Census 2010: Be Safe and Be Counted

The Federal government is conducting the 2010 Census, the once-a-decade count of every person living in the United States. Unfortunately, some criminals are attempting to impersonate Census workers, going door-to-door and asking for personal financial information to use in committing identity theft.

Census results help determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and to re-district state legislatures. The data is also used in allocating Federal funding for schools and other taxpayer-driven programs. So, participating in the Census and being counted is important, and is an investment you can make in your community.

By now you should have completed and returned your 2010 Census form. Beginning in late April, if you have not returned your Census form, a Census worker will visit your home and work with you to complete the form in person. This activity will continue through approximately July of 2010.

See page 2 for tips on what a Census worker WILL and WILL NOT do.

Celebrate Arvada’s Trails on June 5.
See story on page 7.

Annual Kids’ Fishing Tournament Coming on June 12! See page 27.

“Stamp Out” Hunger on May 8.
Postal service embarks on 17th year of collecting food donations for local food banks. See story on page 3.

The April/May issue of The Arvada Report features an eight-page insert sponsored by the Apex Park and Recreation District! See pages 13-20 for park and recreation events in the community.

April showers bring May flowers!
What Census Workers WILL and WILL NOT Do

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A Census Worker WILL:
- Conduct neighborhood visits mainly on evenings and weekends, when there is a better chance of finding folks at home.
- Wear a variety of clothing. There is no uniform.
- Carry informational literature from the U.S. Census Bureau in an official 2010 Census briefcase.
- Wear an identification badge with his/her name. You may ask for a photo ID to confirm his/her identity. If you are still not sure, you may call the U.S. Census Bureau’s regional office at 1-800-852-6159 to confirm.
- Use an official 10-question form.
- Ask about the number of people living in your home, their names, dates of birth, genders, and races.
- Ask if you own or rent your home.
- Ask for your phone number to clarify an incomplete answer if necessary.

A Census Worker WILL NOT:
- Enter your home under any circumstances. He or she will stand at the door to conduct all business.
- Threaten you with arrest if you refuse to participate.
- Call your home or mobile phone to conduct the 10-question interview.
- Ask for your Social Security number, bank account information, driver’s license information, or any personal financial information.
- Visit your household again after completing the 10-question interview. (You may be called to clarify an answer.)

Remember, you can expedite the process and avoid a visit from a Census representative by returning your form in the mail. To learn more visit www.2010census.gov.

Springtime Code Alert

Recreational Equipment
Recreational equipment/vehicles may not be parked or stored on any street, highway, or roadway for a period in excess of 72 hours within the City.

This includes boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, motorized dwellings, tent-trailers, and hauling trailers. The 72-hour period is intended to allow for loading and unloading purposes only.

Trash
Trash must be stored in a closed container, behind the front wall of the house.

Permits Required!
As you embark on spring construction projects, don’t forget that you may need a permit from the City. Some projects for which permits are required include (but are not limited to) fences, retaining walls over 30 inches, carports, garage additions, storage buildings (in excess of 120 square feet), pools, and hot tubs.

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Why Your Donation to Arvada Community Food Bank Matters

Imagine skipping a meal, even going the whole day without food because you are afraid you might not have enough food to feed your children until you get paid again. Imagine yourself a child on a Friday eating your school lunch knowing it may be the last meal you have until Monday morning when you return to school.

Going without food is an all-too-common occurrence for millions of American families. In November 2009, the New York Times reported that the number of Americans who lived in households that lacked consistent access to adequate food soared last year to 49 million.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the community, Arvada Community Food Bank is taking a bite out of childhood hunger by making sure children in need have food on weekends when the safety net of the free/reduced school lunch program is not available. The Feeding the Future Backpack Program provides food to nearly 1,000 children at eight Arvada and Wheat Ridge schools every weekend during the school year. The Program is meant to provide children who are on the free/reduced school lunch program some extra meals to see them through the weekend when they would otherwise go hungry.

Your donations help prevent childhood hunger in northern Jefferson County. While food donations are always welcome, cash donations can be leveraged to the greatest benefit. For every dollar donated, the Arvada Community Food Bank can distribute $2.45 worth of food. Donations may be mailed to Arvada Community Food Bank, 8555 W. 57th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80002 or you can make a credit card donation by calling 303-424-6685. For more information contact Ernest Giron, Executive Director, egiron@arvadacommunityfoodbank.org, or 303-424-6685.

Finally, Restrooms Coming to the Stenger/Lutz Complex!

Have you ever spent the day at a soccer tournament at the Stenger/Lutz sports complex and stood in line at a port-a-potty?

Those days are almost gone! In May, construction will be completed on new, modern restroom facilities at the heavily-utilized complex, located just west of Kipling Street on W. 58th Avenue.

Background

In late 2007, a citizens’ committee called the Arvada Capital Improvement Committee (Committee) initiated a year-long process of prioritizing needed capital improvement projects throughout the community. The group of 33 citizens logged thousands of hours in meetings, hearing presentations and coming up with appropriate methodologies to prioritize a list of identified projects which have a cost exceeding $150 million dollars.

Members of the Committee presented their findings to the Arvada City Council in October of 2008. In terms of budget allocation, the Committee recommended that the City Council allocate approximately $3.4 million and $3.6 million to capital needs in 2009 and 2010, respectively. One of the projects recommended for funding in 2010 was the construction of new restrooms at Stenger/Lutz.

The Committee recommended an initial budget of $700,000 for the project. However, construction estimates were closer to $1.1 million, not including the related utility charges. Fortunately, several other agencies came forward as partners to allow for complete funding of the project. Those agencies are the Apex Recreation District, the Edge Soccer Organization, and the Arvada Urban Renewal Authority.

A design-build process was selected to speed up the program reviews, permitting, and construction of the buildings. Staff solicited requests for qualifications from teams which included an architectural firm and a building contracting firm that could demonstrate significant previous experience with projects of this nature. The selected team includes the architectural firm of Kenney Architects and Tower One Construction, both of Denver.

Construction began in October of 2009 on a 1,300 square-foot central restroom and concession building, and two 300 square-foot satellite restrooms on the west and east sides of the complex. The completed buildings will have radiant floor heating with evaporative cooling for the concession area. The buildings are equipped with utilities that will allow for year-round use. Roof structures will support overhead translucent polymer screens to permit natural lighting during daytime hours. The concession area will host a sizable outdoor plaza with an exterior overhead shade structure. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of May.
Employees of the Month
The Employee of the Month is nominated by fellow workers and chosen by a sub-committee 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.

Officer Scott Jarvis
Scott Jarvis, an officer with the Arvada Police Department, was the January Employee of the Month. Jarvis has been with the City since 1995. As a police officer, Jarvis performs acts of heroism on a daily basis. Despite the sacrifices officer Jarvis already makes for the community, during the holiday season his random act of kindness for a complete stranger truly exemplified the spirit of the season. Officer Jarvis was walking past a counter at City Hall and overheard a utility billing representative talking on the phone to a citizen who could not pay their water bill. Officer Jarvis stopped, asked the utility billing representative how much the citizen owed, then pulled out his wallet, paid the bill himself, and continued on his way. The utility billing representative related the incident to her supervisor and, much to Officer Jarvis’ chagrin, the story of what he had done spread throughout the City organization. His nominators stated, “He showed such generosity during difficult times, and went way above and beyond the call of duty.”

Ben Zera
Ben Zera, a custodian with the Public Works Department, was the February Employee of the Month. Zera has been with the City since 2002, and this is his second recognition as Employee of the Month. Zera’s engaging personality and contagious smile have a hugely positive impact on the entire employee body. His nominators state, “he always goes beyond any standards in performing his duties with exceptional customer service, desire to do a great job, and tremendous pride in his work. It is always a joy when we get to have him in our work area in his assigned rotation. He exemplifies the City’s values of professionalism, accountability, open communication, respect, innovation, and integrity on a daily basis.”

IT Director Receives National Recognition

Government Technology Magazine recently named its top 25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers in the nation for 2010 and the City of Arvada’s Information Technology (IT) Director Michele Hovet made the list. Hovet is among a prestigious group including governors and IT directors for such large organizations as the City of San Francisco and the State of Utah.

The magazine states, “IT Director Michele Hovet is a rising star in local government IT, thanks to her knack for promoting communication among local IT leaders and deploying leading-edge technology in small cities.”

Arvada has a long history of technology achievements, having been a top-ten finisher in the Center for Digital Government’s Digital Cities Survey the past five years, including a second-place ranking in 2009.

Hovet is vice chair of the Government Shared Services Council, a subcommittee of the Colorado Government Association of Information Technology. In this capacity, she has aggressively advocated for a local government cloud through which Colorado cities and counties could share services. Hovet and her fellow councilmembers envision an arrangement in which one city or county hosts e-mail services for others, while another hosts financial services, and so on. She states, “I don’t think the economy is going to allow us to sustain the single IT model that we’ve seen in local government.” Hovet is also putting the City on equal footing with bigger cities like San Francisco and New York City that are embracing the “open data” trend.

Of the designation as a top 25 Doer, Dreamer, and Driver, Hovet stated, “This recognition is much more about the incredible staff of Arvada’s IT Department than it is about me.”
On February 25, 2010, 92 Arvada residents helped to articulate a future vision for the section of Ralston Road/58th between Kipling Parkway and the Wadsworth Bypass. This Public Workshop updated participants on the work completed to date. An overview of three preliminary reports (primers) summarizing existing and future conditions relating to traffic, land use, and transit service were presented. The primers are available at www.arvada.org/transportation/ralston-road-corridor-plan.

Through keypad polling, workshop participants articulated their desire to transform Ralston Road into a “Main Street” that promotes redevelopment while respecting the character of stable, existing neighborhoods. Polling results showed that 72% of workshop participants desire a strong emphasis on creating a “main street” environment with buildings in front and parking behind; 60% favor two- or three-story future building heights; and 73% support streetscape improvements including wider sidewalks and landscaping. Participants also indicated strong support for making travel lanes wider and more consistent, and establishing a bus circulator to connect Olde Town, the Triangle area, and the future Olde Town and Arvada Ridge Gold Line rail stations.

Workshop participants then engaged in a “chip game” to visually identify types of development that may be appropriate within different parts of the study area. Notable themes that emerged from this exercise include:

- Introducing mixed-use development that combines retail, office, and/or residential uses fronting Ralston Road.
- Preserving and incorporating green spaces, gardens, and urban parks throughout the corridor.
- Increasing density to support businesses and transit, with mixed-use transit nodes at key locations.
- Incorporating diverse housing types for mixed income levels, focusing within Olde Town and adjacent to the Ralston Creek Trail.
- Using multi-story buildings on Ralston Road to buffer residential neighborhoods from traffic and noise.
- Minimizing spillover parking and traffic onto adjacent neighborhood streets.

Input from the February 25 workshop will be incorporated into four draft scenarios for redeveloping the corridor and improving the transportation infrastructure. These will be presented at Public Workshop #2 to be held May 27, 2010 at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 10001 W. 58th Avenue from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please check the project website at http://arvada.org/transportation/ralston-road-corridor-plan or call the City’s transportation division at 720-898-7740 for more information.
To Tree or Not to Tree

BY BRANDON MARRETE, ARVADA PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In the summer of 2008, the Meadowglen Homeowners Association (HOA) presented a dilemma to the Arvada Parks Advisory Committee (APAC).

The Meadowglen HOA is located north of the intersection of W. 80th Avenue and Carr Drive, near the Meadows Shopping Complex. Their dilemma was that the parking lights in the shopping center not only shined into the parking lot, but also into the windows of about 20 adjacent homeowners during the winter. Deciduous trees along Little Dry Creek block the lights during growing season, but once they lose their leaves in autumn the glaring parking lights become an eyesore until the spring.

The HOA proposed to APAC to enhance the City-owned land along the Little Dry Creek with evergreen trees. This solution would not only remove an eyesore from the lights, but also to provide emergency turnoffs (such as a broken internal pipe) when residents are not home or are unable to turn water off inside the house.

Where is Fillup A. Can?

For 20 years, Arvada has held a City-wide cleanup event in the spring, followed by a picnic in the park. This annual event was called Arvada Pride Day, and more recently renamed Fillup A. Can Day after our mascot Fillup A. Can.

Fillup is a big, green, googly-eyed trash can who reminds everyone to pick up and properly dispose of trash in order to Keep Arvada Beautiful!

This year, we have given Fillup A. Can a new assignment – one that will provide flexibility for his many volunteers. We intend to have our springtime litter clean up, but volunteers will be able to select when it is most convenient to clean their assigned route between Earth Day and the City’s Trails Day celebration.

Call 720-898-7800, or register online at www.arvada.org, to be assigned a route. The City will provide you with a map, trash bags, and safety vests. Pick up litter on your assigned route anytime between April 22 (Earth Day) and June 5 (Arvada Celebrates Its Trails). Notify us when your route is cleaned so we can pick up and properly dispose of the trash. Then on Trails Day, everyone is invited to the Majestic View Nature Center, 7030 Garrison Street, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to return safety vests and unused trash bags, celebrate our beautiful streets and trails, and see Fillup A. Can!

For more information on Trails Day, see page 7.

Please also consider registering to clean a route more than just in the spring. Register to Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-a-Park, or Adopt-a-Waterway. Call 720-898-7800 or go online at http://arvada.org/transportation/adopt-a-street/.

Thank you, volunteers, for helping Keep Arvada Beautiful!

Homeowners Hamper Access to Water Meters

Every year employees with the City’s utilities division make repairs on and/or replace thousands of water meters in the Arvada water system. Unfortunately, every year the staff also finds a number of meter pits inaccessible due to landscaping changes.

Water meter pits are usually located one to two feet behind the sidewalk and are covered by round lids with the imprinted words “water meter.” Access to the water meter is needed not only to ensure that each property owner is being billed properly, but also to provide emergency turnoffs (such as a broken internal pipe) when residents are not home or are unable to turn water off inside the house.

Homeowners should keep in mind that City staff need access to the meter lids. Accordingly, bushes, trees, walls, fencing, and other forms of landscaping should be designed to allow an access space of at least two feet from the sides of the meter lid. A bush or tree placed too close to the meter pit may grow into an asymmetrical shape due to the need to trim the plant along the meter pit side.

Please help your water meter reader and service people by keeping bushes and trees trimmed away from the meter lid, and by clearing snow and ice off the meter lid.

For more information contact the City’s utilities division at 720-898-7792.
Celebrate Arvada’s Trails

Move your feet, pedal your bike, grab your camera, and join the fun at the 9th Annual Arvada Trails Day which coincides with National Trails Day on June 5.

Arvada Trails Day is presented by the Arvada Festivals Commission, Majestic View Nature Center, Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, and Arvada Parks Advisory Committee.

Families and individuals of all ages can enjoy:

- A 5K trail walk with a park naturalist along historic canal trails connecting Two Ponds and Majestic View. Meet at Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge at 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure.
- A 20-mile recreational bicycle ride along Ralston, Little Dry Creek, Spring Mesa, and Five Parks Village Trails. The ride includes an expert guide, map, and lunch stop. Helmets are required. Meet at Majestic View Park parking lot on W. 72nd Avenue (just west of Carr Street) at 8:45 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. departure.
- Free hot dogs cooked and served by members of the Arvada Fire Protection District.
- Free shuttle service between Majestic View and Two Ponds.

At Majestic View Nature Center enjoy:

- The dedication of the new demonstration garden and the dedication of a new portion of the Habitat Trail starting at 10:00 a.m.
- The introduction of the Arvada Sustainable Action Plan (A.S.A.P.).
- Live animal and raptor presentations by HawkQuest and the Denver Zoo.
- Nature exhibits and workshops, trails information, kids’ activities, and community booths.

At Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge enjoy:

- Live raptors from the Birds of Prey Foundation.
- Environmental and wetlands conservation education displays and activities.
- Self-guided nature walks.
- Displays by the Colorado Department of Wildlife, Wild Birds Unlimited, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and other groups.
- Performances by Mr. Bones, the 12 foot walking, talking dinosaur; and Teddy Roosevelt.

For more information about this event, the Arvada Festivals Commission’s upcoming events and/or to volunteer, please contact 720-898-7400 or visit www.arvadafestivals.com.

Recycling Update

Arvada residents have come to rely on free drop-off recycling bins provided by the El Jebel and other organizations to recycle glass, plastic, cardboard, and paper. Unfortunately, the economic reality of the cost of recycling has hit the Denver metro area. This type of free service is no longer being offered by the private sector. Other cities that offer free drop-off recycling programs are also having difficulty finding contractors that will accept materials.

The City of Arvada does not have plans to provide free recycling drop-off sites. However, there are a number of choices for residents.

Arvada Recycling, 9630 Ralston Road, 303-423-4189

- Purchases all grades of non-ferrous metals, including aluminum, copper, alloys, brass, and lead.
- Accepts but does not purchase newspaper, white paper, shredded paper, magazines, phone books, and ferrous metals.
- **DOES NOT ACCEPT** glass, plastics, cardboard, appliances, and propane tanks.

Co-mingled or single stream recycling

Contract with your trash hauler to add recycling service at your home. Trash haulers that offer recycling at this time include:

- Arvada’s J&W Disposal, Inc. 303-996-0849
- Crearifty Recycling, Inc. 720-898-7400
- Greenstar Recycling, Inc. 303-207-3800
- Pro Disposal, Inc. 303-791-3827
- Waste Connections 303-286-2100
- Waste Management of Colorado 303-486-6034
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Gold Line Committee Tours the West Corridor Light Rail Project

To see what is coming down the Gold Line tracks, the Arvada Gold Line Advisory Committee (GLAC) toured the construction and art on the West Corridor light rail project. The West Corridor is the rail transit line now being built from Denver through Lakewood to the Jefferson County Court House in Golden. GLAC members saw where the light rail will run, sites for future stations, bridges under construction, and utility work. One item of great interest is the designs on the retaining walls and bridge columns. The West Corridor uses a stylized “W” for West. What should the Gold Line design be – an artistic “G”? A pick and a shovel? Future meetings will discuss this and many other topics.

The GLAC has also met with the two groups of firms, or consortia, bidding to design, build, finance, maintain, and operate the Gold Line. The committee provided feedback to Mountain Air Transit Partners and Denver Transit Partners regarding the transit stations, road crossings, and numerous technical rail issues. The Committee stressed the importance of communicating and working with local communities before and during the actual construction of the Gold Line. In July one of these consortia will be selected to build the transit system.

Construction of the Gold Line is anticipated to commence in 2011 with completion in 2016.

The City of Arvada and the Regional Air Quality Council are teaming up this summer to help residents make smart travel choices. The program, entitled Every Trip Counts, will provide resources and incentives to encourage more sustainable transportation.

By signing up for the program, you will be automatically entered to win prizes in exchange for a pledge to reduce your car trips. For more information and to sign-up, visit www.EveryTripCounts.org.

Why Join?
• Reduce your environmental footprint.
• Help improve air quality.
• Learn about other transportation choices.
• Improve your health.
• Earn rewards!

Our program kicks off at Trails Day on June 5. See you there!

Want to Save Money on Your Energy Bill?

Rebates ranging from $25 to $700 became available on March 31, 2010 for energy audits, insulation and air sealing, duct sealing, high-efficiency furnace installation, energy monitors, and appliances. Rebates will not be retroactive and work must be completed by an approved State contractor. For more details visit www.arvada.org/sustainability or call 720-898-7511.
More than 200,000 calls came into the Arvada Police Department in 2009. While some of the calls resulted in referrals to other agencies or non-emergency situations, many involved critical incidents.

April 11-17, 2010 marks National Telecommunications Week, a time to celebrate the heroes who serve as emergency services dispatchers.

“The men and women of the Communications Center are the unsung heroes of the Department,” said Vicki Pickett, manager of the Arvada Police Department’s Communications Center. “They respond to a wide variety of emergency calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and play a vital role in officer safety by providing a lifeline to those who patrol the streets of the City.”

The Arvada Police Department’s Communications Center is staffed with 20 communications specialists, three supervisors, and one manager.

“Members of the Communications Center are the first line of contact for citizens calling for help from police officers,” said Deputy Chief Lynn Johnson. “The dispatch team has one of the most critical roles in the organization.”

As part of the celebration, members of the Communications Center will attend a banquet held in their honor.
FREE Crime Prevention Class

Meet members of the Arvada Police Department’s Community Response Impact Team on May 6, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Arvada City Hall (Anne Campbell Room), 8101 Ralston Road, and take part in an important class on crime prevention. This two-hour class is offered to Arvada citizens at no charge.

Attendees will receive valuable information about:
- Personal safety.
- Keeping your neighborhood safe.
- Reporting crime and being a good witness.
- Understanding police response to calls for service.

Call 720-898-6622 to register for this class. Space is limited.

Arvada Police Target Olde Town

Arvada Police officers saturated Olde Town Arvada through the Directed Police Intervention (DPI) program when the sun was hot and the grass was green last summer. The patrol effort was based on crime statistics for the area, which had shown an increase.

At the conclusion of the 2009 DPI effort, crime dropped 20% while arrests increased.

With frosty temperatures and snow blanketing the ground, members of the Arvada Police Department have once again targeted the Olde Town area for additional patrol efforts.

“We have talked with business owners who expressed concerns about loitering issues and other crime-related topics, and have since re-focused efforts in the Olde Town area,” said Commander Link Strate.

The Arvada Police Department is encouraging the Olde Town community to either call the Police Department (720-898-6900) or talk with an officer working in the area when they see anything suspicious or have specific questions.

Police warn not to engage those taking part in criminal activity.

“We’re making a concerted effort to have a visible presence in the Olde Town area to not only address criminal issues but to engage the business community and residents, to learn of their concerns and challenges, and offer crime prevention information,” said Commander Strate.

Teens To Get a Taste of Policing Through Special Academy

Teens between the ages 16 and 18 will have a unique opportunity to learn about police work at the 2010 Teen Police Academy slated for July 19-23.

Members of the Arvada Police Department will teach students about many aspects of policing including building searches, arrest tactics, and criminal law. The cost of the program is $20 and students will get a t-shirt and a class notebook.

Priority enrollment will be given to students from Arvada, Arvada West, Pomona, and Ralston Valley High Schools as well as those enrolled at Faith Christian Academy. A waiting list will be established for students outside the City limits.

To apply for the Teen Police Academy, students must have a valid driver’s license and a GPA of at least 2.0. Contact www.arvadapd.org for an application, or speak with one of the Department’s School Resource Officers.

Slots will fill up quickly, so apply soon! The deadline to apply is June 30.

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You know electronics and loose change are favorites of car break-in thieves, but in a handful of cases, these crooks are looking to swipe tools from victims.

Between November 2009 and January 2010 there were 123 car break-ins reported in the City with 16 of those incidents involving stolen tools (13%).

Drills were the most commonly reported tool stolen. “It appears the criminals either attempt to pawn the stolen items or sell them for quick cash,” said Commander Aaron Jacks of the Arvada Police Department.

There are steps you can take to reduce your risk of being a victim of this kind of crime.

- Do not leave any items of value in your vehicle.
- If you must store tools in your car or truck, keep them out of view and invest in a sturdy locking system if possible.
- Another step to increase the odds of having your items returned if they are stolen is to be sure to log your tools (pictures, serial number, etc.) and to keep the documentation inside your home.

“It’s especially difficult for the victims of these crimes because the tools are often their livelihood,” said Commander Jacks. “Without their tools, they cannot do their work. It’s not an inconvenience; it affects their ability to earn a living.”
Local service clubs recognized two Arvada police officers and civilians while another officer was promoted to sergeant in late January.

**Promotion: Officer Chris Rivera**

Chris Rivera was promoted to the rank of sergeant on February 27. Sergeant Rivera is currently assigned to one of the day shift patrol teams.

**2009 Service Club Awards**

Officer Matt Archuleta was honored by the Clear Creek Optimist Club for his accomplishments through his entire 20-year career with the Arvada Police Department. In addition to Officer Archuleta’s superior officer skills, he is also one of the first Drug Recognition Experts in the Metro area. He is frequently called upon as a subject matter expert in this area. He is also heavily involved in the State’s Standard Field Sobriety Testing Program. He is frequently consulted by Arvada’s own officers and other agencies, as well as the District Attorney’s Office due to his expertise. He remains one of the most highly-regarded experts on this subject in the region, and is the Department’s lead DUI Instructor.

Records Specialist Donna Preston received the Civilian of the Year award from the Clear Creek Optimist Club. Donna was recognized for her outstanding service to Arvada citizens through her work as a member of the Arvada Police Department’s Records Unit. Donna has continually strived to enhance her leadership skills and took on Records lead responsibilities to include mentoring, coaching, and assisting with the restructuring of Records. She is frequently called upon to assist patrol and dispatch with CCIC related questions.

Officer Trent Saathoff is one of the newest members of the Arvada Police Department (hired in July of 2008) and was recently honored by the Lake Arbor Optimist Club as Officer of the Year. Officer Saathoff received the recognition based on his exemplary work in identifying a bank robbery suspect fleeing from the scene of the crime, making the traffic stop, and subsequently arresting the suspect. His quick-thinking actions and professionalism in response to this incident represents his commitment to outstanding policing.

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**New Look for Police TV Show**

One of the longest running cable police shows in the nation has a new look for the new year. *Cop Talk* is now called *Super Heroes are Real* and will feature new segments to better inform viewers.

Comcast subscribers watching the show on Channel 8 (KATV) will learn about the latest scams impacting seniors, go on ride-alongs with officers, and get details about high-profile cases after trials have concluded.

In addition to the segments aired in the past such as Cop Corner and Punks of the Month, viewers will also see segments showing where crime is occurring in the City and learn crime prevention tips.

Not a Comcast subscriber? No problem! You can view segments from the show on [arvadapd.org](http://arvadapd.org).

*Cop Talk* was one of the first cable-access police television shows in the nation and has aired since 1995.
As residents of the City of Arvada and Apex Park and Recreation District (PRD), we are lucky to have some of the finest recreation, parks, and trails anywhere. Sometimes it’s easy to take these assets for granted... or even pass them by altogether. That’s why we’re delighted to have the opportunity to showcase some of our activities in The Arvada Report.

If you participate in Apex PRD programs, you’ve probably used the District’s activities guide as a resource. This comprehensive activity catalog is mailed to every Arvada resident three times a year. It contains all the details about every program the District offers. We’ll provide updates on programs you look forward to every year – and invitations to take part in some of those “I didn’t know you offered that” activities.

Just like that trailhead you’ve driven by every day for years on your way to work, Apex PRD is chock-full of local surprises. And now that summer is almost here, this is a perfect time to explore your beautiful, activity-packed backyard. Have fun and stay active!
Annual Dog Swim Expands to Two Locations

Last year’s 7th Annual Dog Swim drew a record crowd of 365 dogs, who cooled off and enjoyed water play with their owners at Secrest Pool. This year the Dog Swim takes place at both outdoor pool locations: Secrest, 6820 W. 66th Avenue; and Lake Arbor, 7451 W. 83rd Way; on Saturday, August 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The fee is $5 per dog and includes refreshments for humans. For more information call 303-467-7111.

APRD Summer Daycamps: Affordable Fun for Preschoolers Through Teens!

Register now for summer day camp
3-day or 5-day weeks
For info call 303-403-2555
or visit www.apexprd.org

Team 7-12 Day Camp

Outdoor fun, creative activities, caring and experienced staff, variety, and excitement are what you’ll find here for your 7-to 12-year old. We’re State licensed and open from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. weekdays, June 1 to August 13. Camp headquarters is Secrest Youth and Teen Center, 6820 W. 66th Avenue. Choose a convenient five-day or three-day option; sign up for one week or more. There’s no registration fee. We also offer discounts for additional children in the same family, and a free week when you sign up for ten weeks. The fee includes supplies, two snacks per day, and swimming. Friday field trips are extra.

Five-day fees: $145 for residents, $155 for non-residents, $5 discount for a second camper in the same family. Three-day fees: $100 for residents, $110 for non-residents, $5 discount for a second camper in the same family.

Teens – Here’s the Perfect Mix of Fun, Adventure, and Skill-Building this Summer

The Apex PRD Counselor In Training (CIT) summer day camp offers fun and adventure along with an opportunity to build leadership, planning, and job skills. If your 13- to 15-year old is ready for a unique new challenge this summer, here’s what they’ll experience in this exciting program:
• Adventure and team-building.
• Sports and games.
• Volunteer activities.
• Rafting, climbing, hiking, swimming, and more!

As part of the skill-building process, CITs must complete an application and interview. The application deadline is May 7, and interviews take place May 13 and 14. Camp begins the week of June 1; you must attend six full weeks, including June 7-11 and August 2-6. The weekly fee is $100 for residents; non-residents $115. Registration is now in progress.

Chippers Daycamp for Preschoolers...Almost as Close as Your Backyard!

A safe, fun, and nurturing place for 4- to 6-year olds to play, learn, grow, and socialize. Five themed weeks include dinosaur fun, science, circus, and summer fun. Weekly fee: $30 residents, $40 non-residents. Located at Campbell Cottages, W. 65th Avenue and Miller Street. For more information on all three camps, visit apexprd.org or call 303-431-9600.
On Your Mark…
Get Set…
Run for the Youth of Arvada!

The third annual Father’s Day 5K Run and Family Fun Run is set for Sunday, June 20, and online registration is now open. New this year: a deluxe pancake breakfast is included in the fee, as well as tech shirts for 5K runners!

For the Fun Run, the fee for adults includes breakfast and a cotton blend T-shirt. This event is free for ages 17 and under and ages 60+, with the option to purchase a tech shirt and/or breakfast on race day.

Along with these improvements, we’ve kept your favorite features: a beautiful run in the cool summer morning, family-friendly atmosphere, fun events throughout the day, and a great cause…making community youth recreation outstanding and affordable for everyone.

Major run sponsors include Trust Hall Insurance, Seminole Energy, Johnson Controls, Arvada-Jefferson Kiwanis, Sam’s Club, Sportline, The Printery, the City of Arvada, Jay Dee Cleaning and Restoration, Arvada Triathlon Club, American Laser Centers, ProTech, and KOS Fitness. If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact Rachel Van Winkle, 720-840-8276.

Both events start and end at the Apex Center, 13150 W. 72nd Avenue. The 5K starts at 8:00 a.m. and the fun run at 9:30 a.m.

Register online at apexprd.org/5k.

Fees:
• Adult 5K: $25 pre-registered, $30 on race day (includes tech shirt, pancake breakfast)
• 17 and under/60+ 5K: $15 pre-registered, $20 on race day (includes tech shirt, pancake breakfast)
• Adult Fun Run: $15 pre-registered, $20 on race day (includes cotton blend T-shirt, pancake breakfast)
• 17 and under/60+ Fun Run: Free (if you want breakfast, it can be purchased separately at the event)

Proceeds go to the Apex Park and Recreation District Foundation, a non-profit agency dedicated to improving community recreation. This year, the Foundation has designated 100% of the event’s proceeds to youth recreation programs. Both APRD and the Foundation are committed to keeping Arvada’s youth active, so your participation in the 5K/Fun Run helps kids who otherwise could not afford these recreation programs.

The registration fee includes a tech shirt for the 5K, a T-shirt for the Fun Run, and a pancake breakfast for both events, hosted by the Arvada-Jefferson Kiwanis. Starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Apex Center parking lot, you can check out classic cars at the 6th Annual Apex PRD Foundation Father’s Day Car Show, enjoy music, free kids’ activities, and refreshments for sale.

Not a runner? Here’s how you can take part:

A great event needs great volunteers. Be a part of the fun—no experience is needed, and there’s a wide variety of tasks and times available. Middle and high school students: if you’re looking for community service hours, this is the perfect opportunity. It’s also a great activity for families or organizations. To find out more, contact Apex Center Guest Services, 303-424-2739 or email guestservices@apexprd.org.

You can also support the cause of youth recreation by donating to the Apex Park and Recreation District Foundation. This event is only in its third year, and its success is due to the dedication and support of this wonderful community. Donations are welcome in any amount; you can donate online at apexprd.org/donate or send checks to APRD Foundation, Father’s Day Run, c/o Apex Center, 13150 W. 72nd Avenue, Arvada CO 80005, noting “Father’s Day 5K donation” in the memo line.

Thank you for your support of this event and the youth of our community!
Great music, warm summer breezes, cool grass, friends and family, a picnic supper…how does that sound? Like a perfect summer evening at McIlvoy Park, 5750 Upham Street. The music is free, thanks to grant funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and to local sponsors including the Apex Park and Recreation District Foundation, Prospect Recreation and Park District, Arvada Festivals Commission, and Bank of Choice.

**Family-Thursday night series, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
- June 24 - Brothers of the Son- Country
- July 1- Jeffco Brass Ensemble- Brass Double Quintet
- July 8- Groovin’ On- 50s-60s-70s music
- July 29 – The Champions – 80s music

**Children’s Friday morning series, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**
Shade and shelter, fun and frivolity – a delightful combination for the free morning children’s concert series at Pioneer Pavilion in North Jeffco Park, 9101 Ralston Road. These events are also sponsored by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and local sponsors including the Apex Park and Recreation District Foundation and Prospect Recreation and Park District.
- Friday, June 18 – Sue Schnitzer- Interactive music for kids
- Friday, July 23 – Wayne & Wingnut- Life size puppet and music

Please remember…alcoholic beverages are not permitted in City of Arvada parks. In case of inclement weather, both the Thursday evening and Friday morning performances move to the Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Boulevard.

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**Celebrate Independence Day at the APRD Kids Fun Park!**
On Sunday, July 4 from 3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m., bring the family and a picnic, play games, and get a great seat for the fireworks at the Harold D. Lutz Sports Complex! Free children’s activities include jumping castles, face painting, games, and more. For details visit apex-prd.org or call 303-431-9600. We need volunteers for this event – if you’re interested, please contact Alli Mortensen at 303-467-7137 or email allim@apex-prd.org. For information on the fireworks show, call the City of Arvada, 720-898-7000.
Youth Summer Sports Camps and Clinics Offer Fun and Skill-Building

Summer soccer camps for ages 7-14
Our expert coaches help players improve technical skills and tactical awareness. Players are divided into groups based on age and ability. Fee includes a ball. For details call 303-431-9600 or email melk@apexprd.org. Choose morning, afternoon, or full day sessions during the weeks of June 21-25 or July 12-16.

Lacrosse Camps for 2nd-9th graders
- Beginners – grades 2 through 7 – will concentrate on basic skills: throwing, catching, scooping, shooting, defensive fundamentals, and teamwork. They’ll also have fun with stick tricks and 7v7, 5v5 games.
- Intermediates – grades 5 through 9 – for players with previous game or lacrosse experience. Must be able to throw, catch, shoot, and cradle. Advanced instruction and skills will be taught for the first half hour. Games/tournaments will be played the last hour.

Lacrosse camp sessions are June 14 – 17 and July 26 – 29. For details and fees, visit apexprd.org or call 303-431-9600. For more information on all the sports camps and clinics, visit apexprd.org or call 303-431-9600.

Challenger Sports’ British Soccer Camp for ages 3-16
Age specific camp programs taught by Challenger’s elite British coaches. Individual footwork drills, fundamental technical practices, and coached competitive play – all woven around a central theme of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, and leadership and delivered with a captivating British twist. Visit www.challengersports.com or contact Mel Wisdom at 303-467-7128, melk@apexprd.org to register.

Bicycling Season Is Here...Stay Safe and Have Fun
Cycling offers healthy physical activity and a sense of responsibility...but bicycles are also associated with more childhood injuries than any other product except cars. APRD and Lutheran Medical Center are co-hosting a free Bike Rodeo at Secrest Youth and Teen Center, 6820 W. 66th Avenue, on Saturday, May 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Featured: lots of activities to help kids stay safe and have fun on their bike.

6th Annual Father’s Day Car Show Rolls Into Apex Center June 20
Spectacular cars, nostalgic music, and entertainment await you at this annual Father’s Day tradition. Starting at 9:00 a.m., you can stroll through the parking lot to see the colors, sights, and sounds. It’s free, but you can purchase refreshments at the event. Come early for a pancake breakfast hosted by the Arvada-Jefferson Kiwanis to benefit Arvada-Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – it’s included in the run fee, but you can purchase it ($5 for ages 13 and over, $3 for ages 6-12, under 6 free) if you aren’t participating in the Run.

Car show entry proceeds benefit the Apex Park and Recreation District Foundation, a non-profit agency dedicated to improving community recreation. For information on entering a vehicle, call 303-424-2739.
Apex Center Guest Loses 90+ Pounds, One Pedal at a Time

“Just keep pedaling.” Sean McGaughey has been giving himself those simple (but not easy!) words of advice for just over a year. Since then he’s become a regular at the Apex Center, lost more than 90 pounds, and finished the Bolder Boulder and the Denver Marathon.

Sean’s journey is inspiring, not only because of his achievements, but also because of the way he brought major, positive, and sustainable change to his life. The components of his program aren’t expensive or tricky, but he puts them all together and they work. Sean has a holistic approach to setting and reaching goals: “I try to connect physically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally,” he explains.

Cycle Burn at the Apex Center turned out to be a central part of Sean’s fitness plan. He tried it for the first time on November 9, 2008, shortly after his doctor advised that he was pre-diabetic and recommended more activity. “I heard it was a great calorie-burner and a challenging workout,” Sean said. His instructor Amanda said the toughest days were the first five – and he made it through.

Since then, he’s formed a bond with his classmates and instructors, which he says helps keep him accountable and gives him strength through their support. “They check up on me if I miss a day, and encourage me when I’m here.”

Instructors Amanda, Erin, and Julie help Sean continuously through their enthusiasm, praise, and practical tips. He refers to his fellow cyclists as his “peloton,” a term for the main group of riders in a bicycle race. Like birds flying in formation, the tight group supports each other and conserves energy.

Sean also finds support from others at the Apex Center, including Guest Services and Admissions staff Lisa Nesladek, Randi Hamilton, and Rosalie Hall. “They’re always welcoming, and that helps keep me focused too.”

As Sean got stronger and fitter, he continued with his original mission to “just keep pedaling” and added more activities and goals. He started a running program and worked up to the Bolder Boulder in May and continued with the Denver Marathon in October. He now runs several days a week with friends.

Most recently, he achieved another goal...he completed the New Orleans Marathon in February 2010. No looking back for Sean!

What inspires him these days? Maybe the same things that could inspire anyone:

• Find strength from within.
• Give yourself a break and don’t resent reality.
• Put one foot in front of the other.
• Have fun!

To Get and Stay Fit, the Right Ingredients Make the Difference

Sean’s story is a great one because it shows how all the right components add up to success – and one of those components is drawing on the encouragement of others.

As community recreation providers, we strive for quality, affordability, accessibility, safety, and fun for all ages. Beyond that, Apex PRD is proud to provide something extra...a welcoming attitude and a sincere desire to see you again! When we smile, say hello, and greet you by name, we hope to brighten your day, boost your energy, and give you a reason to keep coming back. We are privileged to be inspired every day by people like Sean who work hard at their goals, have fun, and change their lives for the better. Our goal is to contribute to your success.

If you are thinking about adding a fitness component to your life, Apex PRD offers comprehensive programs—and friendly, knowledgeable staff—at three convenient locations.

The Apex Center’s total wellness program includes a cardio/weight area and drop-in group exercise classes, free with Center admission. In addition, there’s group indoor cycling, Pilates, personal training, health and wellness coaching, physical therapy, and massage therapy. These activities have fees in addition to Center admission. The Apex Center is located at 13150 W. 72nd Avenue; for information on fitness and wellness activities, call 303-463-4241.

The Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Boulevard, offers group exercise classes geared toward ages 50+ but are open to adults of all ages. This Center also has a drop-in cardio/weight area for adults of all ages, open weekdays. A daily drop-in fee covers admission for these activities.

The Racquetball and Fitness Center, 12120 W. 64th Avenue, has a spacious cardio/weight area with new equipment and newly remodeled locker rooms. It opens at 5:30 a.m. weekday mornings and operates seven days a week. The daily drop-in fee includes cardio/weights and sauna.
Apex Guest Shares Holiday Spirit

Chuck Bird, age 73, is an Arvada resident and a long-time SilverSneakers® participant at the Apex Center. He collects Easter supplies all year to create baskets, which he then donates to needy children. Since he began the basket donation project three years ago, he has increased his donations ten-fold, and this year, with the help of Apex PRD staff and guests, he donated 250 baskets to the Arvada Community Food Bank for children in need.

Thanks, Chuck!
Outdoor Pools Open May 29

Get ready to splash into summer fun! Outdoor swimming season is right around the corner… Secrest and Lake Arbor outdoor pools both open for the summer on Saturday, May 29.

Secrest Pool, 6820 W. 66th Avenue, is next to Secrest Youth and Teen Center. The Pool has a zero-depth “beach” activity area, slides, and an adjacent park with playground, showers, and vending machines. Open swim hours are 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call 303-467-7111.

Lake Arbor Pool, 7451 W. 83rd Way, has a zero-depth “beach” activity area, slides, geysers, picnic tables, shade umbrellas, a grass sunning area, adjacent park and playground, and showers. Open swim hours are 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call 303-467-7111.

When the weather’s cool but you’re still in the mood to swim, we have two other options.

Meyers Indoor Pool, 7900 Carr Drive – Summer weekday hours: Adult Lap Swim Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; open swim 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (deep end opens at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday). Meyers is closed on weekends. Note: the deep end opens at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Apex Center, 13150 W. 72nd Avenue – This indoor aquatics area features 23,000 square feet of exciting play features, spas, and a lap pool. All water features are included with admission. Summer hours are 5:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Daily admission fees for Lake Arbor, Secrest, and Meyers Indoor Pool:* Resident Non-Resident

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We offer lots of other payment options: multi-visit punch cards for Lake Arbor, Secrest, and Meyers Pools; a combination card with 15 outdoor pool admissions and five Apex Center admissions; summer Apex Center passes; and an all-access pass that includes unlimited Apex Center admissions, unlimited outdoor pool admissions, and more. For complete information on passes, visit apexprd.org or call 303-424-2739.

*You must have an Apex PRD resident ID card to get the resident discount.
**Must be accompanied into the pool by a paying adult.
Firefighters are ready to go into a burning house and save the residents and their pets. On February 19, 2010, we faced a completely different challenge.

Station 5 at 8100 Vance Drive was dispatched to a dog that had fallen through the ice at Lake Arbor at W. 81st and Lamar Street. When the crew arrived, there were several people standing on the shore but no one but the pooch in the water. Firefighter Bryce Segovia headed into the water wearing his insulated wet suit and grabbed the Boxer about 200 feet from shore.

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Chief’s Letter
FIRE CHIEF JON GREER

At church last Sunday, our pastor talked about how the lack of giving was affecting the church. They have had to reduce staff over the last year and more cuts may be coming. He also stated that he really hates to talk about this during service but he felt that he had no choice.

I have to do basically the same thing. As I told you recently, the Arvada Fire Protection District’s budget was reduced this year as property tax collections and interest income were down. The overall effect was a reduction of about 2%. To be able to absorb this reduction we have cut spending in all areas of the budget. No raises were given to any staff and none are predicted for next year. Our apparatus replacement expenditures were eliminated and other items were reduced. This allowed us to balance our budget for 2010.

In 2010, we will be operating on less income from property tax and interest income than we were in 2008. While we expect some adjustments (both up and down) in property values, combine what happened this year with what we are expecting in 2012 and we are facing “the perfect storm.” Just like a fire, this situation is something that no one could have predicted.

In June of 2010, the Jefferson County Assessor will determine the property values to be used when assessing property tax in 2012. The County Assessor has told us to expect another 5-7% drop in property tax revenue in 2012. This means that in 2012 we could be operating with about 7-9% LESS in revenues than in 2008. Put another way, that is a shortfall of a million dollars to our budget, which equates to about 18 mid-level firefighters, and would continue to rule out apparatus replacement, station capital improvements, or ongoing equipment replacement.

The budget that we forecast for 2012 has increases only to those items we have no control over, including worker’s compensation, fuel costs, energy costs (Xcel Energy), maintenance costs, and health care (but only at a 5% increase per year, which is less than half of the national average). This is a bare bones budget, yet we will still be more than one million dollars short. In forecasting our budget out through the year 2015, even with a moderate increase of 3% in assessment for 2014 the District will still be operating with less revenue in 2014 and 2015 than we were in 2008.

You may be asking if the District can wait out this crisis. The answer is that we are funded 90% by property taxes. Unless there is a dramatic increase in property values we cannot pull out of this predicament. If property values were to return to pre-2008 levels, our funding would only return to 2008 levels and our costs will still rise dramatically.

As you can imagine, this is a hot topic of discussion within the Department. I would much rather be telling you about the great job your Department does on a daily basis—which it does—but to keep you informed, I believe you should be aware of the future faced by the Arvada Fire Protection District.

As always, thanks for letting us be your Fire Department. We are very proud to be at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

May 2010 District Board Election

Arvada Fire District will NOT be holding an election for District Board Directors in May of 2010. There were three available positions and only three candidates for these positions. The new Directors have been elected by acclamation and will be sworn in at the regular District Board meeting on May 19. Mathew Kramer Jr. will serve his first four-year term on the Board. Gary “Mike” Kerr and Douglas Schneider will continue on the Board for a second consecutive four-year term.

Save a Life. Learn CPR.

Arvada Fire will hold the next CPR certification class on Sunday, June 13. The four-hour class will be held at the Arvada Fire Training Center, 6651 Indiana Street, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a two-year certification through the American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI). Both beginners and renewals will take the same class. A practical test will be given at the end of the class.

The class is limited to 20 students and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost for the course is $30. Call 303-424-3012 for registration information.
New Dispatch Priority for Arvada Fire

Arvada Fire and Pridemark Paramedics started a new dispatching protocol on January 1 of this year. The Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) was fully implemented to match the nature of a medical emergency with the appropriate level of emergency medical care. The system has been used since 1976 by fire departments in the U.S. and 21 other countries.

When you call 9-1-1 to report a medical emergency, your call is answered by Arvada Police dispatchers who then transfer the call to fire dispatchers. The fire dispatchers ask a series of questions that place our response into one of six different categories. This information will tell the responding crews the severity of the call to which they are responding. Dispatchers also provide pre-arrival instructions to 9-1-1 callers to help them control an emergency before help arrives.

We have been using this system in Arvada for many years. The January 1 change involves which agency responds on less severe medical calls. If a medical call is coded as “Alpha” or “Omega,” Pridemark will send an ambulance in non-emergent mode (this means no lights or sirens). If the call is coded “Bravo,” “Charlie,” “Delta,” or “Echo,” both the Fire Department and Pridemark will respond to the call with lights and sirens activated.

According to Deputy Chief Mike Piper, “The recently implemented system matches the needs of 9-1-1 callers with the appropriate type and amount of emergency medical resources. In addition to reducing fuel expenses and vehicle wear and tear, sending a fire engine to every medical incident is simply not a prudent use of public resources.” Piper continued, “Roughly one-fourth of the medical incidents that the Fire Department previously responded to could have been handled by a single ambulance, rather than one ambulance and one fire engine.” In 2009, Arvada Fire responded on over 10,000 total calls.

One of the most common questions we get when talking to citizens is why a fire engine responds to medical emergencies. The simple answer is timing. We have eight fire stations placed strategically around the District, while Pridemark has up to three ambulances in the District at any given time. Often AFPD can arrive on scene and begin providing medical care with our Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) before Pridemark arrives with a Paramedic and an EMT.

We are transitioning to Advanced Life Support (ALS) fire engines, which will mean that at least one of the firefighters is a paramedic. To date, three of our six engines can provide ALS and a fourth station should be ready when the current group of Paramedic students completes their training this summer.

With the full implementation of this system, we are trying to serve the citizens of our District in the best and most cost-effective way possible.

Family Safety Day

The Arvada Fire Department Annual Safety Day will be on Saturday, June 26 at Arvada Retired Fire Station #7 and Arvada Volunteer Firefighter Park located at the 9190 W. 84th Avenue (the corner of 84th and Garrison Street). The activities will run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

During that time, there will be displays from Arvada Fire, Arvada Police, Jefferson County Sheriff, Colorado State Patrol, Pridemark Paramedics, and much more. There will be safety games, demonstrations, face painting and even an appearance from Flight for Life. Entry into the area and all of the activities are free of charge. Free hot dogs, chips, drinks, and snow cones will also be provided.

Come out and take a close look at the emergency services that are provided to keep you safe.

District Board Meeting Day and Time Update

The Arvada Fire Protection District Board regular monthly meetings are held at District Headquarters, 7903 Allison Way, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Citizens are welcome to attend or may view the taped meetings on KATV Channel 8 on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning the following week.
You Really Want to Burn Something on Purpose?

There was a time when burning leaves in the garden, burning off the stubble in the fields, or even having a Saturday night bonfire were common in the Arvada area. This was also a time when everyone had a farm or at least a garden, and the population was much smaller. Because our population is much denser today, national, state, and local regulations have been adopted for open burning, addressing such issues as:

- **Recreational** – small campfires or cooking fires (no bonfires).
- **Irrigation** – for ditch maintenance.
- **Agricultural** - field burning, tree limbs, dried leaves, etc.

The Arvada Fire District requires burn permits for these types of fires.

**Recreational**

- Fires must be at least 25 feet away from anything that could accidentally catch on fire. Dried grass, leaves, or anything that could cause a fire to spread must be cleared before burning. Watering around the area ahead of time is a good idea, especially during dry weather. A garden hose, fire extinguisher, etc. need to be available to put the fire out quickly if the wind comes up or a spark flies out of the campfire ring.

- Someone needs to stay by the fire until it is completely extinguished. Be nice to your neighbors. You can be told to put your fire out and lose your burn permit if the Fire Marshal feels that you are abusing this privilege.

**Chimineas and covered fire pits do not require burn permits; however, the recreational burn rules do apply.**

**Irrigation**

- Burn permits are issued to representatives of local ditch companies for burning along the canals and ditches throughout the District. Burning in teams is recommended and safety precautions are required.

**Agricultural**

- Burn permits are not issued unless an inspection is conducted by the Fire Marshal and it is deemed that the requested burn would be safe. This type of burning is never allowed in residential areas.

- We keep copies of all valid burn permits in our Communications Center. Once you have your burn permit, you must call AFPD dispatchers before you burn and when you finish. The reason for this notification is that if someone sees the smoke and calls, we will know there should be smoke coming from your back yard.

- Burn permit applications are available at District Headquarters, 7903 Allison Way, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. There is no cost for recreational burn permits. All others are only $10. Annual permits are valid from March 1 to October 31, unless burn restrictions are in effect.

- For further information, contact the Division of Fire Prevention at 303-424-3012.

Citizens’ Fire Academy Registration Opens

Have you ever wondered what life as a firefighter is really like? We would love to offer you the chance to find out. The Arvada Fire Department is hosting the annual Citizens’ Fire Academy on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 and 30 at the Arvada Fire Training Center located at 6651 Indiana Street.

- Some of the subjects that will be covered include CPR (along with a two-year certification), search and rescue, self-contained breathing apparatus maze, fire extinguishers, auto extrication, and hose line advancement. No one will be required to participate in any activity in which they do not feel comfortable.

- Classes will be from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day and lunch is provided. The Academy is free to all attendees. In the event classes fill up, preference is given to people who live and/or work in Arvada. For more information and to sign up, call 303-424-3012.

Kid’s Mini Fire Academy

The Arvada Fire Department will hold two Kid’s Mini Fire Academies this summer. The dates will be June 9 – 11 or July 7 – 9. Each day, the Academy will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and is open to Arvada kids from age 11 – 14. The Academy will include an overview of the Arvada Fire Department, 9-1-1 Communications, Search and Rescue, basic First Aid, and much more. A peanut-free snack will be served each day and the Academy will end with a graduation ceremony and congratulations from the Fire Chief.

The Academy is free and will take place at the Arvada Fire District Training Center at 6651 Indiana Street. Class size is limited, so sign up as soon as possible. For more information or to sign up, call 303-424-3012.
There is a charming vibe that distinguishes Olde Town from any other place in the world.

We invite you to experience it for yourself.

Signature Events

Ladies Only Sample Tour:
May 6

Farmers Market:
Sundays June 26 - September 6

National Night Out:
August 3

Flicks: Fridays
August 6 - 27

Festival of Scarecrows:
October 9

Trick or Treat:
October 29

Celebrate: Fridays
November 26, December 10, 17

Laginappe:
December 7

www.oldetownarvada.org

Retail

Ramah Flowers
Ramah’s Silk Floral & Home Décor Center first opened its doors over 12 years ago. The number one goal from the beginning was to offer the largest collection and highest quality botanically correct silk florals accompanied with the best designers in the area. Ramah’s Silk Floral & Home Décor Center has now become the area’s premier destination for all silk floral and home décor needs.

Lovely Boutique
Lovely Boutique is a women’s clothing and accessory boutique specializing in fair-trade/Made in USA goods. Our shop features well-known and well-made lines such as Ella Moss, Splendid, Ecoganik, Joe’s Jeans, LAMade, Maruca handbags, Big Star Jeans, Language LA, Alternative Apparel, Lauren Moshi, and more.

Lovely Boutique will offer 20% off for all mothers on Mothers Day.

Into the Fire
Into the Fire, a paint your own pottery studio, is the place to go for some relaxing fun. You’re sure to find something you’ll love in our selection of over 300 items! Bring in mom to paint and her studio fee is on us. She’ll even take home a flower to remember this special day with family at Into The Fire. (No other discounts/offers apply.) Reservations recommended; call 303-423-9864. Check us out at IntoTheFireArvada.com.
Dining
Cheesecake Therapy

Celebrate Mom on this Mother’s Day with a delicious cheesecake from Olde Town’s own Cheesecake Therapy. Sisters Rosie and Heather Halldorson opened this gem-of-a-dessert shop in Olde Town Arvada in 2009. Set in a quaint house on Ralston Road, the atmosphere welcomes walk-ins and those who want to linger longer in their cozy parlor with vintage-looking cards, mugs, and aprons for sale. Newest additions of scrumptious cakes are Triple Berry with fresh blackberries on top and Sour Cream Vanilla. They also have toffee, fudge, and wahine (coconut, macadamia nut, and caramel) brownies, banana rum bread pudding, cupcakes, and a tray full of individual-sized homemade pies. We’re sure they have something to cure whatever ails you!

- Mini cheesecakes (bite-sized) - $2.00 each/$20.00 for 12
- Slices - $5.00 each/$40.00 for 10
- Individual Cheesecake - $6.00
- Whole Cheesecake - $40.00 (serves 10)
- Cupcakes depend on decoration - $1.50, $2.50, $3.50 each
- Brownies - $4.00

Did you Know?
Arvada’s first public park is located in Olde Town. In 1919, Mrs. Clemency N. McIlvoy presented three acres of her property to the City of Arvada to be used for Arvada’s first public park. McIlvoy Park is located at Ralston Road and Upham Street. Today, Arvada residents can enjoy a basketball court, children’s playground, park benches, and beautiful pavilion.

Spotlight On…
Ladies Only Sample Tour
Thursday, May 6, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Stroll Olde Town and “sample” all there is to offer. Fabulous Freebies await you in dozens of stores. Bring your mother, daughter, or girlfriends and have a fabulous girls’ night out! Purchase an invitation packet from your favorite merchant for only $12.50. Everyone with an invitation, bracelet, and map will receive free samples, tasty treats, and beverages from participating merchants. In addition, those who purchase an invitation will also receive a coupon book for additional savings at all participating merchants.

Arts & Attractions:
Arvada Ceramic Arts Guild

Arvada Ceramic Arts Guild is pairing with Fiori di Flavio to bring Blooms of May for Mother’s Day. The Guild’s Annual Mother’s Day Show and Sale will feature vases and flower pots with cut flowers from local florist Fiori di Flavio, as well as clay art for functional and decorative use. The show at the Guild gallery will begin with the opening reception on Friday, April 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hours that weekend are expanded to Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. All work in the Guild gallery is produced by Guild artists. The Arvada Ceramic Arts Guild is a co-op of clay artists who share studio space in Olde Town Arvada.

Beauty & Wellness
Wellness Quest

Drawing from a variety of massage techniques and movement, Wellness Quest creates a massage experience intended to meet your specific needs, allowing you to feel more relaxed and flexible, all while reducing pain. Call or stop in to Wellness Quest to pamper yourself or a loved one this Mother’s Day.

Wellness Quest
Physical Therapy and Massage
Lynn Amstutz, P.T., C.M.T.
5855 Wadsworth Bypass, Building A-Suite 301
Arvada, CO 80003
303-668-4364
www.wqptmassage.com
Majestic View Nature Center, providing environmental education and awareness of our natural resources, is located at 7030 Garrison Street. Through May, the Center is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., as well as during programs and special activities. Pre-registration is required; call 720-898-7405.

Nature Adventures:
An Interactive Experience
Celebrate the natural wonders of the season with your child through short hikes, hands-on activities, crafts, and books. Ages 4 – 6 and parents.
- April 17, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. No fee.
- May 15, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. No fee.
- June 19, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. No fee.

Evening Bird Walk
Learn the basics of bird watching and then stroll around Oberon Lake to view resident and migratory birds. Bring binoculars and field guides, if you have them. Spotting scope will be provided. Ages 10 – adult.
- April 27, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. No fee.

A Water Feature in Your Landscape?
If you have ever thought about a water feature, either a pond or low maintenance small pondless waterfall, come and see Majestic View Nature Center’s feature in our brand new water conserving garden. Presented by Rocky Mountain WaterScape. Register by April 30.
- May 6, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. No fee

Animal Art and Awesome Activities-
Radical Reptiles
Learn about crocodiles, lizards, and snakes as we examine these interesting reptiles while making a great artistic project to take home. Ages 6 – 10.
- May 8, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. $10.

Travel Series: Exploring the National Parks, Monuments, and Wildlife Refuges of the West
See the amazing wildlife and scenic views of Crater Lake, Saguaro, Wind Cave, Badlands, Dinosaur, Hovenweep, Bosque del Apache, Natural Bridges, Biscbee, and Bandelier. Presented by Bob Barber, professional Wildlife Photographer. Ages 10 – adult.
- June 17, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. $3/person

Mad Science Summer Day Camps at Majestic View
Half day, full day, and extended day weekly camps. Ages 6-12 years.
- June 14-18 Claws, Codes, & Constellations
- June 28-July 2 Seek, Find, & Solve
- July 6-9 ½ Day (4-6 year olds) In the Garden
- July 19-23 “Fizz-ical” Phenomenon & Crazy Che-Mystery

August 9-13 Mad Science Engineering Academy
School Field Trips: Elementary Exploration Program
The Nature Center received a Tier III grant for the fifth year from the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. This award assists in the funding of the Elementary Exploration Program, a K-6th grade science curriculum in which the students learn environmental education concepts throughout the 80-acre park and Center facility.

Community Outreach
The Center offers a variety of environmental programs that are popular for community, scouts, and home school groups. These can be presented at your site or ours and adapted for different group sizes and ages, from preschool through adult.

Earth Day
Thank you to Northwest United Federal Credit Union for its sponsorship of the Earth Day 6th grade Poster Contest celebrating this important event.

Catch a Big Fish, Win a Big Prize!
Calling all kids! The City of Arvada is hosting the tenth annual Kids’ Fishing Contest on Saturday, June 12 at the Arvada Reservoir, 18915 W. 64th Parkway.
This fun, free family event begins at 6:00 a.m. Awards and prizes will be given out at 12:00 p.m.
Entry forms are available at the Arvada Reservoir; Arvada City Hall, or on the web at www.arvada.org. Participants may also register on the day of the event. Please call Tom Griffiths at 720-898-7416 with questions.

Section 8 Waiting List Opens Up
The Arvada Housing Authority will open its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Program waiting list to new applicants on April 21 and 22, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications may be picked up in the Anne Campbell Room located on the first floor of Arvada City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road.

To provide increased customer service, the Arvada Housing Authority now provides a modified lottery system. Completed applications must be mailed back to the Arvada Housing Authority by the due date on the instruction sheet with the application. Applicants will therefore no longer have to wait in long lines or come earlier than 9:00 a.m. to obtain a place in line to get an application.
Arvada Chamber’s Dot Wright Honored!

Arvada Chamber of Commerce President Dot Wright was honored as one of Denver’s dynamic, up-and-coming business leaders at the Denver Business Journal’s Forty Under 40 Luncheon held on March 18. This event recognized forty outstanding local professionals under age 40 for their business success and community contributions.

King Soopers to Expand at W. 80th Avenue and Wadsworth

You may have heard that King Soopers at W. 80th and Wadsworth will embark on a major expansion project beginning soon. The Arvada store will grow from 72,000 sq. ft. to over 126,000 sq. ft. Neighborhood meetings will be held with residents adjacent to the shopping center and businesses within the center to discuss construction plans for the new store. At this time, King Soopers plans to remain open during construction. Expected completion is estimated at about 19 months.

Invest in Arvada!

The Invest in Arvada initiative has been launched! “Proud Arvada Business” window stickers were mailed to a large number of businesses in the community. If we missed you, please contact the AEDA office and we will send you one of your own! The campaign will include encouraging citizens to watch for the stickers and patronize those stores, so please put them in a prominent location. Businesses that would like to purchase more of the “Invest in Arvada” eco-friendly bags should contact the AEDA office at 720-898-7010.

Main Street Efficiency Initiative

In partnership with the Governor’s Energy Office, the City of Arvada will be offering grants and rebates to businesses that perform energy efficiency upgrades. These upgrades may include energy audits, light bulb replacement, insulation, HVAC, and water heaters. The program will begin the summer of 2010. Visit http://arvada.org/sustainability/ for news and tips on recycling and trash, transportation, building and homes, water, and other Arvada Sustainable Action Plan (ASAP) subjects, or call the Sustainability Coordinator at 720-898-7511 for more information.

Community Profile Now Available

The 2010 Arvada Community Profile is now online and hard copies are ready for distribution to Arvada businesses. The Profile features demographic information such as Arvada’s population, number of households, household incomes, education levels, cost of living comparisons, and much more. Arvada businesses may request copies by calling AEDA at 720-898-7010.

Leadership Arvada Continues

In September 2009, AEDA and the Arvada Chamber of Commerce joined forces to bring the inaugural Leadership Arvada program to the community. The original 26 members of the 2009-2010 class have participated in monthly sessions which were designed to give current and future community leaders a competitive edge. Aaron Skoff noted, “Leadership Arvada has had a great deal of impact on me. It’s pretty much opened my eyes to where my goals are and how they are changing.” This successful series of classes is now in the planning stages for the 2010-2011
PTAC Comes To Jeffco

In our February/March issue we report ed that the Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) would be opening an office in Colorado Springs. Good news! Now the Colorado PTAC staff will also open a satellite office in Jefferson County that will serve the metro Denver area. The Jefferson Economic Council (JEC) offered PTAC the use of one of its dedicated offices in the Denver West Office Park. There is a great deal of interest in government procurement in Jefferson County, which has one of the highest numbers of companies in the State receiving SBIR and STTR Federal research grants, and houses two of the largest prime government contractors—Lockheed Martin and Ball Aerospace and Technologies. Information about PTAC can be found at www.jeffco.org/home or contact Michelle Claymore of JEC at 720-544-5503.

Driving Business Education

The Arvada City Council and AEDA will host an informational session regarding what is happening in Arvada. A representative from each Arvada business is invited to attend the “State of the City” update and forum. Updates will be presented by City staff and City Council members. Resources from organizations such as the Jefferson County Workforce Center, Jefferson County Business Resource Center, code enforcement, sales tax/finance, funding sources, etc., will be available for one-on-one meetings. The breakfast and forum will take place at the Arvada Center on April 20 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast will be provided for one person from each business at no cost; additional tickets for extra guests may be purchased for $15 (advance payment required). Call AEDA at 720-898-7010 for more information or to register.

New Arvada Businesses

Anders Chiropractic

is now open at 7878 Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite 240.

Blue River Catering and Personal Chef

is located at 5604 Kendall Court – Rocky Mountain Commissary.

Book Cranny

is located to 7580 Grant Place in Olde Town Arvada.

Burrito King

is open at 5604 Kendall Court in the Rocky Mountain Commissary.

Catton’s Auto Body & RV Repair

is located at 5425 W. 80th Avenue, Suite 32.

Columbine Natural Health Center

is located to 5275 Marshall Street, Suite 102.

Comtec Wash Systems

is located to 14825 W. 68th Avenue and specializes in car wash supplies.

Dayspring Counseling

is open at 7878 W. 80th Place, Unit 1G.

El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant

is located at 5390 Wadsworth ByPass (former Bennigans building).

Elite Reef

is a fish and aquarium store at 8410 Wadsworth Boulevard, Unit F.

Endangered Species

is a custom printed t-shirts, opened at 5611 Kendall Court.

Jacobs Home Appliance and More L.L.C

is located to 9582 W. 58th Avenue and specializes in appliance repair.

Mobile Computer Specialists

is a supply and repair business located at 7597 W. 66th Avenue, Suite 203.

Nutrigenics Group

is a third party benefits and drug testing, located to 6520 Wadsworth Boulevard.

Prestige Beauty Salon

is located to 10388 Ralston Road.

Reconnection of Arvada

is a therapy center, opened at 12191 W. 64th Avenue, Suite 306.

Zenith Administrators

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Restoration and much-needed repair of an Arvada landmark, the Arvada Flour Mill, will begin this summer thanks to a matching grant from the State Historical Fund. The total cost of the restoration/renovation is $165,000, with the grant covering $101,000. The Arvada Historical Society, which owns the Mill, is excited that the Arvada Flour Mill was selected for this grant, although the Society now faces the daunting task of raising $64,000 in the next 18 months to meet the matching funds requirement for the grant. The repairs needed include new siding, repairs to both the roof and the foundation, and new windows, as well as other work. Before receiving this grant, the Society conducted a $10,000 architectural survey of the building, also with a grant from the State Historical Fund, to determine the work needed to preserve this Arvada landmark.

The Arvada Flour Mill was built by Eugene Emory Benjamin, an established miller in Colorado. He selected the location in Arvada due to the proximity of the railroad, enabling easy transport of grain to the Mill, as well as transport of flour from the Mill. Construction began in the fall of 1925. As Mr. Benjamin was beginning to dig out the foundation, his wife came running through town shouting “I found gold!” She had just killed a chicken for the evening supper, and as she cleaned it, she discovered a gold nugget in the chicken’s craw. The next day, town residents came to the Mill to dig - they thought gold had been found at the site! Mr. Benjamin silently gave thanks, and the site was dug out in record time.

The Mill was completed in the spring of 1926 according to Mr. Benjamin’s exacting standards. The flour, branded Arva-Pride, won national awards. Mr. Benjamin continued milling flour until the early 1940s, when shortly before his death, he sold the property to Frank Tiller in 1944. Mr. Tiller initially conducted a feed store at the location, and after WWII, added a moving and storage business there.

In April 1975, the Arvada Flour Mill became the first of now six locations in Arvada to be included on the list of National Historic Places. In 1977, Frank Tiller’s son, Fred Tiller, conveyed title to the Mill to the Arvada Historical Society, which has since worked diligently to preserve the Mill and share its place in our history with all Arvadans. Mr. Benjamin’s original milling equipment remains at the site and is in excellent condition. The Society provides tours of the Mill, by appointment only, conducted by dedicated volunteers.

For more information, call 303-431-1261, or visit the Arvada Historical Society’s website at arvadahistory.org.

Arvada Historical Society
Fifth Annual Yard Sale

The Arvada Historical Society welcomes donations of gently used but no longer needed household items to be sold at our fifth annual yard sale. Bring donations to the Arvada Flour Mill, 5590 Olde Wadsworth Boulevard on April 21 and 22 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., or from April 25 – 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please, NO clothing, large appliances, computer equipment, chemicals, or upholstered furniture.

Then come back and shop on April 30 and May 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Arvada Historical Society and our work preserving Arvada’s rich history. For additional information, please call 303-277-0664 or 303-431-1261.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

11 Kite Festival, 10:00 a.m.
Robby Ferrufino Park

12 Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

19 Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

20 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

20 Premiere, Nine: The Musical
Arvada Center

26 Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

29 Music with a View: Bottesini,
Paul Riola, 7:00 p.m.
Arvada Center Galleries

30 Arvada Historical Society
Annual Yard Sale, 9:00 a.m.
Arvada Flour Mill
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MAY

1 Arvada Historical Society
Annual Yard Sale, 9:00 a.m.
Arvada Flour Mill
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3 Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

3 Front Range Youth Symphony
Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Arvada Center

4 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

6 Ladies Only Sample Tour
Olde Town Arvada
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6 Music with a View: Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitar, 7:00 p.m.
Arvada Center Galleries

6 Free Crime Prevention Class
Presented by the Arvada Police Department, 6:00 p.m.
Arvada City Hall
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8 Stamp Out Hunger Postal Food Drive
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10 Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

17 Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

18 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

24 Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

27 Public Workshop #2 on the
Ralston Corridor Project Study, 6:00 p.m.
King of Glory Lutheran Church
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31 Memorial Day
Arvada City Hall Closed

JUNE

3 Arvada Chorale Company and Colcannon, 7:30 p.m.
Arvada Center Outdoor Amphitheater

5 Arvada Trails Day
Majestic View Nature Center
Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge
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6 The Lettermen, 7:30 p.m.
Arvada Center Outdoor Amphitheater

7 Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

8 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

12 Kids’ Fishing Tournament
Arvada Reservoir
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14 Arvada City Council, 5:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

19 Opry Colorado II: An Evening of Fiddles, Fretboards, and Folksters, 7:00 p.m.
Arvada Center Outdoor Amphitheater

20 Father’s Day 5K, Fun Run, and Car Show
Apex Center
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21 Arvada City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Arvada City Hall

APECX Center:
13150 W. 72nd Avenue

Arvada Center:
6901 Wadsworth Boulevard

Arvada City Hall:
8101 Ralston Road

Arvada Flour Mill:
5590 Olde Wadsworth Boulevard

Arvada Reservoir
18915 W. 64th Avenue Parkway

King of Glory Lutheran Church
10001 W. 58th Avenue

Dates subject to change.
Confirm with appropriate agency.
Arvada Center Happenings

The Arvada Center—Treat Yourself to the Arts!
To purchase tickets and for more information call 720-898-7200 or visit www.arvadacenter.org

On Stage

NINE
The Musical
Winner Of 5 Tony Awards®

Many Women Make the Man
Book by Arthur Kopit
Music and Lyrics by Maury Yeston
Directed by Rod A. Lansberry
Starring Randal Keith, as Guido Contini
Opens April 20
Main Stage Theater
Tickets starting at $28

Coming Soon!

Summer at the Center
Check our website for the latest about Summer Concerts and Shows: summeratthecenter.com

Children’s Theater

Originaly Adapted and Produced for the Stage by Theatre BAM
From the Series Created by George Newall and Tom Yohe
Based on an idea by David McCall
Book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall
Music & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall, and Tom Yohe
Directed by Kitty Skillman Hilsabeck

A pop culture phenomenon and Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science, and politics through clever, tuneful songs comes to the musical stage! This nostalgic production instructs a whole new generation that learning can be fun when a first-time school teacher realizes he can win his students over with imagination and music. Featuring such beloved Schoolhouse Rock songs as Conjunction Junction and Do the Circulation, this family-friendly production is appealing to adults and children alike.

Through May 15, 2010
Weekday tickets: $8
Weekend tickets: $10

Go online for more information:
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