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Van Bibber Project Nearly Complete



For over three decades, the City of Arvada worked towards a solution to remove a large portion of the community from the 100-year flood plain. Expanding the inadequate channel and enlarging the undersized storm drains for Van Bibber Creek - normally a small trickling stream which, under specific weather conditions, wreaked havoc on homes and businesses - was an "imminent project" for so many years that many thought it would never actually happen. But on January 5, 2004 the project finally commenced, and today it is substantially complete.

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Van Bibber Project Fun Facts:

- Work involved the excavation of approximately one mile of the Van Bibber Creek Channel with an average depth of 25 feet and an average width of 100 feet. The excavation went through a major urban corridor including two shopping centers and the Stenger/Lutz sports complex.
- Approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material was excavated, 15,000 cubic yards of structural concrete was placed, three million pounds of re-bar was installed, and 16,000 tons of riprap and boulders were set.
- No employee lost a day of work due to a work-related injury.
- The project contractor, Arapahoe Utilities and Infrastructure, received the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineer's "contractor of the year" award.
- Approximately 80,000 cubic yards of excavated material was trucked to the Shattuck Superfund Site in Denver, fulfilling their requirement for clean backfill at a reduced cost to taxpayers.
- The total project cost was \$12,500,000, funded by the U.S. Corps of Engineers (\$7,000,000), the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (\$2,750,000), and the City of Arvada (\$2,750,000). 

New Arvada Library Opens in Olde Town!

Jefferson County Public Library opened its doors at 7525 W. 57th Avenue with great fanfare in the heart of Olde Town Arvada on September 16 with more than 3,000 people at the celebration. **Pictured below:** In addition to 15 little pirates, County Commissioner Kevin McCasky, County Librarian Bill Knott, and Arvada Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Azari helped to officially open the new library - a new treasure in Olde Town.



Check out the progress on the Grandview/Wadsworth Bypass grade separation project at www.arvada.org. The website will be frequently updated, complete with construction pictures.


Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day!
Exercise your right as a citizen:
Don't forget to vote!
See City-related election information on **page 2**.

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Arvada's Future
See **Page 9**.

Council Opts Against Placing Lodging Tax on November Ballot

As reported in the August/September 2006 issue of *The Arvada Report*, the Arvada City Council was considering a ballot question for the November election asking voters to increase the City's lodging tax. While Arvada does not currently have a hotel,

the Council reviewed the option of asking voters to increase the current lodging tax of two percent (far below the area average) so that if a hotel is ever built, the community would benefit from increased revenues to support City services. However, after discussion, the Council decided against placing a ques-

tion on the November 2006 ballot. Therefore, there are no City-specific issues on the 2006 ballot. The North Jeffco Park and Recreation District has placed two issues on the ballot; the ballot language is included in the article below. 

North Jeffco Ballot Questions

The November 7, 2007 ballot will include the following issues for all voters residing within the North Jeffco Park and Recreation District:

Ballot Issue 5A-Mill Levy Increase

Shall North Jeffco Park and Recreation District taxes be increased up to \$1.2 million in 2007 (first full fiscal year of such tax increase) and by such other amount as may be produced annually in each year thereafter by the imposition of an additional mill levy of not more than one (1) mill, for the following purposes:


- One half of the revenue of which shall be utilized by the District solely for capital maintenance and improvement projects to District facilities;
- One-half of the revenue of which shall be utilized for operation of the District and routine upkeep of District facilities, including but not limited to supporting senior programs, youth programs, and aquatics operations;
- And shall the proceeds of such taxes and investment income thereon be collected, retained and spent by the

District as a voter-approved revenue change in 2007 and in each year thereafter subject to the limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution?

Ballot Issue 5B-Bond Question

Shall North Jeffco Park and Recreation District debt be increased \$6.95 million, with a repayment cost of \$12.9 million, and shall District taxes be increased \$646 thousand annually, commencing January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2027, for the purpose of financing the following:

- The replacement of 48-year old Fisher Pool (formerly North Jeffco Pool);
- And shall the mill levy be increased in each year through December 31, 2027 without limitation of rate or amount, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such debt or any refunding debt (or to create a reserve for such payment), such debt to be evidenced by the issuance of general obligation bonds bearing interest at a maximum net effective

interest rate not to exceed 6.75%; such bonds to be sold in one series or more, for a price above or below the principal amount of such series, on terms and conditions, and with such maturities as permitted by law and as the District may determine, including provisions for redemption of the bonds prior to maturity with or without payment of the premium of not to exceed three percent; and shall the District be authorized to issue debt to refund the debt authorized in this question, provided that such refunding debt, along with any other debt incurred by the District pursuant to this authorization, is issued on terms which do not exceed the principal, interest and repayment costs authorized in this question; and shall such tax revenues and the earnings generated from the investment of such bond proceeds and tax revenues be collected, retained and spent as a voter approved revenue change under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law? 

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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, Arvada, Colorado 80002, or call the City Manager's Office at **720-898-7500**. Our web address is www.arvada.org.

Floods Happen, Even in Winter

During the spring and summer months, Arvada and all other front-range communities experience higher amounts of precipitation and the possibility of flash floods. Even in winter there is a chance for localized flooding due to snow melt from the larger winter storms.

Is Your Property in a Floodplain?

If you have questions regarding Arvada's floodplains, you can contact the City's Engineering Division at **720-898-7640**. Also, homeowners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents can obtain photocopies of floodplain maps at Arvada City Hall, Engineering Division, 2nd Floor, 8101 Ralston Road.

Floodplain maps may also be accessed through the website of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at www.FEMA.gov; click on "FEMA Flood Map Store" and then "Map Search." Maps of specific properties may be ordered or viewed on-line. Contact a Map Service Center Representative at **800-358-9616** for assistance.

Flood Prevention

Each year, the City works to reduce Arvada's flooding problems by building and maintaining storm-drainage projects, implementing master drainage plans, and enforcing drainage standards on new developments. With the implementation of the Stormwater Utility, Arvada will complete even more storm drainage projects in the future.


The City of Arvada also takes part in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards. Under the CRS, flood insurance premiums are adjusted to reflect the reduced risk that results from community activities that meet the three CRS goals: to reduce flood losses, to facilitate accurate insurance rating, and to promote the awareness of flood insurance.

Arvada is currently a Class 6 Community earning a 20% premium


reduction for houses within the Special Flood Hazard Area. The classification is determined by rating activities in four categories: Public Information, Mapping and Regulations, Flood Damage Reduction, and Flood Preparedness. Communities are re-certified every two years and must maintain these activities to keep their rating.

Only three percent of participating communities nation-wide earned a better classification than Arvada!

Drainage Maintenance

Each spring and after major rainfalls, staff inspects all of Arvada's creeks and drainageways. Any accumulated debris is removed to keep the channels clear. If you see debris or other problems in the creeks or drainageways, please contact the City Streets Division at **720-898-7720**. For inlet and storm-sewer maintenance, call the City Wastewater Division at **720-898-7770**. Maintenance of irrigation canals is the responsibility of the canal company. 

Trees Across Arvada

Make your yard and neighborhood more beautiful, and leave the next generation a cleaner, greener environment! Low-cost shade trees are available from "Trees Across Arvada." This program is made possible through the Colorado Tree Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, renewing, and enhancing Colorado's community forests. The trees, all low- to moderately-low water-demand varieties, are eight to 12 feet tall on arrival. Tree costs range from \$25 to \$45. Trees are ordered and paid for in November, and available for pick-up and planting in mid-April, 2007. For more information, contact "Trees Across Arvada," **303-421-3206**, or e-mail arvadatrees@comcast.net 

Construction Begins on Van Bibber Trail Underpass


In the near future, bikers and walkers will be able to safely traverse from the Van Bibber Open Space on the west to the existing Van Bibber Trail on the east of Ward Road at approximately W. 56th Drive. Under a contract approved by the Arvada City Council, Edward Kraemer and Sons, Inc. has begun construction of the Van Bibber Creek Trail Crossing at Ward Road.

The project entails the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle underpass under Ward Road, a concrete trail to connect the existing trail at the Valley at Rainbow Ridge on the east side of Ward Road to the trail at Van Bibber Park on the west side, landscaping, drainage improvements, retaining walls, and traffic control.

This underpass will provide a critical link to Arvada's trail system and will eliminate the potential safety

hazard that results from trail users crossing Ward Road, a busy State highway.

Funding for the construction comes from the following sources: a grant of \$600,000 from Federal transportation funds, a joint venture grant of \$350,000 from Jeffco Open Space, \$80,000 in Lottery funds, and \$400,000 from the City of Arvada.

Goals for the Van Bibber Trail are to ultimately connect the Trail with the Ralston Creek Trail to the east, and White Ranch Park to the west. 



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.

Gail Gober

Gail Gober, Production Coordinator at the Arvada Center, was the July Employee of the Month. Gober has been with the City since 1991, and this is the second time she has been named as Employee of the Month (the last time was in December, 1997). Gober is responsible for the production of main-stage and children's theater at the Arvada Center. She is also the produc-



Gober


tion lighting designer and has been a key point person in the Arvada Center expansion project. Her nominators state, "What sets her above the norm is the fact that she goes above and beyond the call of duty in seemingly everything she does." Her work has won many awards in the arts community, including the Marlowe Award for Best Lighting for the Arvada Center's production of *Aida*.

Jason O'Keefe

Jason O'Keefe, Utility Supervisor in the Wastewater Division, was the August Employee of the Month.



O'Keefe

O'Keefe has been with the City since 1996. O'Keefe is described by his nominators as a bundle of energy, maintaining high levels of production in all of his endeavors. He has a high level of technical knowledge and is regarded as the "technical guru" in the Wastewater Division. His skills have contributed greatly to mapping projects using auto-cad and architectural design software, and his ability to troubleshoot and repair mechanical and electrical problems on sewer inspection equipment has resulted in a considerable reduction of down time. 

Volunteers Needed!

Arvada Food Bank

With the mission of providing an emergency three-day supply of nutritious food to families in need living in the Arvada area, the Arvada Community Food Bank is seeking volunteers. Come join a wonderful group of committed volunteers who make a true impact on the community! Volunteers can choose either a day of the week, or on-call duty.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. shift

- Drivers - Transport food from area grocers to the Food Bank. Volunteers must have a pickup truck and be able to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Shelf Stockers - Responsible for stocking shelves with food and preparing boxes for clients. Must be able to lift 25 pounds.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. shift

- Boxing Room - Prepare client boxes.
- Box Distribution - Distribute client boxes. Must be able to lift 25 pounds and be comfortable with diverse populations.
- Floor Greeter: Assist clients with selection of bakery and produce items and make clients feel welcome. Must be comfortable with diverse popula-

tions; bi-lingual in Spanish or Russian a plus.


- Front Desk: Ensure client eligibility for program and explains rules and procedures. Must be comfortable working on computer (training provided) and with diverse populations. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the **Arvada Food Bank at 303-424-6685**.

Arvada Center

The Arvada Center is expanding and great changes are underway.

The Center is served by over 300 volunteers who work to maintain high-quality, professional patron experiences. The volunteers are dedicated to the Center and have been an active part of maintaining business as usual in the unique expansion environment.

Center volunteers perform a wide variety of important jobs, working in all areas of the organization including theater, visual arts, and education. Once the expansion is finished, the Center will face increased needs with a new theater and a larger museum. The result will be a need for significant growth in the Center's volunteer force.

Center volunteers enjoy benefits within the organization, as well as great personal fulfillment. If you would like to be a part of an exciting, growing artistic venue, please call Laura Krausa at **720-898-7211** and learn about becoming a Center Volunteer. 

Wellness Involves Stretching

The City's Risk Management Department has begun a new program designed to help employees prevent sprains and strains, and be more productive at work. Team leaders are being trained by medical professionals in stretching techniques to then lead work groups in stretching exercises. The techniques cover musculo-skeletal injury prevention. Employees will be encouraged to participate in morning stretch exercises at various worksites throughout the City. 



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Arvada police department

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Contact Numbers

- Emergencies 911
- Non-Emergency Reporting 720-898-6900
- Office of the Chief 720-898-6650
- Records Department 720-898-6920
- Investigations 720-898-6700
- Media Relations 720-898-6654

Major Facelift for www.arvadapd.org

Do you want to:

- Report a crime on-line?
- Watch a video of a liquor license compliance check?
- Apply for a job with the Police Department?

With the complete overhaul of the Department's web page (www.arvadapd.org) you have endless opportunities to not only learn about the Arvada Police Department but also interact with officers working hard for you each and every day. See article on **Page 8**.

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Police to C.R.U.S.H. Auto Theft in the City

The Arvada Police Department has launched **Operation Auto C.R.U.S.H.** in an effort to reduce the number of car thefts occurring in the City.



"Citizens may not realize that Arvada, along with many other Denver area cities, has an auto theft problem impacting the community as a whole," said Commander Kathy Foos of the Arvada Police Department.

- Arvada ranked 11th among all Colorado cities for auto theft in 2004.
- Colorado ranked seventh in the country for auto theft in 2004.
- Nearly 20% of Arvada auto thefts were crimes of opportunity, where the citizen left their car unattended with keys in the ignition.

"Whether your car is stolen or not we all pay the price for auto theft in higher insurance rates, public safety time, and producing fear in neighborhoods," said Commander Foos.

Because of the increased number of auto thefts, the Arvada Police Department has developed a program taking a multi-faceted approach to reduce auto thefts in the city in the coming year. **Operation Auto C.R.U.S.H.** was implemented earlier this summer and involves three areas of emphasis: enforcement, prevention education, and special prosecution.

Enforcement

Detection and apprehension of known auto theft suspects and chop shops in our City will be a focus for an impact team comprised of detectives, community resource officers, and crime analysis technicians led by Commanders Keating and Hutchcraft. Concentrated enforcement efforts will put offenders behind bars and interrupt their crime patterns, which many times include drugs and economic crimes.


Prevention Education

Education and making citizens tougher targets is a key component to the success of the program. The Department plans to engage the community through aggressive advertising using a variety of methods including KATV Channel 8 programming, public presentations, and future editions of *The Arvada Report* to relay information about the program. Citizens will receive education, warnings, or citations for leaving their cars unattended while warming them up during cold months.

Prosecution

Two new City ordinances address this issue: *Unauthorized Control Over a Motor Vehicle* and *Motor Vehicle Trespass*. Suspects charged with violating these ordinances will have to make bond or appear in court the next arraignment day. The municipal legal process is designed for swift justice with immediate jail sentencing upon conviction.

The City of Aurora adopted a similar program in 2003 and experienced a 30 percent reduction in auto theft.

"In the first month of implementation, five people were arrested under these new ordinances. Convicted offenders are being sentenced immediately to jail," said Commander Foos. "This means they experienced swift and immediate consequences and we disrupted their criminal behavior, preventing additional crimes within the City of Arvada and other cities. We want criminals to know that if you do the crime in Arvada you will do the time." 

Survive-2-95: To Drive or Not to Drive

By Officer Jim Becker and Commander Kathy Foos

One of the toughest questions everyone must face as they get older is when to stop or limit driving. The sobering fact is that in Arvada, every single fatal car crash in the past three years involved an older driver.

This translates into an incredible safety concern for you. As police officers, we realize seniors can be some of the most cautious of drivers. Part of the problem is the fast, frenzied pace of our traffic system and the harried driving of others with whom you share the roadway. Combine this with the natural "slowing down" process of aging, and there can be a recipe for driving trouble.

Does this mean you should stop driving? The answer is not simple and is individual to each person. It is not so much chronological age, but a personal skill assessment that may be determinate.

Know Your Limits

Be honest with yourself about the physical changes limiting or changing your driving. This includes vision, cog-

nition, health, fitness, and medication. "Warning signs" signaling a need to limit or stop driving might be:


- Advice from your doctor or family member. Listen to their concerns.
- Having more "close calls," minor accidents, or tickets.
- Having wandering thoughts or being unable to concentrate.
- Difficulty reading ordinary road signs, or a loss of night vision.
- Getting lost or confused on familiar roads.
- Other drivers honk or gesture at you frequently.
- Passengers are not comfortable with your driving.
- Physical exhaustion or difficulty staying awake while driving.
- Medication warnings.

Transportation Alternatives

Survive-2-95 has created a comprehensive list of alternative transportation options called "Arvada Rides." The list is available on line at www.arvada.org or in print at the Arvada Police Department.

If you are a senior, family member,



or care-provider wanting more information about senior driving issues, tips, initiating this discussion with a senior, or obtaining an Arvada Rides brochure, please contact the Arvada Police Department at **720-898-6806**. In addition, a 20-minute public presentation on *Survive-2-95* is available from the Arvada Police Department. The presentation is geared towards adult civic organizations, faith-based organizations, etc. If interested in scheduling a presentation, please contact the Arvada Police Department traffic line at **720-898-6806**. Your group will need to provide powerpoint, DVD, or VCR equipment. 


Planning to Meet Singles Online?

More and more people are turning to the Internet to meet other singles. The Arvada Police Department offers safety tips if you're planning to enter dating sites to meet people.

- Do not include any personal information in your profile such as your home address, workplace address, e-mail address, or telephone number. Reputable dating sites make safety paramount so their members can be part of a safe online dating environment.
- Take your time getting to know someone online before revealing any personal information about yourself and before arranging a meeting.
- It's a good idea to set up a free e-mail account like Hotmail. This way you do not have to use your primary personal e-mail address in

the event you no longer wish to have contact with a member.

Be careful if you think a member is lying to you. Beware of someone who:


- Pressures you to meet instantly.
- Pressures you for your personal contact information when they won't provide personal information about themselves.
- Is inconsistent with information about their age, marital status, employment, etc.
- Avoids answering reasonable questions directly.
- Contradicts information shown on their profile or which they have previously told you.
- If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, stop e-mailing the person. Most reputable dating sites provide facilities for you to instantly block messages from a member who becomes a nuisance. 

Hutchcraft Promoted to Commander



Police Chief Ron Sloan, left, and Commander Gary Hutchcraft.

Gary Hutchcraft, a 20-year member of the Arvada Police Department, has been promoted to commander following the retirement of Jeff Waller in July of 2006.

Hutchcraft has been with the Department since 1986 and has worked as a patrol officer as well as a sergeant in patrol, administration, and investigations. He was recently assigned as a commander in the Patrol Bureau. 

Reducing Domestic Violence in Arvada

October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is a time to celebrate those who have broken the cycle of violence, and to reach out to those still wanting to make that difficult and dramatic change in their lives.

Overview of the Problem

In 2005, the Arvada Police Department recognized a significant increase in the number of domestic violence (DV) and disturbance calls - especially to repeat households in the City. Police officers were spending between 45 minutes to three hours on each call to fully investigate these incidents.

"It wasn't enough to simply state a problem of domestic violence exists in the community," said Commander Debra Arp, who chaired a committee to address the issue. "The Arvada Police Department teamed with community organizations and citizens to develop real solutions to this problem. Our mission is to not only assist those impacted by this crime, but also improve overall police service by recognizing those households the police have responded to on repeat occasions and offering the necessary intervention to help break the cycle of violence for families." Based on information gathered from Arvada police crime analysts and discussions with community leaders, the task force identified and implemented a number of changes to better assist those impacted by domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Victim Outreach

Victim advocates with the Arvada Police Department have always aided DV victims following an offender arrest by providing resources for assistance and guiding the victim through the judicial process. Victim advocates now take this a step further by reaching out to individuals involved in disturbances where an arrest was not made because officers have no evidence of a crime being committed.

Training

Members of the Arvada Police Department have taken part in extensive training to revisit responses to domestic violence or disturbance-related calls. Not only are officers learning about the signs of escalating DV behavior, they

While there are many signs of domestic abuse, common behaviors include a partner:

- Who is disrespectful in private and/or public.
- Who attempts to keep their partner isolated and away from the friends and family who could be protective to the victim.
- Who is extremely jealous and possessive and who controls all the family finances.

are also being equipped with a list of available resources to provide to those involved in DV calls.

Repeat Offender Locations


Arvada police officers have access to statistics regarding repeat addresses involving domestic violence calls. The Department tracks locations and/or the names of subjects involved in three or more DV situations to which officers have actually responded. In most cases, the dispatcher will be able to advise the officer(s) they are responding to a repeat DV situation. This information is vital to the officer(s) and the strategy they ultimately develop to address the situation once they arrive on scene.

Measuring Success

Six months into this intensive project, the Arvada Police Department has begun to measure the impact of its revised plan to address DV situations. The findings indicate that mere numbers alone do not do justice to the overall success of the effort. Victim advocates and the Department's domestic violence investigator believe the heightened awareness, and increased information provided at all levels, have saved lives beginning with the initial contact by the officer on the street through intervention and follow-up with the victims.

Do You Need Help?

If you are the victim or perpetrator of domestic violence, you are not alone. The Arvada Police Department Victim Services Unit is able to provide you with emotional support, resources, and information about domestic violence. Please visit the Arvada Police Department's web site at www.arvadapd.org or call the Victim Services Unit directly at **720-898-6700**.

There are signs to look for if someone is involved in a physically abusive relationship, including unexplained bruises, cuts, and/or scratches. Victims of physical abuse will often wear long sleeves and/or high collars, or any clothing that will cover the effects of the physical abuse. 

Holiday Toy Drive Nears

Although you most likely haven't yet pondered the purchase of a pumpkin for Halloween, it's not too early to be thinking about the City of Arvada's Lighting Up The Holidays program.


Did you know that you helped more than 100 ARVADA children last year by buying gifts through the Lighting Up The Holidays event?

Each year, Arvada police officers and other City of Arvada employees identify children in need in our community who may not otherwise get a gift during the holiday season. The wish lists of the children usually involve small items like toys, clothes, and music. Generous community members take the



time to buy the gifts (usually two items) on a child's wish list.

If you don't want to buy gifts for the children participating in the Lighting Up The Holidays event, you can certainly donate other items like gift wrap, scotch tape, and even batteries to help with this wonderful cause.

To sponsor a child for Lighting Up The Holidays, or to make a donation call **720-898-7080**. 

Arvada Police Web Site Offers Expanded Services



The screenshot shows the Arvada Police Department website. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with links: About Us, Crime & Prevention, Community Partnerships, FAQ, Join Our Team, Online Services, and Safety & Health. Below the menu is a photo of two police officers. The main content area features a header with 'in English', 'Home', 'Services A-Z', and 'Contact Us'. A banner image shows three police officers on motorcycles with the text 'Super Heroes Are Real'. Below this is a 'SPOTLIGHT ON' section titled 'Welcome to Our New Web Site' with a search bar and a 'SEARCH' button. A 'Threat Advisory' banner indicates an 'ELEVATED' risk of terrorist attacks. The text below the spotlight section describes the website's improvements and features.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Welcome to Our New Web Site

The Arvada Police Department's web site (www.arvadapd.org) has undergone a complete transformation, offering visitors improved online services, additional ways to get involved in their community, and information about police programs through text, images, and video clips.

One of the most significant additions to the web site is the ability to not only order a police report online, but also report some types of crimes.

"One of the primary goals in improving the Police Department's web site was to ensure citizens could conduct more business from the comfort of their own homes," said Commander Gary Creager of the Arvada Police Department. "Although we always have an officer available to talk directly with a citizen, the objective of the project was to provide site visitors with numerous options."

The new site offers an expanded crime map component, allowing residents to track crime occurring in their neighborhoods or to get a glimpse of crime occurring throughout the City.

Other features of the site include:

- "Most Wanted" gallery for suspects of crimes occurring in Arvada.
- Cases of interest to monitor high-profile criminal investigations.
- Web streaming of the latest episode of *Cop Talk*, the Department's monthly television program.
- Ability to apply for a job with the Police Department.
- Ask-A-Cop a question.
- Ability to contact one of the Department's School Resource Officers.
- Crime prevention tips on a variety of topics.
- Status of the nation's terror alert level.

"I believe visitors to www.arvadapd.org will experience an innovative site filled with information specifically catered to meet their needs in this ever-changing electronic age," said Chief Ron Sloan. "I invite residents to look at the crime maps in addition to the comprehensive information available on the site to learn of ways the Arvada Police Department can better serve members of the community."

Citizen Police Academy Alum Group Boasts Busy Summer


The Arvada Police Department relies heavily on a team of volunteers who, after graduating from the Citizen Police Academy, offer their valuable time to assist the Department in a variety of ways. The Citizens Police Academy Arvada Alumni (CPAAA) provides enthusiastic help and support at civic events and for the Department.

- During Fillup A. Can Day on May 6, CPAAA members served food items for Arvada citizens who helped clean up the community while other members gave information about the Citizens Police Academy and the alumni association.

- In May and September, CPAAA detailed the interiors of Police Department vehicles to provide officers with clean and fresh smelling cars. The officers voiced their appreciation and expressed the hope that these would be regular events.
- During the Fourth of July holiday, alumni attended the celebration at the Stenger/Lutz complex providing Child Identification with DNA kits for children. Since the alumni had so many requests from parents of very young children for a means of identification, it was determined that DNA kits can be used with children of any age and can be safely

stored in the home.

- At the annual Hot Times/Kool Cars event held August 27 at the Arvada Center, CPAAA distributed Citizens Police Academy information, balloons, and DNA kits for children, and gave tours of the Department's Command Van.

If you are interested in assisting the Arvada Police Department as a volunteer through the CPAAA, you first must attend the Citizen Police Academy. The sessions are held in both the spring and fall. For more information about the Academy, call Debbie Medina at **720-898-6660** or e-mail dmedina@arvada.org 

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Future

A community discussion about the Indiana Street corridor and potential retail shopping opportunities in the area may commence.

The 2005 revised City's Comprehensive Plan designated the area near W. 65th Avenue and Indiana Street as "regional commercial." Changes to the Plan were adopted by the Planning Commission and the City Council following the input of hundreds of citizens, three public events, multiple articles in *The Arvada Report* and the *Arvada Press*, seven meetings of a citizen's steering committee, and televised public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council. This public input process for the Comprehensive Plan revisions took place between June, 2004 and September, 2005. While the revisions to the Plan allow for the possibility of retail development in the corridor, the Arvada City Council is not obligated to approve such a plan.

The City invested in a market study of this area to determine what type of retail might locate there. The market study, conducted by Arland Land Use and Leland Consulting Group, concluded that most 'junior box' retail such as shoppers find at Belmar or Denver West (Barnes and Noble, Linens n Things, Wild Oats, etc.) and most 'sit-down' restaurants would have no interest in the area without a major anchor. The population density in this area both now and in the future is not sufficient to support such retail unless the center had a regional flair; the 'regional' shopping would be achieved through the addition of a 'big box' anchor-stores such as Home Depot, Lowe's, and/or Wal-Mart. This study is available on the City's web site at www.arvada.org.

Wal-Mart has expressed an interest in the area, although they have not submitted any specific plans. The City of Arvada has made it clear to Wal-Mart that we have no interest in a stand-alone Wal-Mart in this area. If Wal-Mart wants to locate in the area, they

must submit a proposal that includes additional retail such as the junior boxes listed above in order to create a diverse, eclectic, regional shopping and dining experience.


It is important to note that the City of Arvada is committed to economic development in order to maintain our quality of life in this community. We must continue to find new sources of revenue because current expenditures are outpacing current revenue sources.

Sales tax revenue – the single largest source of revenue for City services – increases by less than two percent without new business/retail development. We rely far less on property taxes – the City receives only \$36 on every \$100,000 of property value – but in any event the property tax rate has remained stagnant for 12 years and the total amount increases only due to increases in assessed valuation and new construction.

Yet, just as personal expenditures continue to increase, the City of Arvada is experiencing significant cost increases that are outpacing revenues. We are experiencing the same utilities and fuel increases that you are. Our health care costs are increasing by a minimum of 10 percent annually. Construction costs for critical infrastructure such as streets, parks, and major projects continue to rise dramatically. The bottom line is that while we estimate that revenues will increase by two percent each year without any new economic development, our operating expenses will increase by more than three percent annually. This is exacerbated by the fact that Arvada has little in the way of 'soft goods' retail, i.e. clothing and furnishings, thereby compelling our residents to shop outside our boundaries with the accompanying sales tax revenues providing essential services to residents of other communities. Without making such retail available in Arvada, we will continue to lose our sales tax base (your tax dollars) to other cities while Arvada citizens continue to expect police protection, water and sewer services, well-maintained streets, and other critical

services.

In addition to maintaining services, there is a list of unfunded and very needed public infrastructure construction or replacement projects adding up to well over 100 million dollars, such as an improved streets maintenance schedule, open space and parks purchases, trail development, increased water storage capacity, and much more. The City is extraordinarily grateful to our voters who approved a tax increase last November to allow for the hiring of 26 new police officers, which has been a critical need for some time. However, we cannot expect Arvada taxpayers to continue to accept sales tax increases in order to pay for the many other critical needs that the City faces now and in the future.

In closing, there have been no development proposals in the Indiana corridor as of the printing of this issue of *The Arvada Report*. Any proposals submitted in the future will be subject to public input. 

KATV Receives NATOA Award



KATV staff members Sherry Nalbach and Tomas Martinez, with Mayor Ken Fellman, received second place in the category of Public Health for their program *Cardiac Alert: Beating the Clock* from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). The award was given at the annual NATOA conference held the week of August 21 in Orlando, Florida.



Make Trucks... the Rush is On!

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!

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Calendar of Events



Festival of Scarecrows

October 14

Holiday Festival

November 25 - December 23



Lagniappe

December 4




Volunteer During the Holidays!

Volunteers help us attain our goals and objectives during the busy holiday season. There's something for everyone: help hang lights, wrap garlands, sweep sidewalks, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Historic Olde Town Arvada at **303-420-6100** or email olde.town.arvada@hotmail.com 

Holiday Shopping

Whether strolling through shops to browse at a leisurely pace, or bustling through them on a mission, shoppers will take pleasure in Arvada's historic downtown shopping district.

Under the glow of lamp posts and along tree-lined streets, shoppers will discover distinctive shops filled with unique merchandise and business owners that are eager to please.


While shopping in Olde Town Arvada among the historic storefronts is a treat anytime, it's especially inviting during the holiday season, when Christmas lights illuminate the shops, snow glistens on the trees, and yuletide music can be heard throughout the district. Skip the mess at the malls this holiday season and come to Olde Town Arvada. Find out why we're "the vibrant heart of Arvada." 

Lagniappe!

Lagniappe means a small gift given a customer by a merchant at the time of a purchase,

In New Orleans, the term that would be used to describe "a little something extra" of this sort is lagniappe, pronounced "LAN-yap." The word "lagniappe" originally comes from the Quechua word yapay ("to give more"), which led to yapa ("gift"), and then to the American Spanish la ñapa ("the gift"). Although the term lagniappe is not used in, say, Paris, the underlying principle appears in many forms in many areas including Olde Town Arvada.

On Monday, December 4 the merchants of Olde Town will be celebrating lagniappe by giving thanks to their many loyal customers. The light poles, trees, and historic buildings of Olde Town will be decorated to welcome the community during this fun-filled evening. Attendees will enjoy strolling carolers and sleigh rides and much more.

The holidays are a wonderful time for family and friends to share memories and traditions. Olde Town Arvada is rich with tradition and a place where holiday memories are made. This holiday season, make Olde Town Arvada the source for all your shopping needs. From delectable baked goods and festive holiday cheer to finding the perfect gift for that special someone, Olde Town Arvada has it all. 

New in Olde Town

Olde Town Arvada's distinctive character continues to attract new and relocating business owners interested in being a part of the unique mix of retail stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues found in Arvada's original turn-of-the-century downtown.

Rose Weaving Gallery & Studio, located at 7508 Grandview Avenue, offers hand-woven "wearable art" and showcases local, regional, and national fiber artists, as well as weaving from around the world. Some of the hand-woven items are clothing and accessories, linens and rugs for the home, and other fiber art and unique crafts. The studio area contains looms, spinning wheels, and related equipment, fiber and yarn supplies, and related books and magazines. Rose Weaving is a dealer for Schacht Spindle Co. of Boulder, Colorado. For a small studio and materials fee, looms will be available for those who wish to try their hand at weaving a scarf or a towel. The studio area also offers small classes in all types of weaving and fiber arts, as well as classes for children. For further information please contact Harriet Rose at **303-424-7673**.


Historic Olde Town Arvada welcomes Chemenn DeBono and Joe DeBono and their business, **The Art Peddler**, to our vibrant district. They found all the requirements for commu-

nity, visibility, and accessibility in the historic district of Olde Town Arvada, located at 5659 Olde Wadsworth. The pair invites everyone to stop by, take a tour, and avail themselves to antiques, art, furniture, gifts, and collectibles. For more information please call Joe or Chemenn at **303-940-0700**.

A decadent haven is opening in Olde Town Arvada. **Bliss Café** is a coffeehouse by day, and a wine and dessert bar at night. Owned and operated by Arvada-raised Amy Kitteringham and co-owner, Rick Norris, Bliss is a one-of-a-kind experience where you can start out your day with locally roasted coffees, espresso drinks, and delicious breakfast eats, including such items as a breakfast calzone and a fresh fruit Colorado-style crepe. Exquisite sandwiches, homemade soups, and healthy wraps are served up all day. The evening will bring cheese and chocolate fondues, yummy desserts, and wine and cordials. Weekends will offer extra special treats such as live jazz in the evenings, and brunch. Coffee - eats - sweets - wine - jazz... *aaahhhhhh*, **BLISS!** Bliss Café is located at 7501 Grandview Avenue.

La Dolce Vita, Olde Town's local coffee shop is now operating under new management. New owners Don and Linda Carver are longtime residents of the area, and have made arrangements to keep the store operating at its current


location at 5756 Olde Wadsworth Boulevard. La Dolce Vita was temporarily closed during a renovation that included replacement of floors, carpeting, and seating. In addition, a new espresso machine has been installed along with brewers, coffee grinders, and kitchen equipment. Staff is receiving barista training on the latest techniques for preparing the finest quality coffees and drinks. Plans are underway to expand the menu with new gourmet sandwiches, salads, and deserts, along with pastries, rolls, and coffee cakes that are baked fresh every morning. The facility's meeting room remains available for groups, and evening entertainment is scheduled to continue on Friday and Saturday nights. Additional furnishings and antiques are being acquired for the store, and future plans are underway for additional facility renovations. All of us at La Dolce Vita are extremely grateful for the community support shared over the previous months during the transition as we look forward to achieving our goal of being the best coffee house in the Arvada community.

The new Olde Town Library at the corner of W. 57th Avenue and Webster Street is a dynamic, resource-rich, downtown destination. Handicapped parking can be found on the library's new lot and more parking is available across the street. 

Construction Begins at Grandview Plaza and Reno Place

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on August 31 to celebrate the beginning of construction of Grandview Plaza and Reno Place. The developer, Landon Enterprises, will construct three two-story buildings with retail/ restaurants on the ground floor and

office space on the second for a total of 38,000 square feet. The construction is occurring on both the southwest and northwest corners of Grandview Avenue and Olde Wadsworth Boulevard. These new developments in the heart of Olde Town will feature a large outdoor plaza,

brick construction, upscale architecture, and 100 parking spaces, and represent one of the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority's final projects in the revitalization of Olde Town Arvada. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2007. 



Grand Opening of Arvada Center Expansion Scheduled for November 5

Since the 1992 expansion of the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, attendance has increased by 100 percent. Annual attendance now exceeds 350,000 visitors.

Following a study in 2001 that determined the Arvada Center had reached its logical operating capacity, a Master Plan was developed to address future expansion needs. On March 20, 2006 construction began on Phase I of the overall Expansion Master Plan. The project is scheduled for completion on November 5,



to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Arvada Center. Patrons will benefit from 19,000 square feet of new space including:

- A black box theater with 200-seat capacity.
- A new performing arts scene shop.
- A new stage for the main stage theater.

- Additional collection storage and workshop space for the Gallery/History Museum.
- Expanded exhibition space as well as a new multi-purpose room for the Gallery/History Museum.
- Conversion of existing space on the first level to a women's restroom, bridal space, and banquets storage.
- Refurbishment of the existing banquet facility, including new walls, carpet, and paint.
- A new 2,300 square-foot ballroom.
- Ceramics studio renovations and a new classroom to replace the classroom lost by the ballroom expansion.


Funding for the current expansion project has come from several sources, including a one-time capital improvement allocation from the City of Arvada, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Advocate Homes, and Village Homes. Designed by Fentress Bradburn Architects Ltd., the project is being constructed by Saunders Construction Inc.

Despite some occasional rumbles and a contingent of construction workers, activities at the Center have proceeded as scheduled.

November 5 Grand Opening

As the construction continues at a quick pace, the countdown to the November 5 Grand Opening of the new and improved Arvada Center has begun. This highly-anticipated event, in conjunction with the Center's 30th Anniversary Celebration, will feature a variety of activities, including performances, an ice-carving contest, tours of the new theater, and hands-on activities. And no celebration would be complete without birthday cake!



For more information about the expansion project, including photos chronicling the construction progress and the November 5 Grand Opening celebration, visit the Arvada Center's blog at insidearvadacenter.org, or check out the Center's website at arvadacenter.org 

Indiana Shops Expansion Nearly Complete


The City of Arvada "Indiana Shops," located at 6701 Indiana Street, was originally constructed in 1975 and includes the divisions of Fleet Maintenance and Water Transmission and Distribution. The building has had minimal modifications over the years; even the red, white, and blue interior paint remains a reminder of the nation's 1976 Bicentennial. As City services have expanded over the last 30 years, the Indiana Shops became cramped and inefficient.

The City's 2005-2006 budget allocated \$5,614,000 towards improving and expanding the facility. Construction began in January of 2006; completion is anticipated by the end of October of 2006. Features include:

- New space for the traffic sign shop.
- Storage and cleaning area for the City's road paint-stripping truck.

- Adequate storage space for signs and signage manufacturing materials.
- Expanded storage for park maintenance equipment.
- Office area for parks maintenance crew and supervisors.
- Parking and working bays for street sweepers and snow plows.
- A small breakroom for snowplow drivers to use during night-time duties.

- Ecologically sound washdown areas for both lawn-mowing equipment and street sweepers.
- A welding shop providing adequate working room and meeting OSHA ventilation requirements.
- The remodeled original building now provides an expanded work area for the Water Department.
- Parts storage relocation from the second floor to the ground floor, improving efficiency of the municipal water system maintenance process.
- Conference and training room for the Water Department.
- Map storage and work room.

The new building also includes a lunch/meeting room which will be available to the public for meetings. This room will also serve as a backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the City in the event of an emergency. 



Squirrels: Cute....or Nuisance?

The City of Arvada, not unlike most urban cities in Colorado, has a diverse population of wildlife. Arvada is home to raccoons, beavers, coyotes, skunks, bats, woodpeckers, snakes, fox, and many other species. Conflict usually occurs when wildlife causes damage to property, or makes its home to close to human habitation.

Perhaps our most ubiquitous “co-habitant” is the squirrel. Some people view squirrels as adorable creatures. Others view them as destructive rats with fluffy tails.

Squirrel Facts

- Size: 15 to 25 ounces, and seven to 12 inches in length.
- Range: one to seven acres.
- Life span: one to three years.
- Breeding: Squirrels have two litters per year, one in the spring (February to April depending upon temperatures) and one in the fall (July to September).
- Food source: nuts, plant seeds, fruit, flowers, bulbs, mushrooms, tree bark, and some animal matter.
- Squirrels are attracted by birdseed, water, pet food, shelter, bulbs, flowers, deciduous trees, plant seeds, berries, and fruits.
- Squirrels can cause damage to vegetation, but they can also be very beneficial as natural tree trimmers. They prune branches and twigs when feeding and making nests which promotes vegetation growth.

Squirrels in the House

- Females often enter buildings to build a nest. Needing an opening only 1.5 inches in diameter, squirrels invariably find an entrance high on a structure and exploit an existing hole. A homeowner’s first sign of squirrel presence is usually the sound of scampering in the attic.
- Thoroughly inspect inside and outside of the attic to find an opening, and try to locate presence of babies. If no young are present, try to frighten the adult out by banging rafters and wait until all have left, usually during the day. If young are present it is best to wait until they are able to leave by themselves (usually only six to eight weeks).
- Seal up the opening and any weak spots with ½ inch wire or sheet

metal. Extend metal six inches beyond opening to prevent gnawing by squirrels.

- If you discover a squirrel in a fireplace, close the damper immediately. Then, open the doors or screen slightly and use a hand-held fishing net to capture the squirrel. Cover the net opening with a board and take the animal outside for release.
- When handling any wild animal, use caution and appropriate protection, such as heavy gloves.


Keeping Squirrels Away From Plants and Trees

- Plant bulbs in a coating of cayenne pepper.
- Spray squirrel repellent directly on plants.
- Place a two-foot band of sheet metal (forming a cone, large opening downwards) around the trunk approximately six feet off the ground. (For this to be effective, the tree needs to be at least ten feet from other trees.)

Solutions to Reducing Squirrels

- Any habitat-altering methods must be employed consistently for two weeks and monitored closely. If you are not consistent, they will become more aggressive and persistent. The best method to prevent problems with squirrels is to alter their habitat. Persistence and multiple controls work best.
- Squirrel deterrents include rags soaked in ammonia and socks filled with mothballs. Remember: mothballs are toxic when ingested. Children’s curiosity and birds’ lack of smell can increase their chances of ingesting mothballs. Children and birds should not have access to the mothball-filled socks.
- Mix a small bottle of hot pepper sauce with a gallon of water and a teaspoon of mild liquid detergent such as dishwashing detergent. Spray on plants or anything that you

would like to protect from squirrels, until a permanent exclusion of welded wire or hardware cloth can be applied.

- Place bird feeders on a tall pipe so squirrels cannot reach them, or hang them from a horizontal wire that is protected by loose sleeves of small diameter smooth metal pipe. If the swiveling pipe sections are 28 inches or longer, most squirrels cannot jump across. Cayenne pepper may be added to the bird seed; this will deter squirrels and not affect birds.
- Avoid using live traps to relocate squirrels. Relocating individual squirrels away from their home range, without altering the habitat, is merely a short-term solution. Relocating animals will cause more long-term problems for the homeowner by actually increasing the local population. By removing existing squirrels you invite others to come in and compete for the new resources created by the available territory, resulting in more squirrels than you had before in a relatively short period of time. Due to increased resources, litter size tends to increase as well since squirrels can breed twice a year. If a squirrel is removed from a habitat, other types of animals requiring the same resources as squirrels (for example, rats and mice) may increase to take advantage of the increased food/resource availability. 



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Arvada Fire Protection District Progress Report

BY CHIEF PAUL DEXTRAS

Since voter approval of a mill levy increase last November, the Arvada Fire Protection District (AFPD) has been working diligently to meet the many benchmarks associated with this funding source.

The AFPD has contracted for the architectural design of two new fire stations as well as an addition to Station #2 located at 12195 W. 52nd Avenue. We plan to utilize the same design for both new fire stations at W. 64th Avenue and Quaker Street, and W. 80th Avenue and Alkire Street, resulting in cost savings.

The next step includes the development of schematic designs to be used in conjunction with public meetings. Information may be obtained at www.arvadafire.com or by calling the AFPD administrative offices.

The AFPD expects to begin the construction phase of the fire stations in early spring with an anticipated occupancy in late 2007. These fire stations, located in the west geographical area of the District, will reduce response times while enhancing the overall response coverage of the District.

A new Pierce fire engine is being constructed with an expected delivery date of December, 2006. A formal apparatus replacement program has been established with annual budget allocations for the future replacement of vehicles as well as the purchase of tools and

equipment, communications equipment, and future facilities necessary to meet the growing demand for service from the Arvada Fire Protection District.

The District has submitted proposals for a number of grants for vehicles, personnel, and public education material. A Fire Act grant was submitted for a brush truck to improve the District's ability to deal with open space fires. Application was made for a SAFER grant to help offset the costs associated with hiring additional personnel. Another grant under preparation requests equipment to enhance our public education program. These grants are subject to a competitive process but have the potential of significant savings for the District.

Citizens and civic groups are encouraged to learn more about the Arvada Fire Protection District through our speaker bureau or by calling the District administrative offices at **303-424-3012. !**



Ask the Chief

BY CHIEF PAUL DEXTRAS

Q: *When will we see results of the approved mill levy?*

A: The increase of funds to the Arvada Fire Protection District will result in the renovation of an existing fire station and construction of two new fire stations with occupancy in 2007. A replacement fire engine is currently under construction with a delivery date in December, 2006.

Q: *Will there be additional firefighters hired in the future?*

A: As promised, the District will be hiring 18 new firefighters. We have applied for a grant to help offset this cost. As soon as we know the disposition of the grant, we will hire the first nine. With Board approval, the second nine will be hired when the budget and possible future grants support this increase in staffing.

Q: *I heard the Fire District is moving the administrative offices to the old library. Is this true?*

A: The AFD has outgrown the limited office space currently occupying the second floor of Station Six. The old library at W. 57th Avenue and Dover Street is only one option under consideration; however, public access and the proximity to Arvada City Hall make this a very attractive option.

Q: *Does the AFD still have volunteers?*

A: Yes we do, but we call the majority of our volunteer members Reserve Firefighters. We try to maintain staffing of approximately 80-100 reserve personnel who work directly with the paid career members of the District on a daily basis. The volunteer and reserve members contribute approximately 8,000 hours of volunteer service each quarter. !

Arvada Fire Celebrates Fire Prevention Week

“PREVENT COOKING FIRES: WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT”

“**P**revent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat”—that’s the message of this year’s Fire Prevention Week. From October 8-14, the Arvada Fire Protection District will be spreading the word that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home, and teaching families and kids how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place.

Why is the kitchen such a danger zone? Too often people fail to pay attention to what’s cooking, and the consequences can be far worse than burned food. Like any home fire, cooking fires spread quickly, leaving you just minutes to escape safely. Follow these tips for safer cooking:

Stand By Your Pan!

- Most fires in the kitchen occur because cooking is left unattended. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.

No Kids Allowed!

- Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a “kid-free zone” of three feet around the stove.
- When young children are in the home, use the stove’s back burners whenever possible, and turn pot handles back to reduce the risk that pots with hot contents will be knocked over.
- Never hold a small child while cooking.

Keep it Clean!

- Keep anything that can catch| fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains—away from your stove top.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

Microwave with Care!

- Plug the microwave oven directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a microwave as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Use only microwave-safe containers to heat food.
- Allow food to cool for a minute or more before you remove it from the microwave.
- Open microwaved containers slowly as hot steam escaping from the containers can cause painful burns. Be sure to let food and liquid cool before eating.
- Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven. They can cause a fire or burn hazard and damage the oven. !

Kitchen Fires 101

While the following tips can help you put out a small kitchen fire, never forget how dangerous fire can be. If you are unable to put out the fire, get out of the home and call the fire department. When in doubt, get out!

- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you’re cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, don’t remove the lid until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.
- Keep an ABC fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of an emergency. Make sure that you know how it works before an emergency occurs. !

Planning to Survive: Business in a Pandemic Flu Environment

BY JIM LANCY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Ah, fall. Hard to think about the flu season being right around the corner with the beautiful weather, the chirping birds....right, the birds.

Will the 2006-2007 flu season be the harbinger of a much more deadly "bird flu" – H5N1? Not likely, but the threat of a pandemic of some sort will always be with us and the current Avian Influenza remains a threat. The World Health Organization (WHO) predicts that a flu pandemic would have a severe worldwide economic impact. Is your business taking steps to insure that your company will survive this threat?

The Association of Contingency Planners whitepaper *Banks and Avian Flu: Planning for a Possible Pandemic* by Dr. Patrick McConnell makes the following points:

- Normal business disaster planning anticipates a disruption of infrastructure, communication, and supply/distribution chains usually necessitating a concentration of the workforce. This is exactly the **WRONG** thing to do in a pandemic flu environment. Planning should address telecommuting and decentralized decision making.
- Plans should anticipate as much as a 50% decrease in staff. Not only will your employees get sick, but many may stay home to care for sick children and other family members. Consider modifications to how you will staff your business and what functions can be postponed or eliminated.
- Most disaster plans anticipate a brief event followed by a protracted recovery period. A pandemic flu may impact our communities for a year...or longer. Planning should be long term and the impact on suppliers and distributor must be considered.
- By definition, a pandemic is worldwide. Larger, international companies may suffer the greatest impact due to highly automated "just in time" supply/distribution systems and the outsourcing of critical functions, making these companies especially vulnerable.

Dr. McConnell recommends that the following first steps be taken to build pandemic flu plans:

- Involve your governance board and include pandemic flu planning on every board meeting agenda.
- Identify key risks – processes, systems, and people.
- Develop redundant systems for communications throughout the company and with your suppliers and customers.
- Explore telecommuting options.
- **Begin planning NOW!**

The City of Arvada and the Arvada Fire Protection District began developing a "Continuity of Service Plan" last year, actively addressing staffing issues throughout the City and the District. Our goal is to be able to provide services to the citizens of Arvada in as normal a fashion as possible with diminished staff.

No one knows if we will face a "bird flu" pandemic. No one knows how severe a pandemic might be, who might get sick, or how long it would last. We do know that planning for disasters equates to time and money well-spent.

More information about business planning in a pandemic flu environment can be found at the following web sites:
www.pandemicflu.gov (official U.S. Government site with general information about flu planning)
www.crmc-acp.org/pandemic.htm (Colorado Association of Contingency Planners)
www.acp-international.com/pandemic.html (International Association of Contingency Planners)
www.co.jefferson.co.us/health/index.htm (Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment)
www.arvada.org (City of Arvada web site)

You can also contact your local emergency manager. In Arvada, that's me: Jim Lancy, **720-898-7510** or at **jlancy@arvada.org !**

Helpful Fall Safety Tips

BY CHIEF PAUL DEXTRAS

As leaves start to change colors and find their way onto your lawn, be sure to remove any clutter in your gutters and surrounding your home. Piles of wood or leaves can pose a fire hazard if not disposed of with care.

Don't forget to change the battery in each of your smoke detectors every six months. A rule of thumb we use at the fire stations is: "change your clock; change your battery" with Daylight Savings Time.

Fall decorations tend to be comprised of dried leaves, grass, wheat, and vegetables. Be sure to keep these separate from candles or any other heat source such as the fireplace, stove, space heater, etc.

Review EDITH (Exit Drills in the Home) practices with your family, focusing on two ways out of every room and a meeting place outside.

Parents:

- Review **STOP, DROP, & ROLL** with your children.
- Emphasize the use of **9-1-1** in emergency situations. Remind your children that it is a free phone call from every phone –even a pay phone.
- If your children are going trick-or-treating this Halloween, be sure they are wearing bright, visible costumes or have reflectors on their costumes. Inspect all candy your children have collected. Review first-aid skills such as the Heimlich Maneuver and CPR for children. Use a votive candle in a cup or even a small flashlight in your Jack-O-Lantern instead of a regular candle.

Have a very fun and safe fall season! !



Radio Communications Interoperability

BY CHIEF PAUL DEXTRAS

A leading concern during emergency operations is the ability of emergency agency or multiple agency personnel to communicate with each other. The many and varied police, fire, and emergency medical services must be interactive in order to successfully relay information for which they are responsible to the incident commander as well as all on-scene units.

The Arvada Fire Protection District is currently on an antiquated UHF radio frequency that is not compatible with the majority of other emergency service providers in the Denver metropolitan area. To address this problem, the

AFPD has been competing for Federal grant funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to help offset the cost of the transition to a compatible system. The cost has been estimated at \$800,000.

As with all grants, this is a competitive process with the demand for requests far higher than the allocated grant funds. If our grant applications are not successful, a long-term annual budget allocation

will be set aside for purchase of this equipment. We are very hopeful that the available grant funds will be approved for the AFPD in order to make this vital transition within a short period of time. !



Colorado Army National Guards Trains at Arvada Fire

On Friday, August 18 the Arvada Fire Protection District was honored to host training for the Colorado Army National Guard. Members of the C-Battery, 1st Battalion of the 157th Field Artillery went through a full day of fire training. Soldiers learned how to use extrication tools, fight burning liquid fires, crawl through a maze without being able to see and with a SCBA bottle on their back, and how to move a large diameter attack line. They were training to learn how best to accomplish their disaster service support and search and rescue rolls.

Each soldier was issued a full set of fire department protective clothing including helmet, boots, and gloves. They then broke up into small groups and completed several tasks. One group worked with firefighters on how to open up a vehicle that had been damaged, using the extrication tools commonly referred to as the "jaws of life." Another group learned how to extinguish a flammable liquid fire in a four-foot by eight-foot pit, and how to

maneuver the large two and one-half inch attack line. The final group worked in the Arvada Fire Protection District "Burn Building" to conduct a search and rescue mission without being able to see. They then moved to the SCBA maze building and learned how to maneuver through obstacles while wearing the SCBA bottles. Then each group switched until they had the opportunity to complete all stations.

The day ended when the soldiers split into two groups: non-commissioned officers versus the enlisted ranks and commissioned officers. An inner tube was



placed between the two groups; the first group to get the inner tube past the other group's goal using only hose streams won the competition. Through innovative tactics, and a little creative rule interpretation, the non-commissioned officers came out on top!

The National Guardsmen put their heart into the training, and "did their unit proud." The AFPD would like to thank them for their courage, their dedication, and their willingness to be involved.

Special thanks go out to our instructors: Captain Mike Piper, Lieutenants Tim McChesney and Clay Steward, and Firefighters Dan Snyder, Todd Sassen, Travis Fox, Sam Laurent, Jim Reichard, and Pat Espinosa. !





MAJESTIC VIEW NATURE CENTER

720-898-7405
www.arvada.org/nature

Majestic View Nature Center is located at 7030 Garrison Street. Through May of 2007, 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**.

North American Animals: New!
Creatures large and small roam our continent. Learn about some of them through a presentation and artifacts, and then draw your favorite mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, or bird with guidance from instructor/artist David Sullivan. Designed for families with kids ages 6 and over and individuals that have an interest in animals!

- October 18, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. \$3/person.

**Nature Adventures:
A Parent/Child Program**

Nature activities, stories, and games! Different topics each month. Call five days in advance to reserve a spot. Ages 4 - 6 and parents.

- October 21, 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. No fee.
- November 18, 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. No fee.

The Wonderful World of Bats!

Join Dr. Rick Adams, foremost authority on bats in the country, for a fascinating program on the hidden world of bats. Learn facts about bat biology, ecology, and behavior. See bat artifacts up close. After the program, go outside and listen for bats via a bat detector. Register by October 20. Ages 9 - adult (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult).

- October 24, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$3/adult, \$2/child.

Viewing the Night Sky

Members of the Denver Astronomical Society present another fascinating evening under the stars. View a presentation on our universe and then go outside (clear skies permitting) to view a myriad of celestial bodies, including Jupiter,

with large telescopes. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them. Register by October 27. Ages 9 - adult (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult).

- November 1, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. \$3/person.



**Majestic View Travel Series:
Way Down Under!**

Journey to the depths of the southern hemisphere to discover the rich landscapes and wildlife of South America, the Antarctic, and the Falkland Islands. See icebergs, penguins, seals, and sea birds of the Antarctic. View fur seals, southern elephant seals, arctic terns, and albatrosses. A digital slide show will be presented by Bob Barber, professional outdoor photographer. Register by November 10. Ages 10 - adult (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult).

- November 14, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. \$3/adult, \$2/child.

**Mad Science Winter Break
Day Camp 1:**

Survival! Predators and Prey

Which will you be? How do animals big and small adapt to life here on earth? Ages 6-12.

- December 28, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$55 if registered by December 16; \$60 thereafter.

**Mad Science Winter Break
Day Camp 2:**

Lights, Camera, Action!

Learn about photography, movie making, and see how nature is captured on film. Ages 6 - 12.

- January 4, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$55 if registered by December 16; \$60 thereafter.

Community Outreach—Scouts, Seniors, Pre-school, Church Groups

The Center offers a variety of environmental programs that can be presented at your site or ours and adapted for different ages and groups sizes. Examples include many school topics, Endangered Species, Animals and Art, Birding, and more.

**School Field Trips:
Elementary Exploration**

The Nature Center offers FUN environmental education programs that meet Jeffco Science Standards. Students rotate through stations and participate in hands-on activities.

- **Pre-K:** Butterflies!, How do Plants Grow?, My Five Senses
- **1st-2nd:** What Makes a Bird a Bird?, Amphibians and Reptiles, Fascinating Fish Facts, Meet a Mammal
- **3rd:** Incredible Insects! (Available Fall 2007)
- **4th - 6th:** Exhibits, Mammals Study, Wetland Experience, and Prairie/Nature Trail



Elementary Exploration is offered weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and can accommodate up to 60 students per program. The cost is \$3.50 per student.

**Elementary Outreach:
Water Wise! School Program
and Contest**

Arvada 5th grade teachers...Add some pizzazz to some of the water concepts covered in your science units by signing up for the WaterWise! Program and Contest. Topics include: the importance of water, the water cycle, the amount of water actually available for human use, Arvada resident water use, where Arvada's water comes from, the importance of conserving water, and more! Students also conduct a 12-day water conservation contest at home. This program is sponsored by the Nature Center and the City of Arvada Utilities Department.

New Pronghorn Exhibit

Get an up-close and personal view of this amazing prairie animal that once roamed what is now Arvada. This exhibit was made possible due to the generous donation of Donna Weiss.

Park Advisory Committee Looking For Park Histories

The Arvada Park Advisory Committee (APAC) is documenting the history of Arvada's 61-plus parks. APAC Jean Scharfenberg, Dave Giddings, Steve Lichon, and Bill Orchard serve on the sub-committee charged with this task. Their objectives are as follows:

- Research the name of each City park, trail, or open space area by searching websites, Arvada history books, the Arvada Historical Society archives, and personal interviews.
- Summarize the information for each.

- Provide information for use on the City's website.
- Display information at each City park, trail, or open space.

Two examples of their efforts are as follows:

Ralston Cove Park



This park was formerly known as "Safeway Park," but the name

was changed to Ralston Cove Park. It is located south of Brooks Drive from Garrison Street west to W. 59th Place along Ralston Creek. The Student Council at Fitzmorris Elementary School selected six final names from those submitted. Students voted for their favorite name. "Ralston Cove Park," suggested by fifth grader Wesley Copen, became the name of the enlarged park. It was built primarily with Open Space funds and was dedicated on June 18, 1984.


The APAC subcommittee is looking for information on several parks, in particular Melody Park (W. 74th Avenue and Alkire Street), Bridgeside Park (W. 59th Avenue and Routt Street), and Independence Park (W. 66th Avenue and Oberon).

West Woods Park



Located at Quaker Street and West Woods Circle and dedicated in 1994, it was

named for the subdivision in which it is located. The subdivision is named for Leander Ryan West. He emigrated from Canada to Ralston Creek and purchased 80 acres in 1872. A new house was completed for the family in 1883 at 7000 Indiana Street. Leander planted half of his acreage in apple trees and later served as a Colorado State Senator from 1896-1902.

Anyone with information on these or any other parks, trails, or open space areas are encouraged to contact the committee through the Parks, Golf, and Hospitality Department at **720-898-7403**. 


Nominations Sought for Man, Woman, Business of Year

Nominations for the 2006 Arvada Man/Woman and Business of the Year are being accepted by the Awards Committee of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Chamber, in conjunction with the *Arvada Press*, recognizes individuals who have made a difference in the community.

The Man and Woman of the Year recipients should be residents of the Arvada area, have made a difference in the community, and are not currently holding public office.

The Small Business recipient should be a member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, in business for five or more years, and has made a difference in the community.

Nominations are being accepted until December 2, 2006 and can be dropped off or mailed to the Chamber Office, 7305 Grandview Avenue, Arvada, 80002. The awards will be presented at the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Annual dinner to be held January 26, 2007. For additional information, or for nomination forms, contact the Chamber Office, **303-424-0313**. 

October 31 Deadline Approaching for 2006 Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The City of Arvada is once again offering a tax or rent rebate for qualifying Arvada citizens. The Program runs from May 1 through October 31 of each year.

The rebate applies to a portion of property tax or rent paid in the prior year.


There are four categories for qualification:

1. Senior Citizens: age 65 by December 31, 2006.
2. Single Persons: between 55 and 65 by December 31, 2006.
3. Disabled persons.
4. Single head of household with dependent children.

The income limits are adjusted annually to comply with the low-income category established by Housing and Urban Development. For

2005, the income limitations are \$25,100 for single applicants and \$28,650 for married persons. This amount includes all income sources including Social Security. Documentation must be provided each year for all income sources as well as the rent or property tax payments.

The rebate consists of two percent of the total 2005 rent paid, or the Arvada portion of the 2005 property tax on the residence of the applicant, up to a maximum of \$60 per household. In addition, there is a \$25 rebate per person on food tax.

All applications and documentation must be received by the October 31 deadline. For more information please contact Debby Hall in the Tax and Audit Division at **720-898-7109**. 

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



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News-worthy Notes

Annual Business Appreciation Event



The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) and City of Arvada hosted the 12th Annual Business Appreciation event on September 15. The theme was "Festival of Nations," which focused on celebrating the many different cultures working within the

Arvada business community. The event was orchestrated to acknowledge the value of Arvada businesses, offer participants the opportunity to meet new business contacts, and connect with other business leaders. AEDA President Alan Parker and Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Azari presented 11 awards to Arvada's outstanding businesses for 2006. Awards were based on community involvement, capital investment, employment, and overall commitment to the community. About 200 Arvada-based business leaders and their guests attended the event.

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award



Joe Jehn

Joe Jehn of Jehn Engineering was presented with the prestigious Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. The annual award was established in 1998 to honor an individual whose traits and character typify an exemplary entrepreneur. Joe Jehn started his business in 1982, when he cleared his dining room table, and launched his engineering firm. He has been in Arvada for the last 20 years and operates a full-service engineering firm located at 5855 Wadsworth By-Pass, Bldg. A #100. The company is now

licensed in 35 states and Canada with offices in Arvada, California, Weld County, and soon, the Western Slope of Colorado. Projects included the West Woods Golf Course infrastructure, as well as many local and award-winning commercial development projects. Joe has served on multiple community boards including the Jefferson County Board of Health, Transportation Commission for Colorado, and the foundation for Jefferson County Open Space. Employees are also involved in various activities including blood drives, little league, Habitat for Humanity, and other community projects – to name a few. For these and many other reasons, Joe Jehn was selected to receive this honor.

Two Surprise Awards



Alan Parker, Steve Camins, and Aaron Azari

Steve Camins of Financial Dimensions and John Boettiger of Professional Accounting and Tax Services received special recognition for their significant community involvement and innovation to grow local businesses. John Boettiger is chairman of the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority and Steve Camins is president of the Arvada Enterprise Center (AEC), as well as a board member of the Arvada Economic



John Boettiger

Development Association. Together they were the catalyst in forming the Arvada Enterprise Center in the year 2000. Initially intended as a business incubator, the AEC concept has grown from an idea into a partnership with Jefferson County Business Resource Center (JCBRC). In addition, AEC offers complementary programs and services to those interested in starting or expanding their business in our community. Denise Stephens, Director of JCBRC stated, "The Arvada Enterprise Center has been instrumental in creating this countywide partnership, developing the framework of JCBRC, and continues to be an involved partner."

Outstanding Arvada Business Awards for 2006



Alan Parker, Graham DeWitt, and Aaron Azari

Advocate Homes was recognized for its significant financial and personal contributions to the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. Among other things, Graham DeWitt of Advocate Homes serves on the Arvada Center Advisory Board and assisted in the planning process for the expansion currently underway. The business is located at 5855 Wadsworth ByPass.



Jim Gibson

Arvada Villa Pizzeria at 9609 W. 57th Place has been quietly involved in the community for about 40 years. For many young people in our community, this was their first employer. What these students received was more than a job. Through this business' influence, they learned lifetime business skills and what it means to be good, productive citizens. The business also contributes to local youth activities.



Wyatt Bumford
and Rusty Partch

Chipotle Mexican Grill was nominated for its generous contributions to many local organizations, especially area schools. From the day it opened its doors at 12550 W. 64th Avenue, it became involved with the community and surrounding neighborhood. Further, the business significantly invested in a vacant and dated building, renovated it, and quickly became known for its giving spirit.



Dennis Culligan

Culligan Construction has literally restored much of Arvada's history. Dennis Culligan is well known for his tireless research and commitment to quality historic building restoration in and for Historic Olde Town Arvada. Once he takes on a project, it becomes his own and he remains involved – even after completion. Located at 7507 Grandview Avenue, Dennis is often seen with his neighbors in Olde Town.



Alan Parker, Virginia Nigg,
Teresa McCubbin,
June MacLennan,
and Aaron Azari

Curves for Women (two locations in Arvada) was nominated by the Arvada Food Bank as one of its most generous private-sector contributors in our community. The two business locations (7705 Wadsworth Boulevard #E and 6480 Ward Road) provide between \$5,000 - \$10,000 in donations annually. Arvada is grateful to businesses like Curves that support such an important endeavor in our City.



Connie Cameron

ProtoMED, Inc. is an extraordinary company generously giving of its time, talents, and products to people of the world. The company, located at 5310 Ward Road #G07, crafts anatomical models used to plan and formulate reconstructive surgeries, among other things. Working with Children's Hospital, CSU Veterinary Hospital, as well as

individuals of Haiti, Peru, and Iraq, the company improves the quality of life for many.



Alan Parker, Terri Shaw,
and Aaron Azari

The Duck Company is a new manufacturer that brought over 100 new primary jobs to Arvada in the past year – and they're here to stay. The business purchased a dated building in southeast Arvada, then financially and personally invested time and money to renovate the building at 5601 Gray Street. The company designs and manufactures specialized t-shirts and ships them all over the world.



Doug Ostrander

Doug Ostrander, former owner of La Dolce Vita, was an important and noteworthy contributor to the revitalization efforts in Historic Olde Town Arvada. Therefore, a special certificate of appreciation was presented to his family during the event and a memorial brick will be placed in his honor in Olde Town. Mayor Fellman noted during the memorial service for Doug, "If every citizen gave back to the community just half of what Doug did, this would be an even greater community."

We are pleased that Don and Linda Carver acquired the business and plan to keep one of our favorite, locally-owned coffee shops open.

Other Newsworthy Notes



Rich Hawkins

Rich Hawkins, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Education Center (RMEC) at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC), is the newest member of the AEDA and AEC boards of directors. In his role at Red Rocks, he directs all activities of the OSHA Training Institute, Colorado Environmental Training Center, and Red Rocks Training Institute. Rich oversees a majority of the continuing education programs for the college including: workforce development,

business and industry customized training, and Colorado First and Existing Industry grant administration. Under Rich's leadership, RMEC has trained over 40,000 adult safety professionals. He has designed and implemented over 50 environmental, health, and safety courses; 20 DOL, OSHA courses; and three specialist certificate programs that have been approved and certified by the Colorado State Board of Education. His wealth of knowledge and experience will be a tremendous asset to the AEDA and AEC Boards.

AEDA Business Survey Results

Several months ago, AEDA distributed business surveys to over 650 Arvada businesses; 92 were returned (14% return). Responding businesses represented a cross-section of industry sectors including: construction, entertainment, finance/insurance, healthcare, manufacturing, real estate, retail, and others. Respondents varied from being in business from six months to 161 years, and from self-employed to 500 employees. It was encouraging that 97% of the businesses indicated that company sales were stable or increasing, with 54% expecting to expand in the next three years. The top issues affecting businesses were 1) employee compensation, 2) healthcare costs, 3) workforce issues, 4) capital availability, and 5) energy costs. Generally, businesses rated the quality of water, safety, and crime control with the best marks. Results also indicated that a number of businesses were not familiar with the services provided through AEDA. We intend to continually strive in our outreach efforts to inform businesses about the products and services available to them at low or no cost. More survey details are available by contacting the AEDA office at **720-898-7010**.

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Remember to post job openings on JobLINK. It is a free service to Arvada businesses and citizens seeking employment. Entry level to highly-specialized job opportunities are now online. Keyword searchable resumes can also help employers find the right match for open positions. Check it out today! www.arvadajoblink.com

New Arvada Businesses

To find products and services offered by new and existing businesses, go to www.aeda.biz business listing.

Bliss Café is now open at 7501 Grandview Avenue in Olde Town.

Center for Healing and Change located to 16205 W. 64th Avenue, #200. The business specializes in stress management, healing, and support.

Colorado Saddlery Company located from Denver to 5295 Vance Street.

Complete Business Solutions located to a 19,000 sq. ft. building at 5195 Marshall Street. The business sells and services office equipment.

Creative Cabinet Solutions located to 7705 Wadsworth Boulevard, Unit H. The business offers "designed cabinets for every solution."

Elizabeth's Fine Catering, LLC leased space at 6381 W. 56th Avenue.

Floor & Décor plans to locate to 58,184 sq. ft. at 7360 W. 52nd Avenue (Arvada Marketplace Shopping Center).

Game Xchange is located at 12378 W. 64th Avenue and specializes in video games and DVDs.

Guaranty Bank held its grand opening at 5025 Kipling Street.

Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN) for the Arvada Clinic held its grand opening in August at 11005 Ralston Road, Unit #100-G. The business specializes in health care services for uninsured persons.

Penzey's Spices plans to open a 2,450 sq. ft. store at 7511 Grandview Avenue in Olde Town.

Rocky Mountain Commissary leased 12,000 sq. ft. at 5604 Kendall Court, Unit E.

Rose Weaving Gallery & Studio located to 7508 Grandview Avenue in Olde Town and specializes in handwoven fiber art.

Starbucks plans to open a new 1,768 sq. ft. store at 9901 W. 58th Avenue (northeast corner of W. 58th Avenue and Kipling Street).

Stephany's Chocolates opened at 6770 W. 52nd Avenue under the ownership of Enstroms Chocolates. Welcome back!

T-N-T Vending is a home-based business offering vending services.

With the Wadsworth Grandview Grade Separation project underway soon, Dr. Galen L. Callendar has relocated to 7207 Grandview Avenue. Goodberry's Restaurant found a new location in Greeley, Colorado.



Soon, strange little creatures will be roaming the neighborhoods. Remember to shop for Trick-or-Treats goodies or fun, fall costumes at your neighborhood stores. While you're out, enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner at one of the many new and existing restaurants nearby. Remember: these businesses support community activities, fund public services that you enjoy every day, and appreciate your continued patronage.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



OCTOBER

- 14** Festival of Scarecrows
Olde Town Arvada
- 16** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 17** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 17** Premiere, *Over the Tavern*
Arvada Center
- 19** *Music with a View: Perry*
Wiessman 3, 7:00 p.m.
Arvada Center
- 20** Arvada Chamber of Commerce
Issues Breakfast, 7:15 a.m.
Indian Tree Restaurant. Non-mem-
bers welcome. Call **303-424-0313**
to RSVP.
- 23** Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 26** *Music with a View: Old Friends*
Cello Quartet, 7:00 p.m.
Arvada Center

NOVEMBER

- 3** Round Table Issues Breakfast
Meeting, 7:00 a.m.

- 5** 30th Anniversary Celebration and
Grand Opening of the new and
improved Arvada Center
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Arvada Center
- 7** Election Day
- 12** Closing Celebration, *The Dog and*
Pony Show, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Arvada Center
- 13** Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 17** Arvada Chamber of Commerce
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- 20** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 21** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 23** Thanksgiving Day
Arvada City Hall Closed
- 24** Arvada City Hall Closed

- 24** 27th Annual Holiday Craft Fair,
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Arvada Center
- 25** 27th Annual Holiday Craft Fair,
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Arvada Center
- 27** Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

DECEMBER


- 1** Round Table Issues Breakfast
Meeting, 7:00 a.m.
American Legion Post 161,
W. 60th Avenue and Lamar Street.
Open to the Public.
- 4** Lagniappe
Olde Town Arvada
- 4** Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
- 7** Opening, 20th Annual Art Market
Arvada Center
- 9** Arvada Historical Society Open
House, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
McIlvoy House, 7307 Grandview
Avenue
- 11** Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

Mark Your Calendars for the 17th Annual Children's Charity Ball!

It may be months away, but it's never too soon to set aside February 24, 2007 for the 17th annual Children's Charity Ball! The 2007 theme is "Midnight Masquerade in Monte Carlo."

Since 1990, the annual Children's Charity Ball has raised over \$450,000

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@arvada.org 



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Arvada Center Happenings

Special Events

30th Anniversary Celebration and Grand Opening of the new and improved Arvada Center

This exciting event will feature an array of performances, an ice carving contest, tours of the new theater, hands-on activities, announcement of the public art winner and, of course, birthday cake!

November 5, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

27th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

November 24 and 25

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friends of the Center: **free admission**

General Public: **\$6 per person**

Free Parking

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the 27th annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Arvada Center, where over 150 artisans and crafters display unique, handmade gifts. The Holiday Craft Fair has something for everyone - art, crafts, and holiday items in all mediums, including glass art, needlework, paintings, jewelry, toys, woodwork, floral, ceramics, clothing, specialty food, photography, fiber, and much, much more. The Holiday Craft Fair is an honored tradition at the Arvada Center raising over \$70,000 annually to support arts experiences for the entire community.

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

In the Gallery

Closing celebration for The Dog and Pony Show

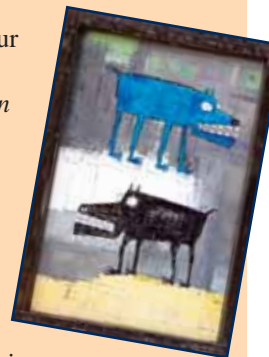
Join us for a tail-wagging good time at the closing party of *The Dog and Pony Show*. Enjoy cock-”tails” and “horse” d’oeuvres and view the show one last time.



November 12, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Silent Auction

Pony up and help your four-legged friends! Since June, *A Work in Progress: Dog and Pony Art from the Community* has been growing by leaps and bounds. See something you like? Here’s your chance to purchase original artwork created for the exhibition by bidding in our silent auction, starting November 1. All proceeds from sales will benefit the Table Mountain Animal Center, West Arvada Dog Park, and the Arvada Center Scholarship Fund. Help us raise awareness and funds for these valuable programs.



November 1- 12

On Stage



Over the Tavern

This amusing family story is set in Buffalo, New York during the idealized Eisenhower years of the late 1950s. The Pazinski family is unremarkable, but Rudy Pazinski is a precocious 12-year-old who pushes all the wrong buttons, questioning family values and the Roman Catholic Church. He believes God put us on earth to “have fun,” and he’s wondering why his family isn’t having any.

October 17 - November 12