

SIGNATURE MOMENT

► **Right:** The last structural roofing beam was signed as part of the topping out ceremony for the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre on Nov. 12.

▲ **Top:** The beam was later installed on Nov. 20.

▼ See full story, below.



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And To Top It All Off...

► Celebration for Halfway Point of Construction of New Rec Center

Construction on the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre is halfway done. The city hosted a “topping out” ceremony to celebrate the occasion on Nov. 12.

Members of City Council, the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority, Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, city staff, and representatives from architects Barker Rinker Seacat, construc-

tion manager FCI Constructors Inc. and project managers Project One Cumming signed the last structural roofing beam, which was installed on Nov. 20.

Located just east of Interstate 25 and south of 120th Avenue, the new center is set to open late next year.

“After 15 years of vision, planning and now construction, I can’t believe we’re only one year away from the opening of

this amazing facility,” said Northglenn Mayor Meredith Leighty. “As if we needed one more reason for 2021 to get here!”

The new \$54.5 million facility will meet the needs and desires of residents and patrons now and for generations to come. Visitors will enjoy swimming, fitness, preschool, arts & culture programming and classes in a first-class facility. Some

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

Watch these videos about the center at www.northglenn.org/newreccenter:

- Topping out ceremony
- Virtual tour (seven or 12-minute versions)
- A link to see a live camera view of the construction site



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POLICE BOARD: Applications are being accepted for the city's new police advisory board. ► **Page 6**

SHOP NORTHGLENN, WIN \$1K: Shop at a Northglenn business, and you could win prizes. ► **Page 8**

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CLOSURES

City Hall, the Northglenn Justice Center (which includes the Municipal Court), and Maintenance & Operations Building are CLOSED to the public, though accessible via phone, email or online, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For those facilities, the closure times below are when staff will not be present in the building. The rec center and senior center require pre-registration for use; see Page 5 for more information.

City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Building, Justice Center, and Senior Center

- Closed Christmas Eve, Thurs., Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Fri., Dec. 25; New Year's Eve, Thurs., Dec. 31 and New Year's Day, Fri., Jan. 1

Recreation Center

- Closed Dec. 24 to 27 and Jan. 1

- Open 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 31

Trash will NOT be picked up as normal. See Page 7 for details.

COVID-19 IN NORTHGLENN: MASK UP & MOVE FORWARD



Adams County COVID-19 statistics from Tri-County Health as of Nov. 23:

1,411

Two-week incidence rate per 100K

15.7%

Two-week positivity rate

1 IN 58

Estimated number of people infected with COVID-19

Adams County is now designated Level Red and the city has closed City Hall, the Justice Center and Maintenance & Operations Building to the public at least through the end of the year. More information is available in the Connection:

- **Page 5:** Contains updated city services and COVID-19 testing information. Also, Gov. Jared Polis will host a town hall meeting on Dec. 3.
- **Page 8:** View the state's COVID-19 Level Red restrictions and a new assistance program for city businesses.



Some people contract COVID-19 and experience mild or even no symptoms. However, others are incapacitated, hospitalized, or worse. Several Northglenn residents talk about their experiences with COVID-19 in short videos that can be viewed at www.northglenn.org/covidvideos.

#PracticeSafeSix

Follow these steps to help prevent COVID-19 spread:

1. Stay 6 feet from others
2. Wear your mask when with anyone outside your home
3. Wash your hands often
4. Be extra safe if you're at higher risk
5. Stay home when sick
6. Get tested if you have symptoms



City Council Discusses Allowing Marijuana Delivery in Northglenn

Here is a recap of recent votes, a glance into the most discussed topics and a look ahead for City Council. Council votes on two types of items: An ordinance (CB) is an enforceable law or regulation that requires two majority votes by council to pass; a resolution (CR), is a decision, opinion, policy or directive and only requires one majority vote to pass.

NOV. 2: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Campaign finance regulations; digital billboard advertising for marijuana businesses; marijuana delivery, industrial hemp products and marijuana business location restrictions; decriminalization of municipal offenses; Police Department 360 Assessment prioritization of recommendations; new police advisory board implementation (see Page 6 for more information); business grant program - winterization program

NOV. 9: REGULAR MEETING

- **Proclamations:** National Adoption Awareness Month – November 2020; Native American Heritage Month – November 2020; Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month – November 2020; Veterans Day – Nov. 11, 2020
- **Financial Update:** September 2020 report
- **Consent Agenda:** Acceptance of COPS Grant (CR-150); youth commission reappointment of Isaiah Salgado Rael (CR-152); second amendment to city manager employment agreement (CR-155); city clerk salary (CR-156); Amendment No. 1 to Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County CARES Act Funding Subrecipient Agreement (CR-157); Amendment No. 1 to Maiker Housing Partners CARES Act Funding Subrecipient Agreement (CR-162) – passed unanimously
- Amending the Municipal Code regarding municipal offenses (CB-1955) – unanimous approval on first reading
- Approval of VALE Board bylaws (CR-149) – passed unanimously
- Axon body-worn camera purchase (CR-151) – passed unanimously
- 2021 Legislative Issues Guide (CR-153) – passed unanimously
- Amendment No. 1 to Almost Home CARES Act Funding Subrecipient Agreement (CR-154) – passed unanimously

NOV. 16: STUDY SESSION

- **Topics:** Adams County Severe Weather Activation Plan and respite care funding; Colorado Legal Services Pilot Program update; 2020/2021 Waste Optimization Study; 2020 holiday season giving opportunities

NOV. 23: REGULAR MEETING

- **Interview:** Tiffany Banks – Planning Commission
- **Proclamations:** Small Business Saturday – Nov. 28, 2020

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MANY QUESTIONS FOR MARIJUANA DELIVERY

In January 2021, a state law goes into effect that creates marijuana delivery permits for licensed retail businesses to deliver products. City Council will take a look at the issue in December and January. The marijuana industry is highly regulated by the state, but local jurisdictions can decide if they want to allow delivery within their boundaries.

A few of the things City Council will discuss include:

- Should Northglenn marijuana businesses be allowed to deliver to customers in Northglenn?
- Should they be allowed to deliver outside Northglenn?
- Should marijuana businesses outside Northglenn be allowed to deliver products to addresses within city limits?
- Should the city's rules be stricter than the rules the state has adopted?
- What are surrounding jurisdictions doing and how might that affect Northglenn?
- Should delivery be limited to medical marijuana only?
- How might these decisions affect residents, businesses, public safety and city revenue?

If you have thoughts or opinions to share on this issue, please reach out to your City Council representative (contact information below), participate in public comment at a regular meeting, or submit a comment online at www.northglenn.org/virtualtownhall.

MEETINGS & STUDY SESSIONS

City Council is required to have two meetings a month. They also typically have two study sessions monthly to learn about and discuss topics in-depth. Special meetings are scheduled if more time is needed to complete city business.

Time/Date: Council meetings are 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Study sessions are 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month as needed.

Location: Meetings, study sessions and special meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Go to www.northglenn.org for updates on future meetings and study sessions.

WATCH & LEARN ... VIRTUALLY

Listen to the December meetings, study sessions and special meeting by phone at 720.961.5043. See agenda for meeting ID.

Council meetings and study sessions are shown live on Comcast Channel 8 or 881 HD in Northglenn and on www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn.

Channel 8 Rebroadcast Schedule:

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

Watch videos at www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn or www.northglenn.org/webdocs.

Audio recordings are available the day after meetings at www.northglenn.org/webdocs.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

December meetings will be virtual.

- **Study Sessions:** 6 p.m. Mon. Dec. 7, Dec. 21 and Jan. 4
- **Regular Meetings:** 7 p.m. Mon. Dec. 14
- **Special Meeting:** Mon. Dec. 21, following study session
- **Dec. 28 meeting cancelled due to holidays**

Upcoming topics (tentative):

- Marijuana delivery
- When to resume in-person City Council meetings
- Water resources update
- 2021 Economic Development overview
- Phase II of the Civic Center Master Plan

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

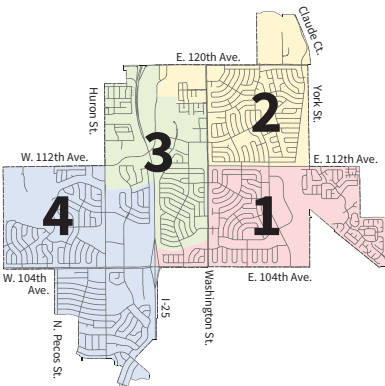
Input from residents makes a difference – the mayor and council members appreciate hearing from you! Here are options to learn more about council action and weigh in:

- Public comment for regular and special meetings may be submitted to jsmall@northglenn.org

northglenn.org or 303.450.8757 prior to the meeting start time. Comments are not taken at study sessions.

- You may also call or email the mayor or council members to share your opinion on city issues. ► **Contact information below.**

CITY WARDS



► Online: Go to www.northglenn.org/webdocs for audio, video and documents from council meetings and study sessions.

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

| MAYOR | WARD 1 | WARD 2 | WARD 3 | WARD 4 |
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- **Presentations:** COVID-19 update
- **Consent Agenda:** 2021 water rights special counsel (**CR-158**); 2021 water rights engineering (**CR-159**); 2020 landfill services addendum (**CR-160**); 2021 landfill services (**CR-161**); 2021/2022 Adams County Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Services IGA (**CR-163**); 2021 Police Department Records Terminal Guard IGA (**CR-164**); 2021 Northglenn/Thornton Victim Services IGA (**CR-165**) – *passed unanimously*
- **Public Hearing and Second Reading:** Amending the Municipal Code regarding municipal offenses (**CB-1955**) – *no one signed up to give public comment; passed unanimously*
- **Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board (**CB-1956**)** – *unanimous approval on first reading*
- **Retail tobacco licensing (**CB-1957**)** – *passed 7-2 on first reading (no vote Peterson, Brown)*
- **Allowing the sale of industrial hemp products at marijuana businesses (**CB-1958**)** – *unanimous approval on first reading*
- **Marijuana business location requirements (**CB-1959**)** – *unanimous approval on first reading*
- **Campaign finance complaint process (**CB-1960**)** – *unanimous approval on first reading*
- **Amendment No. 1 to Adams County CARES Act Funding IGA (**CR-167**)** – *passed unanimously*
- **Discussion Item:** NGCC Master Plan Phase 1 implementation November update

SPECIAL DELIVERY



The Mayor and City Council took a lighter "virtual" tone this year on their annual holiday card that is sent to neighboring municipalities and community partners. Council and the city wish everyone a safe and merry holiday season!

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

The city will not be having its annual Count the Lights contest this year, but that doesn't mean you can't still see the lights on the antique fire truck! It will be parked in front of the Northglenn Recreation Center, 11801 Community Center Drive, for the duration of the holidays. ▶ You could win \$1,000 by shopping local through Reindeer Receipt Rewards. Go to Page 8 for more information.



PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES: 911

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

NORTHGLENN CONNECTION

The Northglenn Connection is delivered monthly to residents as a reference for city information and to learn about what is happening in the community. This and past editions are also at www.northglenn.org/connection. Contact John Eisel at jeisel@northglenn.org for any questions, comments or concerns.

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn



www.twitter.com/NorthglennCo



www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn



www.northglenn.org/nextdoor



www.instagram.com/cityofnorthglenn



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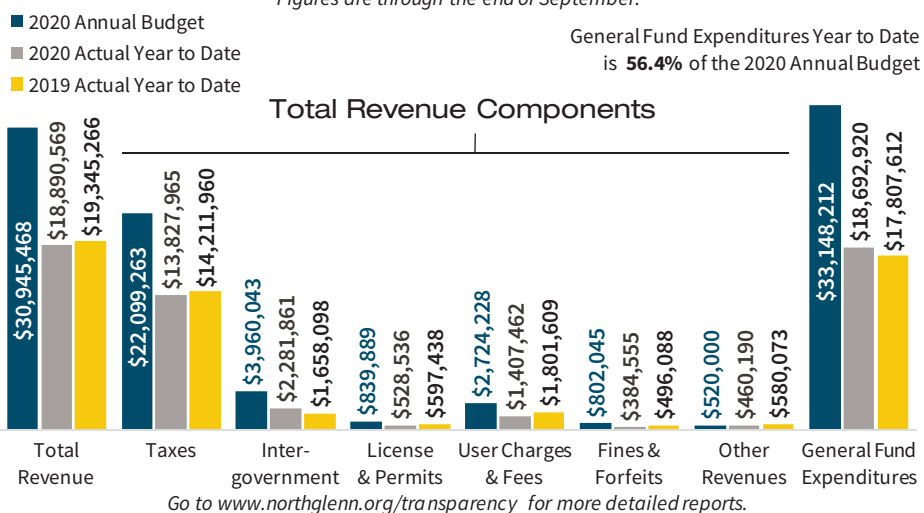
The Citizens' Affairs Board continues to meet monthly, though virtually, due to COVID-19. This council-appointed group is a sounding board for ideas, a place to share needs/concerns, and an opportunity to hear about city operations.

At the last meeting, Northglenn COVID-19 information and community volunteer opportunities were discussed.

Newest member from Ward 3 Kristin Robledo, Ward 4 representative Brian Waselko, chair Heathre Palige, and Ward 2 representative Joe Brown welcome Northglenn residents and businesses to the meetings! There is one vacancy on the board designated for Ward 1; go to www.northglenn.org/CAB for meeting information or to apply.

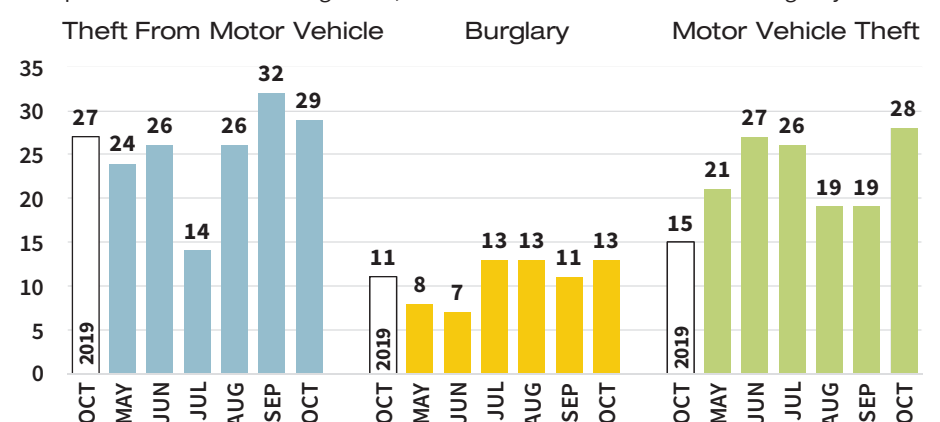
September 2020 General Fund Financial Report

Figures are through the end of September.



October 2020 Crime Statistics

These charts show statistics from the Police Department for theft from a motor vehicle, burglary and motor vehicle theft in the city over the last six months and from October 2019. To report a non life-threatening crime, call 303.288.1535. Dial 911 in an emergency.



Mayor's Memo: A Message from Mayor Meredith Leighty



2020 Holidays Can Still Be Special

► Take Time To Reach Out to Others, Make a Difference in The Community



Leighty

Happy holidays Northglenn! Yes, it feels a bit different this year, but this is still the season of peace and joy. What will you do to honor traditions? How will you incorporate different activities and make new memories? Here are some thoughts:

Make It Personal.

Big gatherings are a big risk this year. Instead, how about old fashioned handwritten letters, homemade crafts and drawings, hard copies of photos, and mailing packages? Amazon and digital images are convenient, but not as heartwarming.

A phone call to family members to make sure they received their handmade cards

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and photos would be a new experience for many in our younger generation.

Give If You Are Able.

If you have more than you need this year, consider supporting others. The city and schools are some of the places people reach out when they need help, so I know firsthand the need is high this year. Whether you donate to one of our programs (see Page 11) or one of the many other worthy causes out there, the support is deeply appreciated.

Shop Northglenn.

With all the restrictions it is tempting to go all online. Yet our businesses

need our support more than ever. They employ our neighbors, support our community, and invigorate our local economy. It's unlikely there are crowds in our local stores, so you should be able to shop in person if you would like. Online, curbside, and other options are available too. You can find a list of all Northglenn businesses at www.shopnorthglenn.org.

Don't forget to enter receipts from any Northglenn purchases for a chance at \$1,000 (Page 8, www.northglenn.org/reindeerreceipts). Cash prizes are sure to deliver some holiday cheer to some lucky families this year!

Connect With Others.

Pick up the phone. Try a Facebook live class. Join a group chat. Check on that neighbor. Put up more holiday lights than usual. Initiate a car caravan to drive around and see holiday lights. Smile under your mask at others when you are out and about. Feeling isolated during the winter months is common every year, let alone a year like this. We need to make extra effort to connect with others, and little gestures add up to a lot.

Let's continue to focus on what we CAN do, because in Northglenn we Mask Up and Move Forward. I wish you and yours a warm and safe holiday season!

— Mayor Meredith Leighty

City Manager's Column: A Letter from Heather Geyer



Staying Grateful Despite Trying 2020

► Residents, Businesses, Staff and Council Have Stepped Up in Face of COVID-19

We are all experiencing a time like no other. There is nothing "normal" about this holiday season. COVID-19 persists. Impacts to the economy and households continue to be seen and felt here in Northglenn. This year has been nothing short of challenge after challenge.



Geyer

and that we will get through this together.

I Am Thankful to You, our Residents.

Thank you for showing you care about your neighbors in many different ways, including volunteering, donations, shopping local and wearing masks. Thank you for showing support of city services and staff – the emails and social media messages that say "great job" and "thank you for your help" are especially meaningful when we have had to manage so much worry,

criticism, and need. Thank you for continuing to keep our community close by attending virtual meetings, showing interest in issues, and coming to our limited events.

I Am Thankful to You, Our Businesses.

We appreciate that you chose Northglenn and we see your struggles. We thank you for continuing to forge ahead in such uncertain times. As part of our continuing support through this pandemic, the city has launched a second round of its Elevate Grant to support businesses with mortgage and rental assistance. Go to Page 8 for more information. And for me personally, thank you for all the great services and products – I live and shop here and love our mix of options.

I Am Thankful to You, Team Northglenn!

You have worked hard, faced challenges, been innovative, and turned on a dime more than ever this year.

Your efforts are noticed and valued, and make things better for all that live and work in Northglenn.

I Am Thankful to You, Mayor and City Council.

You have taken actions that help our community on many different levels, given solid guidance on policies, further developed our community character, supported employees, and modeled realistic optimism and hope in Northglenn. And made it through five-hour long council meetings!

Collectively we make Northglenn a great city and for that I am very thankful. Your Northglenn city government is here to serve. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

I wish all of you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and all the best in 2021!

— City Manager Heather Geyer

"Be present in all things and thankful for all things."

— Maya Angelou

GRACE UNDER FIRE

Do you know of a youth who has overcome great hardship in their lives?

The Adams County Mayors & Commissions Youth Awards (ACMCYA) honors young residents who have overcome overwhelming obstacles to become successful and productive students and members of the community.

Nominees must be in sixth through 12th grade, up to 20 years old, as of Dec. 31, 2020. City Council will salute the Northglenn nominees during a special event, and at least one city nominee will be honored at the county level.

Nominations are due by Jan. 31, 2021, at <https://bit.ly/ACMCYANominationform2021>. For more information, email Jenni Murphy at jmurphy@northglenn.org.

Child Food Program Expanded

► Free Meals for Pick-Up at Sites Throughout Northglenn

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Adams 12 Five Star Schools will offer free meals for all students through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. USDA passed an extended waiver for free breakfast and lunch pick-up meal service for district students and non-district children ages 1 to 18.

Meals are distributed at multiple locations on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Dec. 17. No meals will be served over the holiday break. A meal schedule starting in January will be released after the holidays.

In Northglenn, families can pick up meals at the drive-up location of Northglenn High School, 601 W. 100th Place, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Also, walk-up mobile sites on Tuesdays and Thursdays include:

- **1:15 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.**
 - Stukey Elementary, 11080 Grant Dr.
- **1:45 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.**
 - Oslo Apartments, 11501 Washington St.
 - Westview Elementary, 1300 Roseanna Dr.
 - Leroy Elementary, 1451 Leroy Dr.
 - Malley Drive Elementary, 1300 Malley Dr.
- **2:15 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.**
 - Vega Apartments, 11801 Washington St.
- **2:45 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.**
 - Reserve at Northglenn Apartments, 11450 Community Center Dr.

► For additional locations and times throughout the district, visit www.adams12.org/freeschoolmeals.



COVID-19 OPERATIONS

With COVID-19 rates rising in Colorado, information can change quickly. Below are general guidelines for city services, facilities, programs and events.

City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Building and Justice Center are all closed to the public for the foreseeable future due to rising cases of COVID-19 in Adams County. In-person meetings are not being held for employees in those facilities, although they are available through email or phone.

• **Please note: The city's police, code enforcement, water and wastewater, and trash and recycling services are still operating as normal.**

CITY HALL

Bidding

- Find documents and live viewings of openings at www.northglenn.org/bidding.

Building

- Building permits may be obtained at www.northglenn.org/building. All other services are operating as normal. Call 303.450.8745, email building@northglenn.org or go to the website for more information.

Boards and Commissions

- All boards and commissions, including City Council, are meeting virtually. Go to www.northglenn.org/webdocs for schedules and links.

City Clerk

- Find information and forms for licenses, permits, and boards and commissions at www.northglenn.org/cityclerk. Staff can be reached at 303.450.8756 or clerk@northglenn.org.

Code Enforcement

(Neighborhood Services)

- Call 303.280.7876 for questions, concerns or to report a code violation. You may also report one through the Access Northglenn app or at www.northglenn.org/accessnorthglenn.

Economic Development

- Contact Economic Development staff for assistance: Debbie Tuttle at 303.450.8743 or dtuttle@northglenn.org; or Shannon Fields at 303.450.8938 or sfields@northglenn.org.

Human Resources

- Human Resources staff can be reached at 303.450.8761. Go to www.northglenn.org.

COVID ASSISTANCE

Do you need COVID-19 assistance for you, your family, or your Northglenn business or organization? Contact Rupa Venkatesh at 720.376.8069 or rvenkatesh@northglenn.org or Jessica Hulse at 720.822.0558 or jhulse@northglenn.org.

org/jobs to see the latest employment opportunities with the city.

Passports

- Passport services are not currently available at the City Clerk's Office. Visit <https://travel.state.gov> for service updates and options.

Planning

- Staff can be reached at development@northglenn.org or 303.450.8739.

Utility Billing

- Although City Hall is closed, residents have a few ways to pay their utility bills:

- Online • Mail in your bill

- By phone from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at 303.450.8770.

- Automatic deduction from your checking account

- Deposit box in front of City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive (NOTE: The city is NOT accepting cash payments.)

- Go to www.northglenn.org/utilitybilling for more details on all of these options.

- If you are having difficulty paying your city utility bill, call 303.450.8770.

PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

If you are a Northglenn resident, 65 or older, and in need of a prescription that you can't pick up or have delivered, the police can help. Call 303.450.8893 or go to www.northglenn.org/prescription for assistance.

JUSTICE CENTER

Court

- Cases are being heard online or over the phone through the end of January at least. Go to www.northglenn.org/court or call 303.450.8701 for more information.

Police

- The Police Department is operating as normal. In case of an emergency or a crime in progress, call 911. For all other incidents, call 303.288.1535.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS BUILDING (PUBLIC WORKS)

Right of Way Permits

- Forms are available at www.northglenn.org/row. Call 303.450.8984 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays or email row@northglenn.org for assistance.

Trash & Recycling

- Trash and recycling are being picked up as normal. Please have your bins out to the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

EVENTS

Noel Northglenn and the holiday bike giveaway are still happening. (Sorry – both are fully booked.)

RECREATION

- All recreation programs require pre-registration.** Sign-up is available at www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn.

- Recreation offerings may change. Please call the recreation center at 303.450.8800 or senior center at 303.450.8801, or go to www.northglenn.org/recguide for the most up-to-date information.

- The **Northglenn Recreation Center** is open from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rentals of any rooms in the rec center, senior center or of the D.L. Parsons Theatre are not available at this time.

Aquatics

- The rec center is hosting lap swim, small group fitness classes and small swim team practices.

Arts and Culture

- Limited programs are available. Pre-registration is required. Go to www.northglennarts.org for details.

Fitness

- The rec center cardio/weight room is open by appointment only.
- Classes are running virtually and in-person. Small group fitness classes

REMOTE LEARNING

Limited spaces are available to youth in kindergarten through fifth grade for facilitated e-learning at the rec center. The program runs 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Email kscharfenberg@northglenn.org or call 720.227.1613 for details.

will be held at the rec center. Go to www.northglenn.org/fitness for an up-to-date schedule.

- Personal training that includes a small group format with a customized workout is available. A drop-in fee, punch pass or SilverSneakers membership applies.

Parks

- All parks and trails are open. However, patrons must follow social distancing guidelines and are strongly encouraged to wear face masks.

Preschool

- Limited spots are available for youth ages 3 to 5. Go to www.northglenn.org/preschool for pricing and more details.

Seniors

- The Northglenn Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays for one-on-one appointments only. Call 303.450.8801 or email kfisher@northglenn.org to reserve a time.

- A number of online activities and videos are available at www.northglenn.org/seniors.

Sports

- No league sports or sports practices are currently available. Go to www.northglenn.org/sports for updates.

TOWN HALL WITH THE GOVERNOR

6-7 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 3, www.9news.com and 9News Facebook Page

Join Gov. Jared Polis and other local officials for a livestream town hall about current COVID-19 impacts and support available in our community.

COVID-19 Exposure? Quarantine for 2 Weeks

Tri-County Health Department

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms like cough, fever, or other respiratory problems should call their healthcare provider for guidance and separate themselves from others.

People who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days from the last date they were exposed.

There are two types of tests available: diagnostic tests, which is a nose or throat swab that reveals if a person currently has an infection; and antibody tests, which use a blood sample and reveal if the person was previously infected with the virus. (Antibody tests do not show if a person has a current infection.)

Diagnostic tests that use a sample from the nose or throat can sometimes be analyzed at the doctor's office or clinic where the sample is collected, with results available in minutes. Other types of tests need to be sent to a lab, and turn-around times vary based on where the test is being processed. When you pre-register or at the time of your test, ask what the turn-around time is so you will know what to expect.

Whether you are tested or not, always remember to wear a mask, stay 6 feet away from others, stay home if you feel sick, and wash your hands often in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

► For more about COVID-19 testing, go to <https://www.tchd.org/Faq.aspx?QID=686>. To learn more on the different tests available visit www.tchd.org/Faq.aspx?QID=696.

City COVID-19 Test Site Open Through Dec. 30

As of Nov. 23, free COVID-19 testing in Northglenn runs through Dec. 30.

The site is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at IECRM (Independent Electrical Contractors Rocky Mountain), 11429 Pearl St. in Northglenn.

No appointment is necessary, but the site has a limit of 200 tests per day. A rapid antigen test through a nasal swab is offered. With paperwork, testing and processing, a person can expect to spend 2.5 hours at the site to receive their result.

The free testing is available no

matter where you live or your insurance status. You must drive up for testing unless you are a person experiencing homelessness. Face masks are required if you can medically wear them. Social distancing is enforced. Costs for the site are being paid for using CARES Act funds.

The city location has been packed, so another testing location option is Water World, 8801 N. Pecos St., in Federal Heights.

► For more details on this site, or for other local testing spots, go to www.tchd.org/827/Testing-for-COVID-19.

City Starting Police Advisory Board

► Will Aid in Implementation of New Operating Philosophy; Apply By Jan. 15

Residents, youth and other interested individuals are invited to apply for the new Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board from Dec. 1 through Jan. 15.

CCPP is a new operational approach that the Police Department will be implementing as a result of the department 360 assessment.

The long history of community policing in Northglenn has positioned the department to take our community involvement to the next level. CCPP is a strategic and forward-looking

approach to assessing public safety services holistically as well as identifying gaps and opportunities to create meaningful organizational culture change to align resources and services based on the desires of the community.

Goals of the philosophy include reducing fractionalism, creating transparency, and balancing influence between residents and police on department services.

Also, the Police Department is in the midst of implementing a number of changes based on a 360 review conducted by an

outside contractor, and developing a new strategic plan. The new CCPP Advisory Board will be an integral part of that work.

"I am excited to involve our community on a deeper level," said Chief Jim May. "We want to increase community trust, enhance public safety, and improve racial equity. This board will help us get there."

If you are interested in more information and applying (must be at least 16 years of age), go to www.northglenn.org/ccppboard.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The new council-appointed board will have 13 members:

- One resident from each ward (four total)
- Two resident at-large members
- One youth at-large member (at least 16 years of age)
- Three designated positions representing community safety:
 - Fraternal Order of Police member
- Police Department non-command supervisory staff member
- North Metro Fire Rescue District staff member
- Three at-large members from professional community service providers
- One ex-officio, non-voting City Council member (not included in the total of 13 members)

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR ... WITHOUT FIREWORKS

With how this year has gone, everyone is counting down the days until 2021. But please, leave fireworks out of the celebration.

Lighting fireworks in Northglenn could mean a fine of at least \$1,000 for the one setting them off as well as the person who owns or lives on the property. If you hear fireworks going off in Northglenn, report it to 303.288.1535, use the Access Northglenn app, or go to www.northglenn.org/accessnorthglenn.

Take Precautions Against Porch Pirates

Much like the Grinch, porch pirates are out to take your holiday gifts! But instead of dressing like Santa Claus and crawling down the chimney, they just take the packages right off your doorstep.

Here are a few tips to prevent porch piracy:

Free

- Require signatures for your deliveries.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your package.
- If available, have the package delivered to a store. Amazon has its own lockers where you can pick up your orders.
- If allowed, have packages sent to your workplace – or to a friend or family member you know will be home.

Costs Money

- Rent a post office box.
 - Purchase a door camera. Like a guard dog, it helps dissuade thieves just by its presence, and if someone is brazen enough to steal your package, they'll be caught on camera. (And the Police Department will be very interested in the video!)
- If you believe your package has been stolen, first contact the shipping company and/or seller, as the package may still be en route. If you've confirmed that the package was delivered, report the theft to the Police Department at 303.288.1535 or www.northglenn.org/reportonline.

Police may respond with an increased presence in your area and alert the community.

DON'T LEAVE CARS RUNNING

During the winter, it's tempting to go inside and leave your vehicle running so it can defrost or stay warm.

Police refer to these vehicles as 'puffers' – and they make prime targets for thieves. The harm goes beyond the hassle and heartache of reporting and possibly replacing the vehicle.

Thieves often use the stolen vehicles to commit other crimes, or they can use documents, keys and garage door openers

to wreak havoc on your identity, security or peace of mind.

Thankfully, the solution is simple. Do not leave your car running unattended. That includes warming it up in your driveway, going into a convenience store or even pumping gas.

If you want to make sure you have a warm car in the morning, consider a remote starter. The keys aren't in the vehicle, making it harder for thieves to steal.

Decorate With Care

► Holiday Lights, Christmas Trees Pose Fire Risk

North Metro Fire Rescue District

Whether you go all out or keep your decorating to a minimum, there are certain fire hazards associated with decorations all residents should avoid.

Although Christmas tree fires aren't common, they are very dangerous and life-threatening. Dry Christmas trees burn extremely fast with a tremendous amount of heat. Electrical malfunctions and having a heat source too close to a Christmas tree are the cause of over half of reported Christmas tree fires.

Prevent a Christmas Tree Fire

- Add water daily to the base of your tree to ensure it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard.
- Ensure all heat sources, such as heat vents, candles, space heaters and fireplaces, are at least three feet away from your tree.
- Replace any string of lights or decorations with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Make sure your lights are third-party tested for safety, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for using them.
- Remember to turn off your Christmas tree lights (and any other powered decorations) before leaving your home or going to bed. Automatic timers are great for this!

Avoid Electrical and Other Decoration-Related Fires

- Make sure all extension cords and electrical decorations are marked for proper use and in good condition.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Better yet,

TOY DRIVE FOR NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE

North Metro Fire Rescue District is partnering with A Precious Child to collect toys this holiday season for local children in need.



The toy drive will run through Friday, Dec. 11. Residents are encouraged to drop off new toys and gift cards into the toy collection bin at North Metro Fire Station 62, 10550 Huron St., Northglenn, any day between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For ideas on what toys and gift cards are most wanted, please visit www.nmfr.org/2020toydrive.

opt for battery-powered candles instead of traditional candles.

- Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) can prevent 50% of home electrical fires.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. The circuit can overheat and cause a fire.
- Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights together.
- Opt for LED lights instead of incandescent lights. They are more durable, energy efficient and are cool to the touch.

— Sources: National Fire Protection Association and Electrical Safety Foundation International

TRAFFIC STATS

October 2020 traffic statistics compiled by the Police Department:

- Traffic Tickets: 222
- Traffic Accidents: 100





This drone camera photo shows the installation of the 'topping out' beam, as well as the overall progress on the new recreation center.

► New Facility to Offer Running Track, Leisure Pool and Pool Slide

◀ CONTINUED FROM COVER

added features not available in the current center include a running track, leisure pool, slide, indoor preschool play area and senior center outdoor patio. At 87,887 square feet, the new center will be more than twice the size of the current recreation center, which opened in 1975.

“This has taken a monumental cooperative effort between residents, city staff, the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority, Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation, and our building partners,” said Leighty. “They’ve worked long and

87,887
Size in square feet of the new Northglenn Recreation, Senior Center and Theatre – more than twice the size of the current facility

hard to make sure we will have a facility that patrons will love and that will help our senior, recreation, arts and cultural programs thrive.”

The project broke ground on Oct. 28, 2019. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic,

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



In November, construction began on interior walls throughout the building. Work continues to progress on roof joists and decking.

The underlayment for the exterior building skin was installed on the south end of the building, as was window framing. The outdoor patio for the Senior Center was poured on the southeast corner of the building.

Now that grading for the roadway that loops around the building is complete, the final grading along Memorial Parkway and the Festival Lawn has picked back up.

As the grading is completed, the last of the soil stockpile will be exported from the site and any remaining sidewalks and site concrete will be poured.

construction has not stopped – though health screening and social distancing has been implemented.

The construction of the new recreation center is Phase I of the city’s Civic Center

Master Plan. The vision is for a new heart of the city that includes the rec center, an area for city events, a new city hall and private development. For more information on the complete project, go to www.northglenn.org/civiccenter.



ENGRAVE A NAME
PURCHASE A BRICK TO HONOR A VETERAN
at the Northglenn Veterans Memorial



In 2001, the Veterans Memorial Committee, consisting of members from the Northglenn American Legion Post 22, the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation and the City of Northglenn, partnered to pay tribute to the many men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of defending our country. The committee raised funds to commission the Veterans Memorial - a large-scale, three-dimensional bronze sculpture - placed across the street from E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park.

With the new Civic Center Plaza, the Veterans Memorial will remain in its original location and be a centerpiece to the \$54 million Northglenn Recreation, Senior Center and Theater. The plaza surrounding the sculpture will be redeveloped to include military branch recognition, aesthetic improvements, and enhancements for visitors and ceremonies.

Memorial bricks purchased during the 2001 development as well as the refurbished memorial bronze plaques surrounding the sculpture have been preserved and will be reinstalled.

As part of the enhanced plaza, the City of Northglenn and the Northglenn Community Foundation is proud to offer an opportunity to add your own personalized brick. By purchasing one or more bricks to honor your veteran, you can help in our tribute to honor all.

Purchase A Brick Today!

Bricks are laser engraved and will include the name of your veteran and a message. Cost ranges from \$40-\$120 and is dependent on the size of brick and the length of message.

Orders are due January 30, 2021.

For more information and to place an order, visit Northglenn.org/VetMemorial or contact Belia Straushein at 303-280-7821.



NO TRASH PICKUP ON CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S DAY



The city will NOT pick up trash on Christmas – Friday, Dec. 25, or New Year’s Day – Friday, Jan. 1.

If your trash is normally picked up on Friday by the city, it will instead be collected on Saturday.

The trash schedule for the rest of the week will

not be affected.

For more information, please call 303.450.4004 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays, or email bsherrill@northglenn.org.

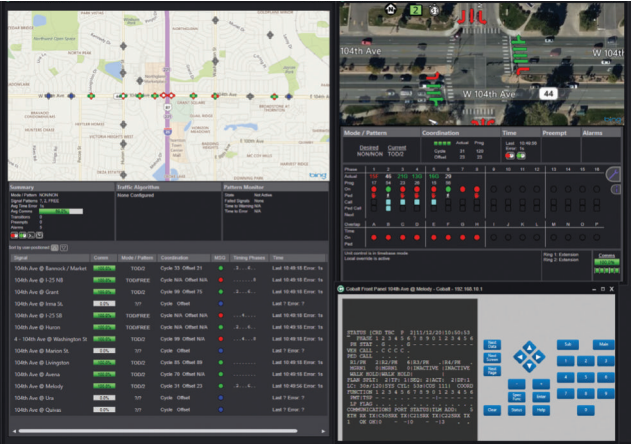
Upgrades Coming for Traffic Signal System

No one likes congested traffic in Northglenn, especially city staff (we have to drive in it, too!).

To help manage the issue, new traffic signal software and hardware will be installed starting next year.

These upgrades will mean:

- More travel and traffic data, so individual intersections can be evaluated for improvements
- Greater coordination of signals during high-traffic times
- Immediate alerts if a traffic signal is broken, malfunctioning or the timing is off
- More ability to make fixes from a computer – minimizing downtime



Screen shot of what city traffic engineers will see when the new traffic light control program is installed. The information will allow the city to fix issues and make timing modifications faster.

and traffic impacts

- Advanced bicycle and pedestrian detection, allowing for longer crossing times if needed

Every traffic signal in the city will run on the new system. Implementation

will start in 2021 and take 12 to 14 months to finish.

Northglenn received a \$960,000 grant from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (with the city matching \$240,000) to pay for the upgrades.

Win \$1,000 for Shopping Local!

► Send Receipts of Purchases Made in Northglenn From Nov. 20 to Dec. 13

You could win \$1,000 for shopping in Northglenn with Reindeer Receipt Rewards!

Go to www.northglenn.org/reindeerreceipts and submit a picture of a receipt(s) from a purchase made in Northglenn between Nov. 20 and Dec. 13.

You'll get one drawing entry for every \$25 spent, up to 25 entries per receipt. The receipts can be from any Northglenn business – retail, dining, services, and more. Yep, that's right – groceries, haircuts, chiropractor, manicure, home improvement items, they all qualify! So dash

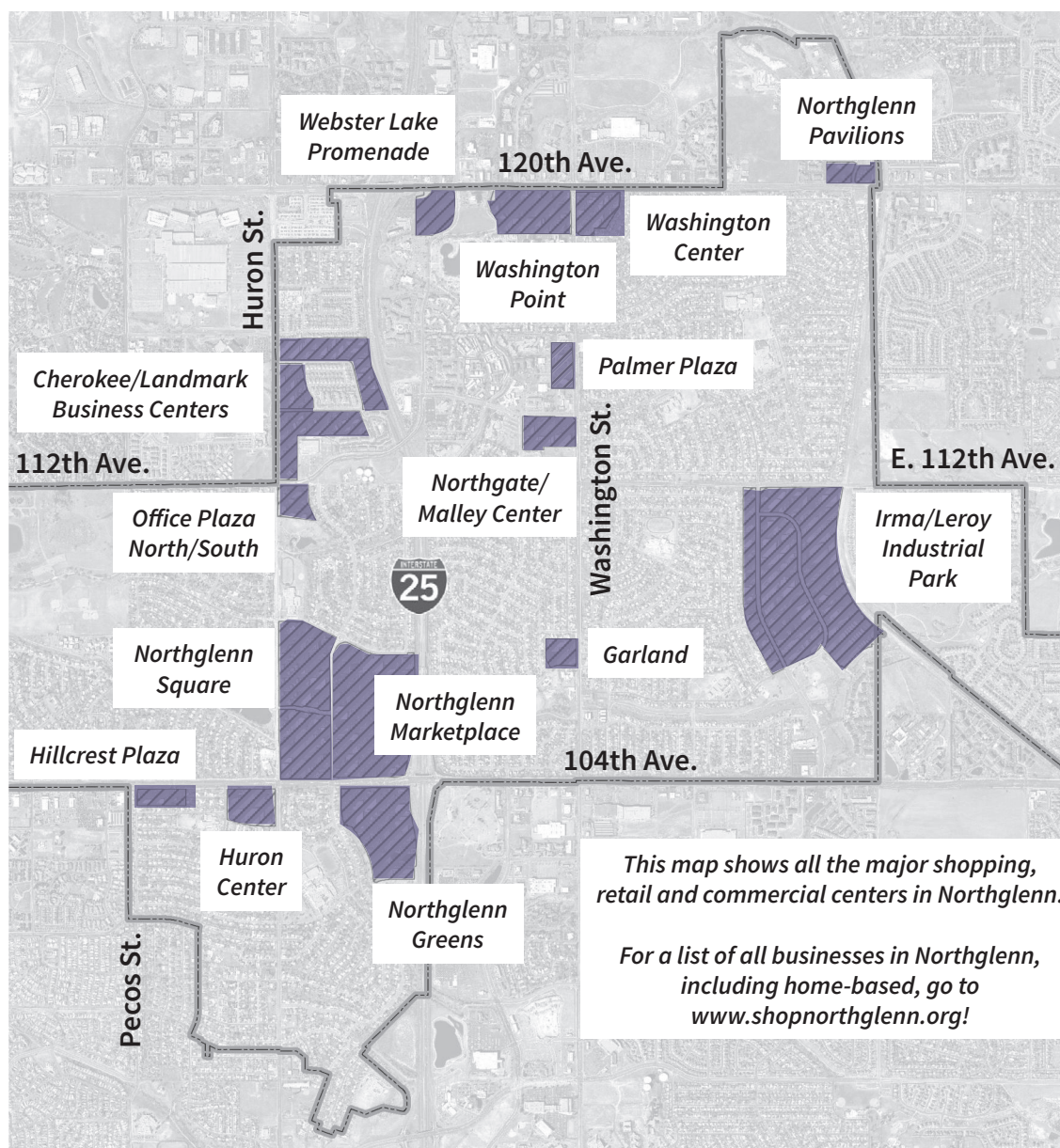
out now to shop local!

Online, curbside, in-person, and even phone orders are eligible as long as the business has a physical address in Northglenn.

Go to the site for more information. Purchase not necessary to enter. For official rules, visit www.northglenn.org/rrr.

Sponsored by the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority and city Economic Development Department to support business during this crucial time.

► Go to www.northglenn.org/reindeerreceipts to apply.



BUSINESS CONTEST

Northglenn businesses – you could win free advertising on the Interstate 25/104th Avenue billboard. Just participate and promote the contest. Send a photo to ngreindeer@northglenn.org of in-store signage or a social media post.

DEC. 9 DEADLINE TO APPLY

More COVID-19 Aid for City Businesses

► Apply for Up to \$5,000 in Rental or Mortgage Assistance

The Elevate Small Business Grant Program is back.

Eligible Northglenn businesses can apply for rent or mortgage reimbursements from July 1 to Dec. 9, up to \$5,000.

To qualify, a business must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must have a physical Northglenn business, not located in a residence, that has been operating for at least three months prior to applying for the grant
- Must be in good standing with the city for any permits, licenses, utilities and taxes
- Must have 25 or less full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)
- Businesses with multiple physical locations in Northglenn may apply for only one location; the FTE count is based only on the specific location applying for the grant
- Individually-owned franchise operators are eligible, corporate-owned are not
- Must be locally-owned and operated (owner resides in

Colorado and manages business at identified Northglenn location)

- Must state a financial need for this grant due to COVID-19

Businesses NOT eligible:

- Banks, credit unions and other related entities
- Storage, real estate, brokers, property management and assisted living
- Nonprofit, churches, schools and hospitals

Go to www.northglenn.org/elevate-grant to apply. You must provide proof of rent/mortgage obligations and a W-9. The deadline to apply is Dec. 9.

A special thank you to Adams County for allocating an additional \$100K in CARES Act funds to Northglenn businesses. That will be added to approximately \$150K remaining in the recently-expired Business is Back grant fund, for a total of \$250K available.

During the first round of the Elevate Grant program, the city distributed \$494,271 to 129 businesses.

Colorado COVID-19 LEVEL RED: Severe Risk GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS



P-12 Schools

P-5 in person suggested, or hybrid or remote as appropriate; Middle school in-person, hybrid, or remote suggested, High school hybrid or remote suggested



Higher Education

Remote suggested, limited in-person when necessary



Places of Worship

INDOOR UNSEATED: 25%, 50 (with calculator)
INDOOR SEATED: 25%, 50 person capacity
OUTDOORS: 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning



Restaurants

INDOORS: Dining closed, take out, curbside, delivery, or to go
OUTDOORS: Open air with only groups of own household is open



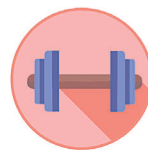
Offices

10%, Remote work is strongly encouraged



Bars

Closed



Gyms/Fitness

10%, 10 indoors per room, or outdoors in groups less than 10. Reservations required



Group Sports & Camps

Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10



Critical & Non Critical Retail

50% with increased curbside pick up, and delivery. Dedicated senior and at-risk hours encouraged.



Personal Services

25% capacity or 25 people



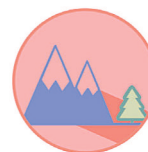
Indoor Events & Entertainment

UNSEATED: Closed
SEATED: Closed



Outdoor Events & Entertainment

UNSEATED: 25%, 75 people (with calculator), attended only with members of your own household and 6ft spacing between groups
SEATED: 25%, 75 people (6ft distancing between parties), attended only with members of your own household and 6ft spacing between groups



Outdoor Guided Services

25% capacity or 10 people

SOURCE:
State of Colorado

GREEN AND BLUES ANNIVERSARY



The Green Solution celebrated its 10th Anniversary on Oct. 24 with some special guests – Jim Belushi and Dan Aykroyd in “Blues Brothers” mode, plus Super Bowl champion and Denver football legend Ray Crockett. Also, a \$1,000 donation was made to the Colorado Veterans Project. The Green Solution opened on June 1, 2010.

2020 BUSINESS SURVEY

City of Northglenn Economic Development Division | 303.450.8743 | www.northglenn.org/biz



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

To better understand the business climate of Northglenn, the Economic Development Division distributed its 7th annual business survey to all companies in the city. The survey had 122 responses, double from last year.

Made capital investments in 2019

46%



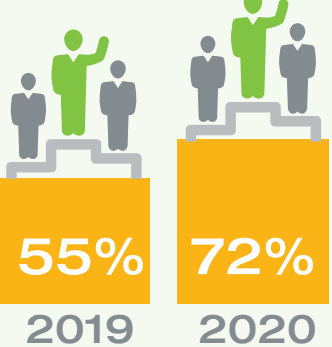
41%

Plans on making or already made capital investments in 2020

Top 5 Challenges

| 2019 | | 2020 |
|------|----------------------------|------|
| 3. | Cash flow | 1. |
| 2. | Expanding sales | 2. |
| 4. | Access to customers | 3. |
| - | Limited working capital | 4. |
| 1. | Marketing and social media | 5. |
| 5. | Workforce quality | - |

72% Operate in less than 5,000 square feet of space



Rate the availability of a qualified workforce as good to excellent

18% Had an increase in sales revenue in the last 12 months



79% Expect an increase in sales revenue in the next 12 months

34% Expect to increase their workforce in 2020, compared to 45% in 2019



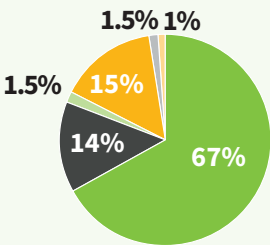
83% Have less than 10 full-time employees



29% Plan to expand locally in the next 24 months, compared to 45% in 2019



51% 2019 29% 2020 Plan to expand products and/or markets



Respondents*

- Service
 - Restaurant
 - Nonprofit
 - Retail
 - Entertainment
 - Manufacturing/Distribution
- *10% were home-based

40% Plan on adapting their business model in 2020



CITY HOUSING STATISTICS

\$395K Median List Price

9 Average Days on Market

\$369K-\$489K List Price Range

9 Inventory

Source: Valuecheck - 11/2020

THANK YOU 2020 PROGRAM SPONSORS



BATH FITTER®

AND community partners and volunteers from Purple Moon Early Learning Center, I Love Kickboxing, Honeyman Services, SAFE Built, Northglenn Youth Scouting, Northglenn/Thornton Rotary, Local Choice Heating and Air, Northglenn Health and Fitness, IECRM, and Boondocks Food and Fun.

If you are interested in getting involved with events, sponsorship or volunteer programs, please email agarst@northglenn.org.

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES: 4TH QUARTER OF 2020

The city would like to recognize and thank the following companies, which celebrated major milestones of doing business in Northglenn. Congratulations!

30 Years

- We Solve Problems*

20 Years

- Aceite Energy Corporation

- Check Into Cash
- Geoscience Petroleum Services
- Step by Step Child Development Center

15 Years

- Papa Murphy's Pizza
- Timeless Expressions Photography*

5 Years

- American Convenience Store 2
- Glamour Hair Salon
- Mr. Sids Fine Auto Upholstery

- Scissorhand Design Studio
- Southern View Creations*
- Texas Roadhouse

* – Home-based business



Members Sought for Sustainability Committee

The saying goes “Think Globally, Act Locally.” If you're thinking about helping the environment, you can act by joining the city's Sustainability Committee.

Devoted, knowledgeable and passionate people are sought to partner with city staff in this group. They advise City Council on all matters related to sustainability, especially the environment.

Some of Northglenn's sustainability achievements so far include:

- Creating and now implementing an Energy Action Plan with assistance from Xcel Partners in Energy

- Obtaining a grant for a vehicle charging station to be installed at the city's Maintenance & Operations Facility

- Starting a waste optimization study to look at ways to improve resident waste services and increase landfill diversion

For more about the group or to view the city's Sustainability Plan, go online to www.northglenn.org/sustainability.

The committee will be meeting online every month. If you have any questions or would like to join, please reach out to Becky Smith at bsmith@northglenn.org or 303.450.8741. Help drive citywide sustainability to create a more resilient city and a better future for residents.

Christmas Tree Drop Off Spots

Residents can drop off Christmas trees at the following locations:

- Maintenance & Operations Facility
- Northwest Open Space
- Jaycee Park

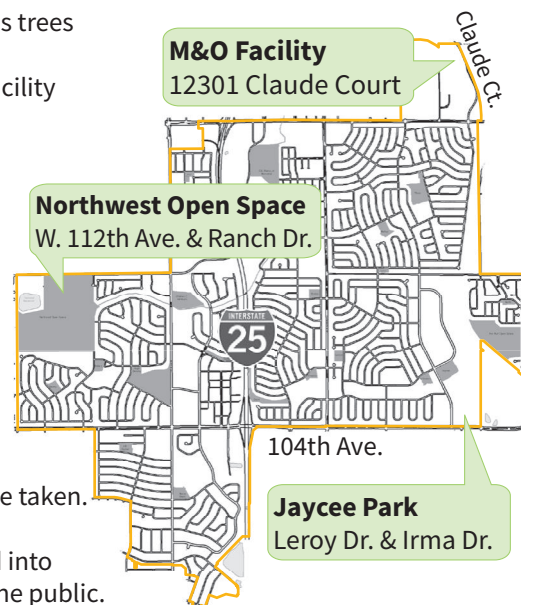
They are open Dec. 26 through Jan. 10. Please remove tinsel and decorations from your tree.

Residents can cut up their tree and put it in their trash cart. However, the cart lid must be closed.

Trees left on the curb will NOT be taken.

Trees dropped off will be turned into mulch that will be available to the public.

Call 303.450.4004 for questions.



Winter Schedule for Mulch Center

Don't take up all the space in your trash cart with leaves and tree branches. Instead, bring them to the city's Yard Waste Mulching Center.

Hours have shifted to its winter schedule – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month from December through March.

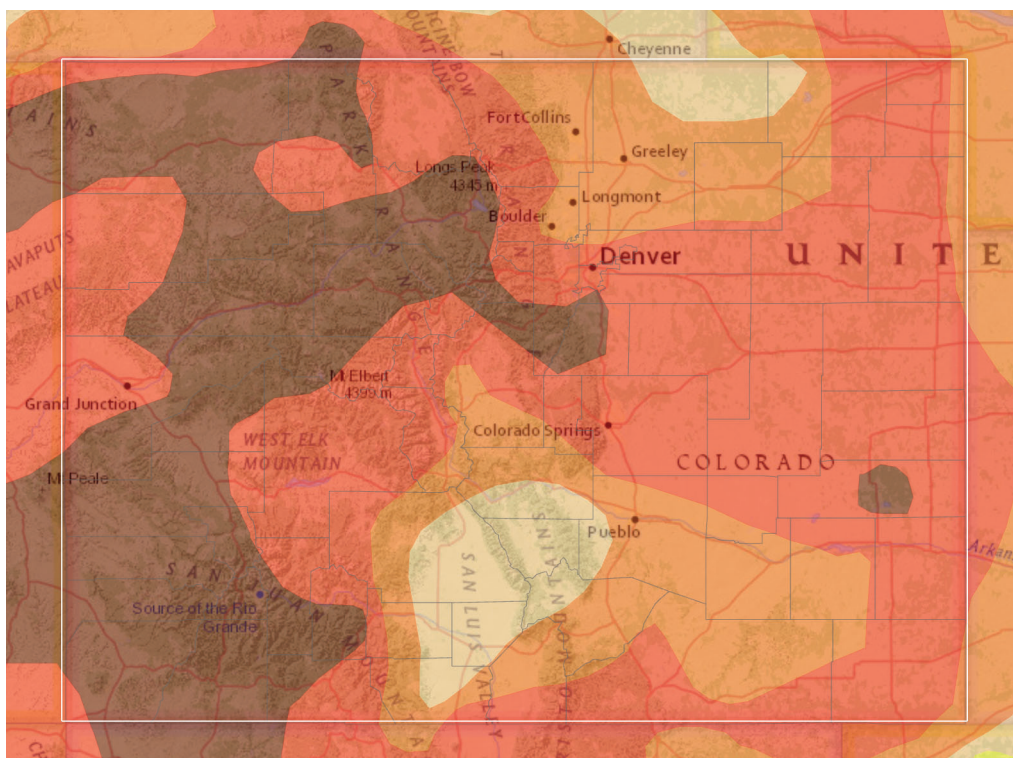
Located at the south end of the Maintenance & Operations Facility, 12301 Claude Court, just go through the gate as you enter the parking lot.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, residents must wear masks, stay 6 feet away from staff and other visitors outside their group and unload their own vehicles.

Only Northglenn residents can drop off debris. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill with a photo ID. The city accepts most yard waste except for dirt, sod or gravel. Please bring shovels, as the city does not provide tools to use.

The yard waste is chipped into mulch that anyone can have, including residents, non-residents and businesses.

Questions? Call 303.450.4004 or go to www.northglenn.org/yardwaste.



State Drought Numbers As of Nov. 17. For more information, go to www.drought.gov.

Moderate Drought: 6.3% **Severe Drought: 19.6%** **Extreme Drought: 46.9%** **Exceptional Drought: 27.2%**

IT'S DRY OUT THERE...

The recent snow was great, but it won't undo all the effects of a long stretch of warm, dry weather on the state's drought condition.

This map shows that all of Colorado is a state of drought according to the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Integrated Drought Information System.

Hopefully, a wet winter is on its way, but just in case, please reduce water use now. This includes lowering or ending grass watering until the spring, fixing leaks and being mindful.

The city has tips and programs available to help reduce water use at www.northglenn.org/conservation or www.northglenn.org/rebate.

... But Please Water Your Trees

Colorado State Forest Service

Trees in urban and community settings throughout the state are dormant now, but still require occasional watering during dry winters to remain in top health.

Vince Urbina, urban and community forestry manager for the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), says both established and recently planted trees in Colorado – especially at lower elevations – often require additional watering in the winter months during extended dry periods (i.e., more than two weeks without lasting snow cover).

The CSFS offers the following winter watering tips:

- **Water when it is warm.** The best time for winter watering is on days when snow has melted off and the temperature is above 40 degrees.
- **Water a wide area.** Tree root systems may spread much wider than the height of the tree, with most absorbing roots in the top foot of soil. Apply water to soak the entire area underneath the full span of a tree's branches.
- **Water slowly.** To ensure deep penetration, use a drip or soaker hose on a low

setting (or soft spray wand) to apply water slowly to the full area at the rate of 10 gallons per inch of tree diameter.

- **Retain mulch.** To retain soil moisture and save water, apply 4 inches of organic mulch onto bare soil within 2 to 3 feet from the base of the trunk, but not directly against the trunk.
- **Repeat as necessary.** Until spring precipitation arrives, be sure to continue watering every few weeks in the absence of snow and colder temperatures.

► For more about urban tree care, visit <https://csfs.colostate.edu>.

RECYCLING LIST

YES

Please make sure recyclables are clean of food, dry, and placed loosely in the cart. Do not bag them.

NO

(Return bags to store)

(Cups, take-out containers, or packing material)

For a complete list or more information, go to www.northglenn.org/recycling or call 303.450.4004.

2021 Recycling Collection Schedule

Blue-lid recycling carts will be collected on your trash day every other week.
Your recycling collection week is either **BLUE** or **YELLOW**.
If you are unsure of your recycle collection week color, check your location on the Recycling Map (on back).

| JANUARY 2021 | | | | | | | FEBRUARY 2021 | | | | | | | MARCH 2021 | | | | | | | APRIL 2021 | | | | | | |
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“It's almost 2021!! My recycling calendar is almost obsolete - how will I know when to put my recyclables on the curb?”

Don't worry – new recycling calendars have been mailed with your utility bill. You can also go to www.northglenn.org/recycling and download the updated schedule now. (And just as a reminder - your recycling goes out every other week on your trash day.)

AN ORDER OF FUN, WITH A SIDE OF CANDY



It's been frightful out there in 2020, especially when trying to find safe community events the family can enjoy. With COVID-19 restrictions forcing the cancellation of Safe Street Halloween, the Police Department and city staff scared up a drive-through event – Boo Block. On the afternoon of Oct. 30, families dressed up and drove through the northwest parking lot of the Northglenn Marketplace. They were treated to Halloween decorations and a bag full of candy and other goodies. In two hours, over 1,800 bags were handed out. We're planning on a return to Safe Street Halloween at Northglenn High School next year, but we'd like to thank everyone who helped make the first Boo Block a success!



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED US



With traditional Veterans Day ceremonies impossible due to COVID-19, Northglenn Senior Center staff took the celebration to the veterans. Signs acknowledging their service were placed in the yards of 116 vets living in Northglenn. If you know of a Northglenn veteran who hasn't received a sign, call 303.450.8801 or email kfisher@northglenn.org and a staff member will deliver it. Thanks to everyone who has served in the United States Armed Forces, past and present!

Opportunities to Give

This holiday season, the city is accepting toys and nonperishable food at the Northglenn Recreation Center. However, we know that with COVID-19, venturing out may not be an option – so we have two ways to contribute online. Any amount helps, need is high this year!

- **Northglenn Community Foundation:** Supporting city families facing financial hardship with utility assistance and grocery gift cards during the holiday season. Go to www.northglenn.org/ncf2020 to donate.

- **KYGO Christmas Crusade:** Providing families throughout the metro area (including Northglenn) with gifts for children with help from police department partners. Go to <https://kygo.com/christmascrusade/> for details.

- **Northglenn Recreation Center:** Through Dec. 18, we're accepting new toys and nonperishable food. All donations will be given to people in the north metro area. Donations may be dropped off at the center, 11801 Community Center Drive.

Questions? Contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

Drop Off a Letter for Santa

► Elves Write Your Kids Back!

It's the time of year when little kids everywhere are starting to make a list of what Santa could bring them from the North Pole!

If your children want a direct line to Mr. Claus, we encourage them to write a note and put it in the Red Santa Delivery Mailbox at the Northglenn Recreation Center through Dec. 13. We will be sure it gets to the North Pole with your requests.

Plus, if you include your mailing address on the letter, your child will receive a response from Santa's elves.

Look for Santa's mailbox in front of the rec center, 11801 Community Center Drive.



NEED OFF THE NAUGHTY LIST?

One way to trade coal for presents is to help with the city's Snow Stormers program! These volunteers shovel snow for seniors or residents with physical disabilities, and it can be done before or after work. For more information contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

Senior SNOBALL FIGHT!

'Throw' a 'snowball' at your friend!

THE FIGHT TAKES PLACE

DECEMBER 7TH - 17TH, 2020

Submit your requests December 1st - 15th, 2020.

Call the Northglenn Senior Center at 303-450-8801 and request a Snoball be left at a friend's (or frenemy's!) house on your behalf. Snoballs will be hung on the recipient's doorknob in a weather resistant bag with a card letting them know who 'hit' them with the Snoball.

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I WANT A SHIRT LIKE THAT!



Looking for a fun holiday gift? Purchase some Northglenn gear to give your friend, your kid or your spouse. Proceeds go to the Northglenn Community Foundation, which supports residents through the Utility Assistance Program, Northglenn Bike Program and more! Go to www.northglenn.org/gear today!

UTILITY BILL AID AVAILABLE

Having difficulty covering your city utility bill? The Northglenn Community Foundation's Utility Assistance Program can help.

Grants are awarded every month based on a number of criteria, particularly income. Funds go directly to the recipient's city utility bill account. Apply now at www.northglennncf.org.

The Show Must Go On ... COVID Style

► Northglenn Youth Theatre Adapts to Restrictions While Producing Three Small Shows

This past spring, Northglenn Youth Theatre (NYT) was rehearsing for their next musical, “Big.” Then COVID-19 hit. The production was ultimately canceled – an emotionally devastating blow to the cast of 45 and the crew, designers and families.

COVID-19 restrictions persisted into the early fall. Northglenn Arts staff realized that the scheduled fall production of “Seussical” was unlikely, given that the cast has over 50 people. So NYT Program Coordinator Kimberly Jongejan and the team went in a new artistic direction: smaller, shorter length, non-musical productions with fewer actors.

After Tri-County health approved NYT’s proposal, three

shows were cast through video auditions. Forty actors ages 9 to 18 were split among the three productions: “Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook”, “The Adventures of Super Margaret”, and “Clue On Stage (High School Edition)”. Northglenn Arts staff, along with three teen volunteer technicians, designed a flexible set that served as the base for each production.

“This experience was unique for sure,” said JJ Witmer, who played Handsome Warren in ‘Junie B.’ “We had to do things differently like wear masks, bring in ‘rehearsal shoes,’ stage the show so we were farther from other people and things like that.”

And with rehearsals in-person, safety was everyone’s top

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Actors wore clear plastic face masks while performing.

“I had such an amazing time getting back on stage after everything was shut down.”
– Rylee Puttroff, shown above playing the title character in “The Adventures of Super Margaret”

motivation. Masks worn at all times. Plenty of hand sanitizer. Frequent washing and cleaning, including UV lamp treatments for props and equipment. If an actor, staff or contractor had any symptoms, were potentially exposed or told to quarantine – they participated via Zoom.

Then in another twist, COVID-19 struck again and new impending restrictions forced NYT to move up two presentations of “Clue.”

Despite the unusual circumstances, the young actors were just happy to be back in the theatre.

“I had such an amazing time

getting back on stage after everything was shut down,” said Northglenn resident Rylee Puttroff, who played Super Margaret. (See her saving the day in the photo, above.) “It still felt like a normal show, as if COVID wasn’t a thing except for the masks that were worn on stage and the limited audiences.”

Regulations required dramatically-reduced crowds. But to help make up for it, performances from the D.L. Parsons Theatre were live-streamed for the first time in its 44-year history. Hundreds purchased tickets to watch online – including JJ’s grandparents in Virginia.

Even some patrons from outside the country tuned in!

“It was hard not having some of our usual things, like cast parties and always being able to be together, but our wonderful director Kimberly and the rest of the people at the city and NYT did so much to make this show happen even with the restrictions,” said Puttroff. “I’m just so glad they made all of this possible.”

► See below for more opportunities for youth interested in theatre, and go to www.northglennarts.org for all the city’s arts and cultural offerings.

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Northglenn Arts

Virtual classes and in-person options at the D.L. Parsons Theatre
Inside the Northglenn Recreation Center | 11801 Community Center Drive, Northglenn

Find us on social media!


Saturday Sleigh-In

Double Feature Drive-In Movie Event
featuring
Dr. Seuss' **The Grinch & ELF**

\$20 PER CAR
Tickets on sale
12/4 Residents
12/11 Non-Residents

AT NORTHGLENNARTS.ORG
MOVIES START AT 5 P.M.
december 19
at Northwest Open Space

HOLIDAY HOOPTIE CONTEST Get into the spirit of the season! Decorate your car with seasonal or movie decor. Get creative - best of show will win a gift card!

NYT ACADEMY

CLASSES, CAMPS & EVENTS
Register at NorthglennArts.org/Education

NEW! VIRTUAL HOLIDAY RADIO PLAY
Step into winter by writing and acting in your own holiday-themed, old-time radio play! The class will include actor warm-ups, brainstorm sessions, script writing, character acting, vocal production, sound effects, and a readers' theatre mini-performance of your radio play during our last class.

December 1-22
Via Zoom \$25

ELF ON THE SHELF SCAVENGER HUNT
Join us on an adventure taking your “Shelf Elf” (or other stuffed holiday friend). You will be assigned to a virtual team and complete tasks during the scheduled time. Prizes for creativity, points, and more!

December 6
Via GooseChase App FREE!

WINTER DRAMA MINI-CAMP
Looking to get on stage over the winter break? This four day mini-camp will focus on building acting skills and fun characters through skits and improv games.

December 28-31
D.L. Parsons Theatre \$80/\$88

for more information, visit
northglennarts.org or call 303.450.8846

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