hometown of Olde Town, call (303) 420-6100 or (303) 424-5434. ☒

frame. A perfect red stain will illuminate the wood while letting the grain thread through, and ten coats of varnish will make the sleigh gleam.

Hohnstein and Friel are committed to the project because of its artistry, and more importantly, because it reflects the family value element of the holiday season. They both are committed to giving something to the community in a long lasting way. Santa will look forward to coming to Olde Town for many years because he and the Mrs. will be quite comfortable in their custom built sleigh – all thanks to two volunteer artists who were brought together by “elfin magic.”

*(Rumor has it that Santa and Mrs. Claus will look remarkably similar to Olde Town community members Sarah and Pete Stehr.)*

# Not Letting the Dust Settle

## *Construction on Arvada Library Continues to Progress*

**W**ith a good imagination and some knowledge of what's planned for the corner of W. 57th Avenue and Webster Street, passers-by can envision the new Arvada Library now under construction in Olde Town.

What is now an impressive hole in the ground will emerge, in early fall 2006, as a 30,000-square-foot, two-story library complete with 30 new computers, thousands of books, and plenty of gathering space.

The new library will also include a 35-person community room, an Internet café/vending area, a young adult study area, and a drive-up book drop.

As a result of the library construction, Olde Town Square will be updated with an information kiosk, a jet water fountain for children during the summer, a picnic table area, and a small amphitheater.

### Construction Progress Recap

In August, the former Ashton building was carefully demolished, leaving a clean slate for the library. Demolition was followed by several weeks of excavation that began on September 19.

Today, a solid foundation is in place, awaiting the flurry of building that will happen in the coming months.

The Library's carefully planned timeline is right on track, according to County Librarian Bill Knott. "We're happy to report that the job is on schedule," he notes. "Construction should finalize in mid-summer, after which time we'll move in the many amenities available to Arvada residents, culminating in a grand opening in the fall."



It is anticipated that work will begin on a new parking lot in spring of 2006, eventually adding 120 new spots for library patrons and Olde Town visitors.

A building the size of the new Arvada Library does not materialize without some commotion. Library officials encourage residents to stay informed to lessen the impact of the construction project. The Library publishes regular updates via e-mail on the status of the new Library construction. To receive these updates, e-mail [kharris@jefferson.lib.co.us](mailto:kharris@jefferson.lib.co.us) with "Subscribe-New Arvada" in the subject line and your name, mailing and e-mail addresses in the body of the message.

Residents looking to avoid construction equipment should note that the traffic plan has been modified to allow larger trucks to enter the site from W. 57th Avenue to Webster and then exit from Webster onto Ralston. This modification to the traf-



fic plan was necessary because the turning radius of these trucks is too wide to make the turn from Ralston Road onto Yukon as identified in the original plan.

Soon, however, truck traffic will be replaced by the many residents eager to make use of the new library.

"Since 1999 we have been planning an updated library that meets the needs of the community," says Knott. "With the progress made in just a few short months, our long-term goal will soon become a reality."

Residents with questions, concerns or suggestions are encouraged to call the construction hotline at (303) 275-2210. ☎

## Growing 'Grassroots Leadership' at the Arvada Citizen's College

**A** joint partnership among the City of Arvada, Red Rocks Community College, the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, and the Center for New Directions has resulted in the creation of the Arvada Citizen's College.

The purpose of the College is to develop awareness of opportunities for involvement in the Arvada community, promote effective participation, and recruit and train the next generation of leaders for our community. Anyone interested in learn-

ing more about the social, education, and political systems in Arvada; who seeks opportunities for service and leadership; and/or who wants to make a difference in Arvada should consider enrolling!

The Arvada Citizen's College program consists of ten courses offered on designated Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Arvada campus of Red Rocks Community College. Course topics include "The Unique Characteristics of American Democracy," "Civic and Nonprofit Orga-

nizations," "Public Priorities for Arvada," and "Individual Involvement Options."

Participants can attend some or all of the Arvada Citizen's College. Fees begin at \$50; the entire ten-week course is available for \$300.

**Registration deadline for the Arvada Citizen's College is January 5, 2006.** For more information or to receive a registration form, contact Kathryn Cheever with the Center for New Directions at (303) 556-5950 or [Kathryn.cheever@cudenver.edu](mailto:Kathryn.cheever@cudenver.edu). ☎

# TMAC Celebrates It's 210th Year of Service Dog Years, That Is!!!!

**T**able Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) opened its doors in 1976. For us humans, that's 30 years. For the dogs, it's 210!

Join TMAC throughout 2006 as we celebrate 30 years of serving needy animals in Jefferson County. Following is a list of scheduled events and ways to help TMAC raise much-needed funds:

■ **February, 2006: Change a Life Month!** - Save all of your spare change for the month of February and donate it to Table Mountain Animal Center. Contests will be held in participating schools, with prizes awarded to classrooms that collect the most change.

■ **April 29, 2006: The CATillion at the Arvada Center** - Enjoy a formal evening of fine dining and casino gambling. Tickets

are \$100 per person, \$180 per couple, and \$850 for a table of ten.

■ **August 14, 2006: Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Country Club** - Join a foursome of golfers and compete with other groups.

■ **September, 2006 (date to be determined): Charitable Dog Walk** - Bring your best friend and walk with us.

■ **September 23 and 24: Furry Friends Flea Market at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds** - This is for all you bargain hounds ready to sniff out a great deal. Come



find lightly used treasures including: books, furniture, house wares, children's toys, and much more.

■ **Every Day of Every Year** - Adopt a pet at Table Mountain Animal Center. Come out for a visit and you'll find dogs, cats, rabbits, and other animals looking for a new loving home.

Table Mountain Animal Center is located at 4105 Youngfield Service Road in Golden. For more information, visit our website at [www.tablemountainanimals.org](http://www.tablemountainanimals.org) or call (303) 278-7575. ☎

## Disabled Residents Need to Update Dispatch System

*This is a reprint of an article that ran a year ago regarding special information for emergency dispatchers. If you would like information to remain in the computer aided dispatch system, you must resubmit the information. The existing information will be purged from the system on December 31, 2005.*

**W**hen an emergency occurs, a fast, appropriate response is critical to a successful outcome. The Arvada Police Department, Arvada Fire Protection District, and Pride-mark Ambulance Service may be able to deal more effectively with an emergency when additional information about the victim is provided. The City of Arvada Accessibility Committee collects information related to special assistance requirements for citizens in Arvada. Information is sent to dispatchers for these three agencies and entered into the computer dispatch system; it is made available to response teams in case of an emergency. **If you have a disability that requires special assistance or equipment, please consider filling out the attached form and sending it to: Accessibility Committee; Attn: Vicky Reier; 8101 Ralston Rd., Arvada, CO 80002.** Information is confidential. In order to keep the information current, it will only be kept on file for one calendar year. Each December 31 it will be purged from the computer system.

This information will be requested annually by the City of Arvada Accessibility Committee. Please notify us if you move from this address by calling (720) 898-7500, or (720) 898-7869 TDD.

### ARVADA EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Special Assistance Form*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TTY/TDD: \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF DISABILITY: *please check all that apply*

hearing impaired     vision impaired     mobility impaired

other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

List Assistive Equipment (*i.e., wheelchair, oxygen, assistance dog*):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information necessary for emergency services:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Accessibility Committee wants to remind you that the City of Arvada is committed to being an accessible community. A group of citizens, representing a variety of disabilities, meets every other month to address accessibility in a positive, proactive way. If you have a concern related to accessibility, or would like more information about the Committee, please call Vicky Reier at (720) 898-7509. ☎

# Arvada police department

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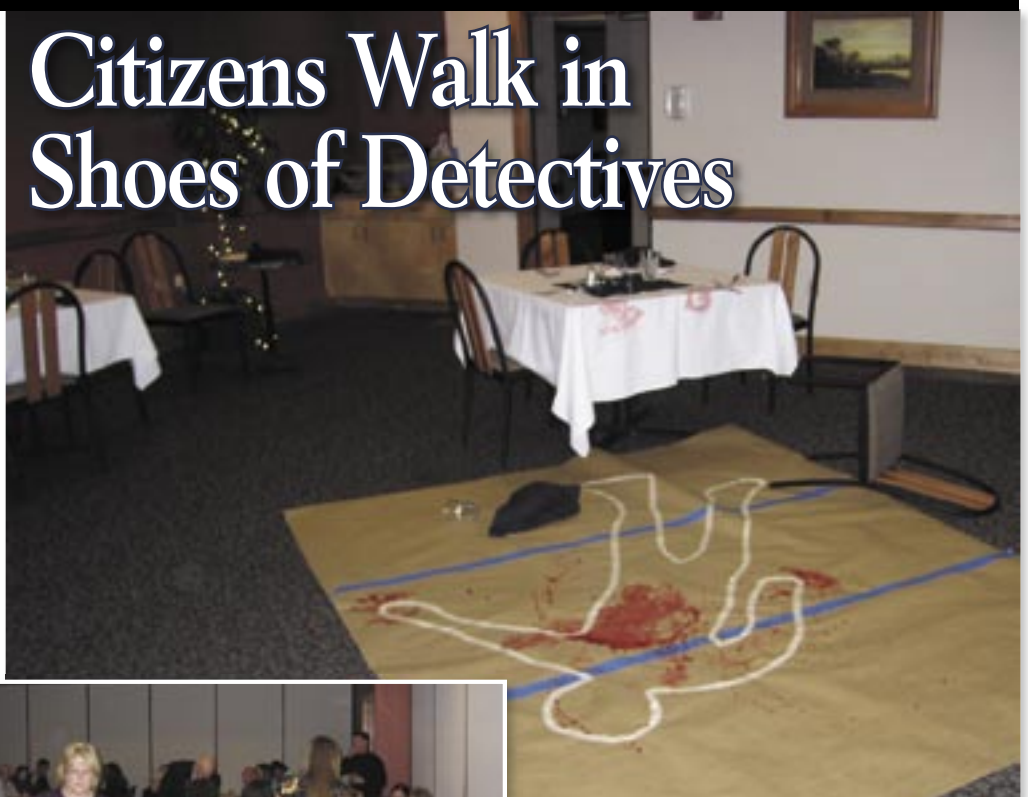


## Cop Corner

Do you have a question about the Arvada Police Department you'd like answered by an officer? *Cop Talk*, the Arvada Police Department's monthly television show on KATV Channel 8, features a segment called Cop Corner, where police officers answer citizen questions. E-mail your questions to the Arvada Police Department via the web site at [www.arvadapd.org](http://www.arvadapd.org).

*Cop Talk* can be seen several times each week on KATV Channel 8. For a schedule, visit the City of Arvada web site at [www.arvada.org](http://www.arvada.org). *Cop Talk* is also available for viewing on line at the City's web site. ☒

## Citizens Walk in Shoes of Detectives



By JOAN CAMPBELL  
ARVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER

It was a dark and spooky night as the fifth annual Murder Mystery Dinner of the CPAAA (Citizens Police Academy, Arvada Alumni) got underway on October 20 at the Indian Tree Golf Clubhouse. With Halloween decorations in place, subdued lighting, and a simulated murder that had

## APD Murder Mystery Dinner Fun for All

taken place in an adjoining room, CPAAA members got together for an evening of mystery and good times.

Chief Ron Sloan welcomed the participants and expressed his thanks for the support and volunteerism of CPAAA. He acknowledged the importance of citizens who are willing to attend the Citizens Police Academy and continue as alumni who contribute their time and energy in assisting the Arvada Police Department.

Mini Mysteries were found at each table for the attendees to solve. The most important mystery, of course, was the Murder Mystery,

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# Arvada Conducts Puffer Enforcement Effort

*Nearly 60 cars were stolen while left running unattended in Arvada last year.*

**Y**ou may find more than a layer of frost on your windshield if you leave your car running unattended—you may have a ticket or a warning from police.

November 28 – December 3 marked a State-wide puffer awareness effort. More than 120 officers and detectives representing 20 law enforcement agencies (including the Arvada Police Department) spent the week paying special attention to cars left running unattended.

“When the weather gets cold you see spikes in the number of puffers around town,” said Arvada Police Detective Bill Johnson. “Puffers aren’t just found in

front of homes; they can be spotted in apartment complexes and even the parking lots of convenience stores.”

The puffer awareness campaign was part of an effort to identify puffers BEFORE their car is stolen.

“It takes a few seconds to steal a car left running unattended,” said Detective Johnson. “We hope that by issuing tickets or warnings, it will reduce the number of puffers throughout the State, thereby drastically reducing the



number of stolen cars when the weather gets colder.”

The penalty for leaving a car running unattended is a ticket (no points) and a fine of up to \$999. ☒

## Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season with These Safety Tips

**W**ith the holiday season in full swing, the Arvada Police Department offers safety reminders for the home and while people are out shopping.

### While Shopping:

- \* Don't leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- \* Keep your purse close to your body.
- \* Keep wallets, credit cards, and check-books inside of secured purses and holders.

- \* Watch your wallet! Don't become a victim of a pick-pocket.
- \* Don't carry your social security card on your person.
- \* Try not to flash a lot of cash when shopping.
- \* Secure all credit card receipts.
- \* Walk and park in lighted areas.
- \* Be aware of your surroundings.
- \* Keep track of shopping bags.
- \* Always lock your car doors.

- \* Don't leave your gifts on the car seat. Lock them out of sight in the trunk.

### Safety at Home:

- \* Lock doors and windows at home.
- \* Turn on the lights when you leave your house.
- \* Don't display gifts near the window.
- \* Break down cardboard boxes of gifts so would-be criminals don't know what's potentially inside your home.
- \* Don't place outgoing mail in your mailbox for postal pickup.
- \* Don't discard documents with financial and personal information into the trash.
- \* Cross-cut or shred all financial and/or personal documents, as well as financial marketing documents (credit card applications, convenience checks, etc.) prior to discarding.
- \* Call the Arvada Police Department at (720) 898-6900 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood. ☒

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“The Case of Saucy McGrew and the Celery King.” Each table went to the location of the simulated death and had an opportunity to hear Arvada police officer Josh Morman describe what he found when he responded to the call, look at his report, examine the crime scene and talk to the witness, Saucy McGrew. The table then

returned to discuss the investigation, evaluate the evidence, enumerate the clues, and determine who the murderer might have been. Later in the evening, prizes were awarded to those who had solved the most mini mysteries. As for the Murder Mystery, the table that found the most clues and solved the case received special gifts from the Police Department. ☒

# The Giving Spirit

Members of the Arvada Police Department volunteer hundreds of hours each year to support charities throughout Colorado.

Whether it's giving blood during a local blood drive, or raising money for muscular dystrophy, the people of the Arvada Police Department regularly take time from their busy schedules to make a difference in the community.

The Special Olympics of Colorado is one of the organizations that the Arvada Police Department routinely volunteers

their time to support.

Throughout the year, members of the Arvada Police Department run in the law enforcement torch run to kick off the summer games for the athletes. They also take part in creative fund-raisers, like an event where officers –dressed in a padded suit – stand in the middle of a driving range to see if citizens can hit them with a golf ball.

Most recently, the Arvada Police Department raised more than \$2,000 for the Special Olympics of Colorado through the Tip-A-Cop benefit. Chief Ron Sloan,

and several other Arvada Police Department members, served customers at the Red Robin restaurant located at 7460 W. 52nd Avenue.

“It means a lot to me that the Arvada Police Department takes such an active role in the Special Olympics organization,” said Officer Harlan Carey, who routinely leads the Arvada Police Department’s fund-raising efforts. “The special athletes are truly inspirational and have had a positive impact in the lives of Arvada Police Officers who interact with them.” ☞

## Police Property and Evidence Techs Earn Special Certification

Arvada Police Department Evidence Technicians Gloria Gallegos and Linda Krug recently earned a title that is only held by approximately 300 evidence and property professionals internationally, and 18 in the State of Colorado. They are now Certified Property and Evidence Specialists (CPES).

Gallegos and Krug attended the Basic Property and Evidence course in Golden, Colorado, given by the International Association for Property and Evidence. In addition to this training, certification requires working in a property room for a total of 2,080 hours,

and successfully completing the certification exam by attaining a passing score of at least 75 percent.

An awards ceremony was held on August 10. Arvada Police Chief Ron Sloan and Administrative Bureau Commander Gary Creager presented the two Evidence Technicians with their certificates.

Gallegos and Krug have approximately 11 years of combined property and evidence room experience. In addition to their work experience, the pair also belongs to the Colorado Association of Property and Evidence (CAPET) and regularly attend training seminars and conferences to maintain their level

of proficiency and knowledge of current trends and methodologies for the safekeeping of those items placed into Departmental custody.

Training and the certification exam cover such topics as record keeping, security practices, legal guidelines, chain-of-custody issues, facility design, policies and procedures, destruction, and disposal methodologies.

The Arvada Police Department now has three staff members holding this certification. Records and Evidence Supervisor John Lynkiewicz was the first in the organization to achieve this certification. ☞

## Caring and Compassionate, Critter Cops Lend Helping Hand

Members of the Arvada Police Department’s Animal Management Unit bring a vast amount of experience to the job.

Robert Porec, one of the newest members of the team, is a noted animal expert with more than 25 years experience as a wild animal trainer and an animal behaviorist. He has trained a variety of exotic and wild animals for the entertainment industry throughout his career prior to coming to the Arvada Police Department.

Officers Jan Reynolds and Susan Harris bring a combined total of three decades of experience to the job.

Officer Janeé Teague is not only a mother of two young children and full

time Animal Management Officer, but she recently graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in communications with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Becky Robison, supervisor of the Animal Management Unit, has received numerous awards throughout her career for her work with animals, including 2005 Officer of the Year in the State of Colorado.

“People sometimes see members of the Animal Management Unit as ‘sinister’ because they are perceived as dog catchers, but that couldn’t be further from the truth,” said Commander Kathy Foos of the Arvada Police Department. “These caring and compassionate professionals do all they can to ensure lost pets find their way home in addition to assisting wildlife living in Arvada.”

On average, more than 95% of pets lost in Arvada are returned to their owner or adopted to new homes each year.

This dedicated team isn’t solely focused on returning lost pets. They investigate animal cruelty and neglect cases, oftentimes serving as a social worker for pets. They provide mediation when barking dogs disrupt a neighborhood. They also provide instruction on responsible pet ownership and alert the public to concerns in nature such as the recent distemper outbreak in raccoons.

“Although the job has many challenges, the rewards of helping animals far exceed any of the negative connotations that are sometimes associated with this work,” said Robison. ☞

# Arvada Police Pals With Foster Elementary

Working in partnership with Foster and Russell Elementary Schools, the Arvada Police Department has begun a Police Pals after-school program open to fifth and sixth grade students.

Starting with Foster Elementary in fall of 2005 and Russell Elementary in the spring of 2006, School Resource Officer Don Bass, with assistance from Officer Nancy Gonzales and Arvada police volunteer Joan Campbell, meet once a week for six weeks with students to develop a sense of trust and respect while presenting a realistic view of police officers and their work.

Positive life skills and personal safety

habits for youth are discussed, and good citizenship is stressed. Students have been particularly impressed with "Officer Show and Tell," when they are allowed to examine police uniforms and vehicles. Various Arvada Police Department employees and volunteers including the Community Safety Coordinator, a member of the Animal Management team, a

motorcycle officer, the Department's Public Information Officer, and Alumni from the Citizen Police Academy work together to provide interesting and informative lessons and activities.

Police Pals is part of Project Prepare, the 21st Century Community Learning Center funded through a grant administered by the Colorado Department of Education. ☒



## Kars 4 Kids

Do you have an extra car you need to get rid of? Donate it and receive a charitable tax deduction. Running or not, your vehicle donation will help child victims of sexual abuse through the Arvada Child Advocacy Center.

Call Cher Roemer at (720) 898-6745 for more information. It's an easy and convenient way to help kids and receive a tax deduction. ☒

## Crime Scene Sleuth Receives Special Certification

Suzanne Kurth, Arvada Police Criminalist, received her certification as a crime scene analyst through the International Association for Identification (IAI). Kurth



*Kurth*

met the strict standards of the IAI through her experience, training in the field as well as passing a written exam. ☒

## Arvada Auto Theft Detective Named Officer of the Year

As an investigator with the Arvada Police Department, Detective Bill Johnson carries a large auto theft case load. Detective Johnson also serves as president of the Colorado Auto Theft Investigators, and is currently coordinating a statewide effort to reduce auto theft through the education of people who have the habit of leaving their cars running unattended.

The Arvada Masonic Lodge recently recognized the outstanding work of Detective Johnson by naming him Officer of the Year in early October.

In addition to Detective Johnson's efforts to curb auto theft, he has also been involved in several grand jury investigations that involved auto thefts in counties throughout the Denver metro area and the State. His efforts, along with other

investigators, culminated in several felony convictions, numerous vehicle recoveries, and the dismantling of a large criminal enterprise.

"I'm extremely pleased the Arvada Masonic

Lodge named Detective Johnson Officer of the Year," said Chief Ron Sloan of the Arvada Police Department. "He is an outstanding investigator who has worked diligently to address the prolific crime of auto theft not only in Arvada, but throughout the State as a whole." ☒



*Johnson*

# There's Always Something Happening at Majestic View Nature Center!

**(720) 898-7405**  
[www.ci.arvada.co.us/nature](http://www.ci.arvada.co.us/nature)

Majestic View Nature Center is located at 7030 Garrison Street. Through April 30, 2006 the Center is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Nature Center is also open during programs and special activities.

The new parking area is open on W. 72nd Avenue just west of Carr Street. Enjoy a 1/3 mile walk to the Nature Center.

Below are upcoming classes and activities. Pre-registration is required; to make reservations, call (720) 898-7405 and refer to the corresponding class number.

## Nature Adventures:

### *A Parent/Child Program*

Join us for fun-filled nature activities, stories, and games that are specially designed for the little ones! Different topics each month. Call three days in advance to reserve a spot. Ages 4 – 6 and parents.

- December 17, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. No fee. #MV 269
- January 21, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. No fee. #MV 271
- February 18, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. No fee. #MV 272

## Mad Science Winter Break

### *Camp: Become a Nature Center Secret Agent*

Spy on animals and learn how they use the world around them to survive. Learn about the human body and how cells are the building blocks of all living things. Discover the treasure using your keen senses and knowledge of weights and measures. Earn your secret agent badge with the completion of this fun and exciting day with Mad Science. Call Mad Science directly to register at (303) 403-0432. Ages 6 – 12.

- December 29, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$49 if registered by December 21; \$59 late registration.

## Mad Science Winter Break

### *Camp: Become a Nature Center Ecosystem Explorer*

Learn about what it means to live in the sea or to harness the wind. Observe how mountains are formed and use the sun to light up your UV ray detector. Earn your Ecosystem Explorer Badge as you discover the properties of the earth, visit the sea, survive a breeze, and explore a volcano. Call Mad Science directly to register at (303) 403-0432. Ages 6 – 12.



- January 5, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$49 if registered by December 28; \$59 late registration.

## Explore the Animal Kingdom Through Art: *Art Through the Ages*

Join artist David Sullivan as we explore animals from the time of dinosaurs to mammoths, up to the wonderful diversity of present day animals. We will draw, paint, sculpt, and use other fun art techniques to examine and learn about the many living things that make up the Animal Kingdom. Bring your healthy after-school snack each time. Register by January 6. Ages 6 – 12.

- Wednesdays, January 11 – March 15, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. \$90 for ten-week session. #MV 273

## Help Backyard Birds Survive Winter Nights

Learn how to setup bird feeding stations to help our feathered friends in wintertime. View a slide presentation and check out the newest products available in backyard bird feeding. Presented by David Menough of Wild Birds Unlimited. Register by January 11. Ages 12 – adult.

- January 14, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. No fee. #MV 274

## Ancient Geologic Wonders of the Arvada/Denver Area

Dinosaurs roamed Arvada over 100 million years ago! Based on what we see in the exposed hogback rock formations along the Front Range, we are able to picture the history underneath of our community. We will discuss ancient plants and animals and see fossils from long ago. Presented by Geologist Ralph Barnard. Register by January 16. Ages 9 – adult.

- January 18, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. No fee. #MV 275

## Pre-School Fun with Animals

Learn about a different kind of animal each week! This four-week class includes frogs, turtles, rabbits, and birds. Enjoy an up-close and personal look into their wonderful world, using books, stories, crafts, and games. Join us for an exciting educational experience taught by Jody Weiland. Register by February 9. Ages 4 – 6.

- Wednesdays, February 15 – March 8, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. \$12 for four weeks. #MV 276

## School Age Field Trips: *Elementary Exploration*

Attention 4-6th grade teachers!...The Nature Center offers a FUN environmental education program that helps meet Jeffco Science Standards. Students rotate through four stations and participate in hands-on activities at each. The four stations are: Exhibits, Mammal Study, Wetland Experience, and Nature Trail.

The program is offered weekdays from 10:00-12:30 p.m. and can accommodate up to 60 students per program. The cost is \$3.50 per student. Call the Nature Center for further information or to schedule a field trip for your group.

## New!! Majestic View Resource Library

We have been busy collecting environmental/nature articles, books, and videos to be a part of our resource library. These files provide information on all kinds of subjects that may be helpful to you as we all become more aware of preserving our natural environment. Stop in and become familiar with our new project.

## Purchase Note Cards

The Nature Center has created sets of beautiful cards featuring wildlife at Majestic View Community Park, the Rocky Mountains, and local scenic sites. Both holiday and year-round cards are available.

# City of Arvada Employee Corner

## Employees of the Month

*The Employee of the Month is nominated by fellow workers and chosen by a subcommittee of the City's Employee Committee. Recipients are honored in front of the employee body and presented a certificate and gift by City Manager Craig Kocian. Their name is engraved on a plaque which hangs at the main entrance of Arvada City Hall.*

### Debby Hall

Debby Hall, Tax and Audit Coordinator for the Sales Tax Division in Finance, was the September Employee of the Month. Hall has been with the City since 1988. She is known for being extremely proactive in her job, always willing to help other departments. In particular, she was recognized for helping the Arvada Economic Development Association keep in contact with Arvada businesses. Her nominators state that she always goes the extra mile



Hall

in everything she does while being both professional and pleasant in the process. "Debby's a positive, proactive employee that goes above and beyond just doing her job."

### Sandra McDonald

Sandra McDonald, Water Regulatory Analyst with the Division of Water Quality and Environmental Services, was the October Employee of the Month. McDonald has been with the City since 2001. McDonald was recognized for her positive outlook, strong work ethic, knowledge of environmental laws and regulations, strong customer service skills, and working as a team with her fellow employees. She is also credited with expanding the approach to the City's stormwater permit to include other metro cities and help establish and lead the work of this regional group. Her often-stated goal in her job is "to make Arvada a better place to live." ☒



McDonald

## Must-See Local TV! Arvada's KATV Channel 8 Launches MetroBeat TV

**M**etroBeat TV has arrived at KATV Channel 8!

MetroBeat TV is a pilot project that's the first of its kind in the country. It's a cooperative effort of Comcast Cable and many of the local government access cable channels in the metro area, including Arvada's KATV Channel 8. MetroBeat TV provides a forum for highlighting people, issues, and events of local interest and concern that can't be found anywhere else.

Every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon, Comcast subscribers in the Denver metro area can tune to their local Channel 8 to see great new local shows like *People to Watch*, featuring people you've heard of and others you'll want to meet. *MetroBeat Magazine* will take you on fascinating jaunts around the metro area. *Student Voices* will give area teens the chance to weigh in on topics of importance to them, and *Inside the Cover* will introduce readers of all ages to best-selling books and local authors. Finally, viewers will have the chance to see the

best of local community-produced programming under the auspices of *MetroBeat TV Presents*.

Comcast is providing funding for the MetroBeat TV project, including covering the cost of professional producers, on-camera talent, and required digital and online technology components. The partner Channel 8s are pooling resources to assist with content for the two-and-a-half-hour block of dynamic new programming each month, greatly increasing the number of original shows available to viewers on local municipal channels.

Viewers are encouraged to log on to the MetroBeat TV web site at metrobeat.tv to learn more about this unique pilot project and the local shows offered.

The MetroBeat TV lineup airs each week on Thursdays from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In addition, at the touch of a button, viewers can tune into MetroBeat TV programming at any time with Comcast VIDEO ON DEMAND. ☒

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These two pages of The Arvada Report are for and about Arvada businesses.

## Annual Business Appreciation



The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) and City of Arvada hosted the 11th **Annual Business Appreciation** event on October 7. The evening celebration featured guest speaker Reggie Rivers, a former Denver Bronco football player, who shared his views on leadership and business. The event was designed to acknowledge the value of Arvada businesses, offer participants the opportunity to meet new business contacts, and reconnect with other business leaders. AEDA President Alan Parker and Mayor Ken Fellman presented 12 awards to Arvada's outstanding businesses for 2005 based on community involvement, capital investment, employment, and overall commitment to the community. About 150 Arvada-based business leaders and their guests attended the event.



**Steve & Dave Echter of Echter's Greenhouses** were honored with the prestigious **Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award**. The award was

established to honor individuals whose traits and character typify an exemplary entrepreneur. Steve and Dave Echter acquired the family-owned business in 1959 and attribute their savvy business skills, work ethic, and ability to revolutionize the business to their parent's experience and influence. Echter's Greenhouses is regionally known as a complete nursery, garden center, and patio store. Steve noted, "Our extraordinary ability to serve customers is the result of dedicated employees - at times over 100 strong - committed to the company's vision and each other." Steve and Dave Echter received this award for their demonstrated tenacity, leadership, innovation, and community spirit.

## Outstanding Arvada Business Awards for 2005

The *Arvada Press* is Arvada's hometown newspaper published by *Mile High Newspapers, Inc.* to connect and improve our community through balanced journalism, effective advertising, and community involvement.



Lewis

The company completed an extensive planning and research project, "re-inventing" the 40-year-old *Arvada Sentinel* through conversion to the *Arvada Press* to provide a stronger vehicle for businesses to reach community consumers. The publication is now distributed to every household in Arvada at no cost. David Lewis, president and publisher, is involved in the community and serves on the Historic Olde Town Board of Directors and several of its committees, as well as Family Tree.



**Ehrman & Associates** is a leader in the employee benefits brokerage industry specializing in benefit solutions for small and mid-sized employers in Colorado and surrounding states. The owners, Roger and Janelle Ehrman, started this business in their home about six years ago. After purchasing the building at 8700 Ralston Road and with considerable investment, the business grew into larger office space and now employs four people. The company attributes its success to strong relationships, industry knowledge, and the determination and ability to solve its customers' benefit needs. Ehrman and Associates generously contribute to many national and local organizations.



**Grandma's Frozen Pasta**, a family-owned business producing fresh frozen pasta for over 44 years, purchased a 19,000 sq. ft. building at 4752 W. 60th Avenue a couple of years ago. The company brought nine new primary jobs to the community and invested in a state-of-the-art facility including a full kitchen that is the envy of every chef who visits. Using a family reci-

pe, the pasta can be found in the freezer section of most major grocery and food stores. Owners Moni Piz Wilson and Robert L. Wilson are very involved in the community and support organizations such as the Denver Rescue Mission and Table Mountain Animal Rescue.



**Industrialex Manufacturing Corporation** is a leader in providing industrial coating services to the manufacturing sector both nationally and internationally. The company employs 78 people in Arvada and 220 total people in North America. Ahmad Akrami is the majority owner, chairman, and CEO of the company. Industrialex purchased and renovated its building at 6250 Joyce Drive, consolidated several locations for a new corporate headquarters, and manages operations in Colorado Springs and Windsor, Ontario. Tri Star Systems Corporation is also located in the Arvada facility and is managed by Mr. Akrami. This company is a developer and manufacturer of robotics and factory automation equipment.



**Oasis Day Spa** is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. The date happened to coincide with the business' need to relocate because of the Wadsworth Grandview Grade Separation project. While considering many options for a new location for the business and its 37 employees, Brenda and Roger Peterson remained committed to staying in Arvada. They found

and purchased a building at 8600 Ralston Road realizing that a lot of hard work and investment would be required to retrofit the building. They decided it was worth it to stay in Arvada and saw this as an opportunity to expand their facility and services. Oasis Day Spa offers many products and services for men and women alike. The company also contributes to a wide variety of community fundraising activities.



**Old Neighborhood Restaurant** has been offering fine dining in Arvada for over 25 years and employs about 40 people. Randy and Alexa Kowalczyk are the owners. The restaurant is known for making special occasions extra special and meetings especially efficient. What may be less known is its commitment to the community. The business quietly and generously contributes toward many community activities, primarily those for children. Examples include fundraising activities for Jefferson County Schools, Ginny's Kids, Pomona Girls Softball, Arvada Charity Ball, Diana Price Fish Foundation, and others. The business also sponsors activities for the APEX Center, North Jeffco Recreation, and Wheelchair Nuggets Basketball.



**PeaceJam Foundation** is an organization offering an international education program designed to encompass leading Nobel Peace Laureates who work personally with youth. Working with world lead-

ers such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, The Dalai Lama, and so many others, the goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers. In 2001 PeaceJam decided to relocate the organization's corporate headquarters and three employees to Arvada. Dawn Engle and Ivan SuvanjiEFF quickly became delegates, advocates, and cheerleaders for Arvada, especially for Olde Town. They recently purchased an historic building in Olde Town, converted it to office space, now have nine employees, and take Arvada to the world – literally.



**Professional Investigative Engineers (PIE)** may best be described as Arvada's "CSIs of Engineering." In 1999 Paul Duncan, Matt Blackmer, Craig Sellers, and Ed Fronapfel got together and decided to start a forensic engineering firm specializing in the support of construction, insurance, litigation, and property investment professionals. The company provides technical analysis and impartial expertise to better define problems involved in complex cases. About 18 months ago, PIE purchased, remodeled, and moved its corporate headquarters to a building in the Arvada Technology Center. The company now employs 16 fulltime and four part-time employees. The company is very involved in our community, as well as around the country and internationally.



**Seasons Gourmet Market** is truly a family affair which is the key to its success. Deanell Sandoval and Peggy Hohnstein

(Deanell's mother) joined together to create an expanded retail business providing distinctive gourmet food gift baskets and catering services for a broad range of clients. About a year and a half ago, the business located to 7511 Grandview Avenue in Olde Town. Not only did the owners, as well as their whole family, focus on growing the business, but also became active in the community. Deanell currently serves as president for the Historic Olde Town Arvada Association. She is also the retail representative on the AEDA Board and is a past board member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. Peggy volunteers on several Olde Town promotion committees.



**Steve's Meat Market** specializes in custom wild game processing and most recently added a new retail component offering numerous types of jerky, meats, and exotic sausages. With as many as 20 employees at times, Steve and Karen Hein operate this family-owned business. Their son, Ryan, and daughter, Amy, also help run the store. A short while ago, the couple acquired the adjoining building, expanded the store, and, with the help and talent of Dennis Culligan, beautifully restored the entire building taking it back to an historic look. The adjacent space is the expanded new location for Yours Truly gift store. The award was based on the business' expansion, significant investment, and community involvement.

**Wanco, Inc.** is a wonderful success story. Michael Wanasz came to this country with \$25 in his pocket and a desire to make a difference in this "land of opportu-



nity" - opportunity that did not exist in his country, then communist Poland, where he grew up. In 1984 Michael and his wife, Deborah, started Wanco, Inc. and began manufacturing traffic safety equipment such as message boards, arrow boards, radar trailers, caution boards, and portable floodlighting. Today, Wanco is the largest manufacturer of message boards and arrow boards in the country and has 140 employees. The company has customers in all 50 states and all over the world. In 1998 Wanco moved to Arvada and built a state-of-the-art facility in southeast Arvada. The business recently completed a 60,000 sq. ft. addition to the facility.

### Special Recognition

This year, a special "Community Spirit Award" was presented to **Hereford Percy** for "all he is and all he does" for the Arvada community. Hereford is the president of FirstBank North, serves on the Jefferson County School Board, and works hard to sustain a positive business environment in Arvada. He is a board member and past president of the Arvada Economic Development Association. He has also served on many community boards and committees, including the Susan M. Duncan YMCA Board of Advisors. Hereford is a professional singer and banjo player in the Southern Exposure group which has performed at the Arvada Center, Olde Town events, and many cultural facilities. The special recognition was based on his ability to be a "leader of leaders," as well as for his dynamic character, community involvement, and dedication to making our



Percy

community a better place. From banker to banjo player, from family man to school board leader, he finds time for it all.

There are many outstanding businesses located in the City Arvada. AEDA and the City acknowledge with gratitude the diverse contributions of each and every one.

About 4,000 businesses are listed on [www.aeda.biz](http://www.aeda.biz). Check it out today to find Arvada products and services. Arvada businesses may add or change information on the website by contacting Marian Charles at (720) 898-7010 or [mcharles@ci.arvada.co.us](mailto:mcharles@ci.arvada.co.us)

**REMEMBER:** Arvada job opportunities are posted regularly at [www.arvadajoblink.com](http://www.arvadajoblink.com). Proprietary information should not be included on the website resumes or job postings for personal security reasons.



### New Arvada Businesses

To find additional information on new and existing businesses, go to [www.aeda.biz](http://www.aeda.biz) business listing.



**BEC POS** held its grand opening in October at 5610 Ward Road. The company specializes in hospitality point-of-sale systems and has 30 employees.



**Kohl's** held a grand opening at 15680 W. 64th Avenue in October.

**Natural Harvest** (a specialty grocery store) is now open at 6380 McIntyre Parkway.

**SuperTarget** held a grand opening at 5071 Kipling Parkway in October.



## DECEMBER

- 12** Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 19** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 25** Christmas Day
- 26** Arvada City Hall Closed
- 31** New Year's Eve

## JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day
- 2** Arvada City Hall Closed
- 9** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 11** *Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard  
Conversations® Mozart and  
Chopin: Virtuoso Variations*  
Arvada Center
- 12** *17th Annual Cowboy Poetry Gather-  
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- 13** *17th Annual Cowboy Poetry Gather-  
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- 14** *17th Annual Cowboy Poetry Gather-  
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- 15** *17th Annual Cowboy Poetry Gather-  
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- 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Arvada City Hall Closed

- 17** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 20** Arvada Chamber of Commerce  
Issues Breakfast, 7:15 a.m., Indian  
Tree Restaurant
- 20** *Music With a View  
with John Maldonado:  
Solo Flamenco Guitar*  
Arvada Center
- 23** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 27** Arvada Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Dinner and Man and  
Woman of the Year Award  
Ceremony, Arvada Center
- 31** Opening, *The Heiress*  
Arvada Center

## FEBRUARY

- 6** Performing Arts and  
Cultural Festival,  
Arvada West High School
- 6** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 7** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall
- 12** A Chocolate Affair,  
Olde Town Arvada
- 13** Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.  
Arvada City Hall



## Performing Arts and Cultural Festival Set for February 4

The fourth annual Arvada Performing Arts and Cultural Festival will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Arvada West High School, 11325 Allendale Drive.

This free event offers a variety of family entertainment including dance, musical, and theatrical performances. In addition, groups from around the world will be on hand to talk about their cultures including demonstrations of art, language, and ethnic foods.

For more information about the event or to enquire about participating as a performer, cultural representative, volunteer, or sponsor visit [www.arvadafestivals.com](http://www.arvadafestivals.com), or call Brenda Berg at (720) 898-7400. ☎

## Mark Your Calendars for the 16th Annual Children's Charity Gala

"Rat Pack Ritz Invites You to Las Vegas Glitz" is the theme for the 16th annual Children's Charity Gala on February 25, 2006.

Since 1990, the annual Children's Charity Ball has raised over \$400,000 for the Arvada Child Advocacy Center, serving as a safe environment for interviewing child victims of sexual abuse; and the Arvada Center's Accessibility Program which provides enhanced art experiences for individuals with disabilities.

Volunteers are needed, as are corporate sponsors and silent auction donations for the event. Please contact Maria VanderKolk, co-chair of the Children's Charity Board, for more information at (720) 898-7507, or email [maria-v@ci.arvada.co.us](mailto:maria-v@ci.arvada.co.us). ☎

*Times and dates subject to change. Call the appropriate agency to confirm.*



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## Arvada Center Happenings

### Highlights:

Celebrate the 250th birthday of Mozart with this season's Keyboard Conversations series, presented by renowned concert pianist Jeffrey Siegel.

For the first time, master instrumentalist and singer Skip Gorman will appear at the Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

### In The Gallery

#### Music with a View

Enjoy the mesmerizing sounds of flamenco music and fine art in the intimate setting of the Arvada Center galleries with flamenco guitarist John Maldonado, who studied under the tutelage of flamenco guitar master Rene Heredia.

January 20, 7:00 p.m.

#### David Grigorian: Eternal Imagination

This exhibit features colorful and evocative new works on paper by this talented young artist.

Through January 2

#### 19th Annual Art Market Show and Sale

In over 6,000 square feet of gallery space, the Art Market Show and Sale brings together over 150 acclaimed local and regional artists, featuring the best original artwork and contemporary crafts Colorado has to offer. You will find jewelry, ceramics, paintings, furniture, contemporary textiles, and much more!

December 9 – 18

### The Arvada Center – Treat Yourself to the Arts!

To purchase tickets and for more information on these or other Arvada Center events, call (720) 898-7200 or visit [www.arvadacenter.org](http://www.arvadacenter.org)

### On Stage



#### AIDA

From the creators of *The Lion King* comes another blockbuster Broadway production. Elton John and Tim Rice's *AIDA* updates a classic story of forbidden love with its rousing pop-rock score. Featuring a multi-racial cast, exuberant dancing, and singing, this contemporary musical is the perfect holiday choice for family entertainment.

Through December 30

#### Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering

This four-day roundup features some of the world's best rhyming yarn-spinners, sagebrush side-ticklers, yodelers, singers, and western musicians. Take advantage of evening and matinee concerts with featured artists or get up close and personal with the performers in the daytime open mic sessions.

January 12 – 15



#### Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations®

Internationally renowned concert pianist Jeffrey Siegel presents Mozart and Chopin with a captivating prologue, world class performance, and lively question and answer session. This concert features Mozart's charming variations on *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* as well as Chopin's stunning variations on a beloved aria from Mozart's opera *Don Giovanni*.

January 11, 7:30 p.m.

