**Arts by and for the Community**

**Northglenn Arts – a Showcase of Community Engagement**

“Opening a community theatre and making a commitment to providing arts programming in a community this size is admirable, progressive and definitely not the norm,” says Michael Stricker, Northglenn Arts Supervisor. “Especially back in 1975!”

Arts and Culture has been a cornerstone of community engagement in Northglenn since the theatre opened. Recognizing the community-building value of cultural arts, the city – with the support of City Council – has focused on providing a wide variety of experiences that are accessible to residents. Accessible in Northglenn means nearby and affordable, making a commitment to providing arts programming in a community this size is admirable, progressive and definitely not the norm. Especially back in 1975!”

In 2019, about 28,000 people attended Northglenn Arts productions. “FREAKY FRIDAY,” “The Little Mermaid,” Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, the A Cappella concert series and the New York Theatre (NYT) offers extensive classes and camps and produces two full-length musicals each year. Over 1,000 local youth have been cast in productions, and had the opportunity to not only act, dance and sing, but also learn about directing, design, crew, and more.

NAHF also offers scholarships, so NYT programs are accessible to every young person in Northglenn.

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**Help Fund Sculpture in New Theatre**

Two public art installations are in process right now! Several pieces for the new Northglenn N Line commuter rail station and one large commissioned piece to go in the lobby of the new Parsons Theatre (part of the new recreation and senior center facility) are now under construction. At the N Line station, Art on Parade winner “Salvere” will be the centerpiece. Additionally, with $40,000 from KTD and $40,000 from NAHF, artist Jeff Best is designing more transportation-themed pieces to enhance the space. Northglenn mural artist Jerry Jaramillo will also create several transportation-themed works that will be mural wraps on utility boxes.

In the new Parsons Theatre lobby, a selection committee has recently contracted master sculptor Mark Aeling of MCA Sculpture Studio to create and install a suspended sculpture. The piece will be finished and installed before the building opens (tentatively late 2021). This $187,500 project is made possible by a $100,000 SCFD grant, $25,000 from NAHF, $50,000 from the city construction budget and $2,500 from Colorado Creative Industries. NAHF is in the process of raising the last $10,000 now – and you can be a part of it! Donations of $250 or more will be recognized on a plaque in the lobby.

On the Web: Go to [www.northglennarts.org/donate-now](http://www.northglennarts.org/donate-now) to assist with the piece in the lobby of the new theatre.

Michael Stricker, Northglenn Arts Supervisor

Two New Art Pieces in the Works

**Art of African American Music**

**HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC**

Audience members went on a musical journey of African American music from the 1600s to the early 1900s, including slave music, field hollers, ragtime and the blues. The Colorado Black Arts Festival and The SOURCE Theater Company presented this work on Feb. 7 at the D.L. Parsons Theatre.

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New Anti-Speeding Campaign; Council Communications Moved Up

Here is a recap of recent votes, a glance into the most discussed topics and a look ahead for City Council.

COUNCIL 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. Finally, special meetings are scheduled if more time is needed to complete city business.

Time/Date: Council meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Study sessions are on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. as needed.

Location: Study sessions and council meetings are held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 11701 Community Center Dr.

Jan. 27 – Study Session and Regular Meeting

Study Session
• Joint meeting with Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA): update on projects and opportunities under consideration
• Proclamation: National Radon Action Month
• Appointments: Stephen Blackburn to Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement Board; Abhiyan Barailee, Kiera Carillo, Carlos Solis Manrique and Zen Kretzinger to Youth Commission – pass unanimously
• 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Removal, Hauling and Disposal (CR-37) – pass unanimously
• Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow (CR-38) – pass unanimously
• Marijuana License Requirements (CR-1942) – second reading, pass unanimously
• 2020 Pay Plan and Personnel Summary Amendments (CR-36) – pass unanimously
• Northglenn Civic Center (NGCC) Phase I Fitness Equipment Contract (CR-40) – pass unanimously
• Motion to approve the manager registration application filed by The Green Solution – pass 5-2
• Discussion items: NGCC Project Phase I implementation and more has already been reviewed by council. This Feb. 10 step was a detailed review of the cost of rec center construction, and council members will vote on the maximum expenditures allowed for construction on Feb. 24. This system of checks and balances is in place to monitor spending of public funds, review large changes, allow an opportunity to address concerns or new public needs and give final approval of staff recommendations.
  ➤ See Page 10 for more information.

FEB. 3 – Study Session

• Council heard about and discussed: Northglenn Arts annual update, snow and ice control level of service, Police Department staffing and operations assessment update, implementation of a Police Department traffic unit and a Traffic Calming Policy update
• Coming soon – No Need For Speed

FEB. 10 – Study Session and Regular Meeting

Study Session
• Northglenn Civic Center construction documents and final guaranteed maximum price review

Regular Meeting
• Proclamations: Black History Month, American Heart Month and National Children’s Dental Health Month
• Communications: Mayor and council, city clerk, city manager and city attorney share information with each other and the public during this part of the meeting
• Dec. 2019 financial report presentation (See Page 3)
• The Link Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (CR-39) – pass unanimously

CIVIC CENTER OVERVIEW

The Northglenn Civic Center Project will be continuously reviewed by City Council to ensure oversight of planning, expenditures, financing and other policy-level decisions. The overall plan, the new recreation center plan, the financing for the new recreation center, financing for infrastructure and more has already been reviewed by council. The mayor moved second and balance is in place to monitor spending of public funds, review large changes, allow an opportunity to address concerns or new public needs and give final approval of staff recommendations.

The program is a neighborhood streets.

CITY WARDS

This map shows the wards in the city. If you are unsure of what ward you live in, please call 303.450.8757.

WATCH & LEARN

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

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 occur at www.northglenn.org/webdocs.

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/webdocs for audio, video and documents from council meetings and study sessions.
• Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Per Capita Funding (CR-42) – passed unanimously
• Public Art Policy Update (CR-42) – passed unanimously
• North Metro Rail Line Artwork IGA (CR-43) – passed unanimously
• Placement of Salvatore Sculpture (CR-44) – passed unanimously
• Census Outreach Grant Program IGA (CR-50) – passed unanimously
• Discussion items: Council communications support and council prioritization of requests

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:

• Anyone may address council at a regular meeting.
• Comments about agenda items are heard at the beginning of the meeting, and comments on any subject are heard at the end. 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 on Page 2).

COUNCIL AGENDA
Below are a few topics council is set to discuss in March. Please note items are subject to change.

• Sustainability Program implementation
• Financial system upgrade
• Traffic calming policy amendments
• Code enforcement level of service

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CITY COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY
Mingle with the Mayor
Sat., March 14, 11:30 a.m., E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, 11800 Community Center Drive
Enjoy a beautiful spring morning and also meet Mayor Meredith Leighty. She’ll discuss what’s going on in local government and answer questions. You’ll also learn about parks and trails in the city.
The event will be held in conjunction with the lunch for participants of the Farmers’ Highline Canal Cleanup. For more information, call 303.450.8713.

Ward 4 Meeting
Thurs., March 19, 6:15 p.m. meet and greet, 6:30-8 p.m. program, Westview Elementary School, 1300 Roseanna Drive
Mayor Pro Tem Jenny Willford and Council Member Antonio Espuelí invite Ward 4 residents to their first neighborhood meeting of 2020. In addition to your questions and concerns, some of the discussion topics will include:
• How to save water and energy
• Snow removal
• The new No Need for Speed program
• Homelessness Community Task Force
Free energy kits will be handed out. Also, attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation as part of a citywide competition.

Ward 1 Meeting
Sat., April 4, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Northglenn Justice Center, 50 W. Community Center Drive
Meet new Ward 1 Council Members Randall Peterson and Ashley Wilkovitch in their first neighborhood meeting!

LET’S MAKE THIS COUNT
2020 Census information will begin to arrive in mailboxes in March. The census officially opens on April 1.
Adams County applied for and received a grant to support census efforts; the city will receive $30,000 of the grant funding for census promotion and support in Northglenn.
The city planned to support the census though current platforms and staffing; the grant allows for additional staff dedicated to supporting residents in need of assistance to complete the census as well as additional paid promotion to increase awareness.
Census information is used to allocate federal assistance for housing, hospitals, food, education, safety and other public services.
Supporting participation in the 2020 Census is one way to make sure Northglenn residents receive their fair share of public dollars.
> See Page 12 for more information.

December 2019 General Fund Financial Report

Unaudited figures are through the end of December.

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January 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 January 2019.
To report a non life-threatening crime, call 303.288.1535. Dial 911 in an emergency.

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NORTHGLEN 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 Essel at jessel@northglenn.org for any questions, comments or concerns.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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nextdoor
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County Hosting Free Tax Prep

Adams County

Adams County is sponsoring a free federal and state income tax preparation program to individuals and families with a combined income of $56,000 or less who need help preparing their tax returns.

Working with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the state of Colorado, volunteers who have been trained and certified by the IRS provide basic income tax preparation with electronic filing.

If interested in this free service, please bring the following:

• Social Security cards for yourself and your dependents
• A photo ID
• A copy of last year’s tax return
• All W-2, 1098 and 1099 forms (proof of any additional income received)

• Any deductible expenses

This program is available at the Adams County Human Services Center, 11860 Peck St., Westminster, room Plum B, on the first floor. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 9. For more information, go to www.adcogov.org/free-tax-preparation.

On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/jobs for more details or to apply for any open position.

Don’t be a stranger! The City of Northglenn is all over social media, whether it’s the Police Department’s Twitter feed, Pirate Fest’s Facebook page or the citywide YouTube channel. Recently, the Water Resources Division and the Streets and Utilities Division started its own Facebook page with plenty of tips on how to save water, information about the water supply, public tours and more. Check the list below for ALL of the city’s social media avenues. They will be updated as needed at www.northglenn.org/socialmedia.

Official City Channels
@cityofnorthglenntwitter @NorthglennCo Instagram www.northglenn.org/nextdoor
Econ. Development @NorthglennBiz Twitter Events @northglenn_events Facebook Pirate Fest: @NorthglennPirateFest YouTube

Food Truck Carnival:
@OfficialFoodTruckCarnival

Magic Fest:
@OfficialMagicFest

Fusion Swim Club:
@FusionSwimClub

Northglenn Arts:
@OfficialNorthglennArts

Northglenn Youth Theatre:
@OfficialNorthglennYouthTheatre

Northglenn Police
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Northglenn Colorado Police
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Public Works
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Recreation
Wiffleball Tournament:
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Mudapalooza:
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Paddle & Run:
@OfficialPaddleRun

Senior Center:
@OfficialNorthglennSeniorCenter

Water
@OfficialNorthglennWater

E-NEWSLETTER
Receive Northglenn’s new e-newsletter straight to your inbox every month and get the latest news about what’s going on in your neighborhood. Sign up by visiting www.northglenn.org/ewsledletter.
National Coworking Biz Adding Location in City

Office Evolution, the largest co-working franchise in the U.S., is further expanding its Colorado footprint to Northglenn.

The new office is strategically located at 11990 Grant St., Suite 550. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife duo Dennis and Diane Mapes, they plan to serve small businesses throughout the North Metro area and Front Range.

“With Diane’s entrepreneurial spirit and professional background, and Dennis’ experience in the human resources field, I am confident that they will provide business owners with the perfect space to enhance their business and grow their operations,” said Mark Hemmeter, Office Evolution founder and CEO.

The Northglenn franchise will offer solutions for entrepreneurs and small businesses with 11,300 square feet of dedicated, shared and virtual workspaces. This will include 45 private offices, two conference rooms, drop-in options, phone-answering, address and mail services and other professional amenities to help each business member succeed. They are currently under construction and plan to open in the spring.

To learn more about Office Evolution at the Northglenn location, contact Diane Mapes at diane.mapes@officeevolution.com or visit www.officeevolution.com.
City Actions Rely on Engagement With Residents

This issue of the Connection highlights the Community Engagement goal of the strategic plan. Community Engagement has long been a core value in Northglenn, as our traditions of hosting community events, cultural arts programming, volunteerism and partnerships with community groups demonstrate this commitment. In the Strategic Plan, the goal specifically calls out engagement around the Comprehensive Plan (Planning and Development), Neighborhood Services (code enforcement), volunteering, special events, the resident survey, the census, a new Civics 101 Resident Academy, and enhancing communications (like the Connection). All of these areas will be tracked to help us identify needs and measure results.

Community engagement extends to all parts of our organization. Our Public Works Department partners with the community on neighborhood traffic efforts, our Police Department supports safety in our schools, our information technology team helps us create work requests based on public input, our Finance Department solicits input on the budget, our City Clerk’s Office manages boards and commissions, our City Council collaborates with 25 different groups that range from the Northglenn Senior Organization to the North Area Transportation Alliance — and the list goes on.

Community Engagement also carries over to the other seven strategic plan goals, because at our core we are a service organization. What do you think the housing needs are in our community? What type of business support do you think the city should offer? Is information about what is happening in Northglenn easy to access? What sustainability efforts would you support? We’ve solicited feedback on these and many other questions in numerous ways. The Police Department had community meetings in February to hear different perspectives on their services, our parks and recreation board recently asked for input on recreation programming, residents were asked to vote for a play area theme in the new rec center and of course our resident survey gave us baseline data.

The feedback informs council decisions, such as the recent increased level of service for snow and ice control and funding for our residential street program.

Listening to your input, hearing your needs, finding ways to partner with other organizations and working to provide the best customer service is the focus of both City of Northglenn staff and elected officials. I hope you take the opportunity to voice your opinion, weigh in on the issues that are most important to you, come to community events, volunteer or become involved in some other way. We can offer our community opportunities, but true engagement relies on your participation — and that participation shapes our decision-making and ultimately the services we provide.

SAFETY CLASSES

At Home Alone + First Aid Class

Sat., March 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Northglenn Recreation Center, 11801 Community Center Drive

Does your child spend a few hours home alone before or after school? Youth ages 10 to 13 can learn how to stay safe through interactive lessons, role-play, hands-on training and first aid instruction. Thousands of kids have become more confident and made smarter, safer choices when they’re home alone thanks to this course. Please bring a sack lunch and water. Prices are $50 for residents and $55 for non-residents.

Please sign up by March 7. Call 303.450.8800 or go to www.northglenn.org/playsnorthglenn to register.

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Your Life, Your Legacy

Tues., March 10, 1 p.m., Northglenn Senior Center, 11801 Community Center Drive

Most of us plan for important life events such as weddings, our children’s education and retirement. But few of us prepare for the inevitable. This fast-moving program addresses the importance of making your final arrangements in advance and the steps to take. Refreshments will be served. This free class is open to all ages. Please RSVP by March 7. Call 303.450.8801 or go to www.northglenn.org/playsnorthglenn to register.

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CITIZEN’S POLICE ACADEMY

You still have time to register for the Citizen’s Police Academy! Please sign up at www.northglenn.org/policeacademy by March 4 for the 11-class session, which runs on Wednesday evenings starting March 11.

TRAFFIC STATS

January 2020 traffic statistics compiled by the Police Department.

• Traffic Tickets: 150
• Traffic Accidents: 113
Mental Health Resources Available for All
Nonprofits, State and School District Provide Services to Community

This month I’d like to take a moment to recognize some valuable resources in our community that support mental health. As an educator and parent, I am very cognizant of the mental health needs of our youth. However, we all have times of distress at some point in our lives, and it’s important to be aware of the supports in our community. We should all take the time to listen to others and show support for signs of concern. Acknowledging that life can be challenging and offering help and hope is the responsibility of the entire community.

The Community Reach Center (www.communityreachcenter.org) has a location in Northglenn. They offer counseling to all ages, as well as support for victims of crime, family support groups, school-based therapy, substance abuse treatment, older adult programs and criminal justice services.

One fantastic program is Mental Health First Aid, a vital public education program that teaches participants how to recognize and respond to mental health and substance use crises.

Mental Health Partners (www.mhpcolorado.org/mental-health) is another nearby resource that provides immediate access to expert mental health substance use care.

Additionally, Colorado Crisis Services (https://coloradoacrisisservices.org) is a statewide crisis resource with a 24/7 phone line (1.844.493.TALK or text TALK to 38255). I am thankful that Northglenn residents have access to local organizations that will help us meet the mental health needs in our community. It is vitally important we engage with each other on this issue and work together to support the people in our lives.

Northglenn, Adams 12 Enjoy Partnership

The city has made a concerted effort to partner and engage with Adams 12 Five Star Schools to support, encourage and prepare their students as they grow into successful adults.

• Students from throughout the district have a place with the city. This includes the youth commission, work as seasonal employees in parks and recreation or volunteering.

• The city has been a partner during the Five Star District 2016 Bond Program, allowing the district to use park space for student recreation during STEM Lab renovation and vacant city land as an equipment staging area during construction of a district fiber network.

• Council members frequently meet with officials at local schools and hold their ward meetings there as well.

• The city has a School Resource Officer assigned to Northglenn High School (NHS), Vantage Point High School and Northglenn Middle School.

• Over the years, Northglenn’s mayor has consistently had a public breakfast meeting at NHS. School and Adams 12 officials have spoken at the event, and attendees have enjoyed a delicious breakfast courtesy of the school’s culinary students.

Adams 12 is a vital partner, and is essential for the wellbeing of our community now and for generations to come. Their success today helps determine our future.

Enrollment Now Open For Adams 12 Schools

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

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Volunteers Sought for Outdoor Spring Clean

Help keep Northglenn beautiful as part of the Farmers’ Highline Canal Cleanup! Register and join more than 200 volunteers in sprucing up over 30 miles of Greenway Trails, riversheds and walkways.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part. This includes sports teams, church groups, fraternal organizations, school groups or just proud patrons of our parks and trails. Lunch will follow.

In case of inclement weather, the cleanup will move to March 21.

FARMERS’ HIGHLINE CANAL CLEANUP

• When: 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, March 14
• Where: Cleanup spots throughout Northglenn
• Timeline:
  • 8 a.m. - Leader check-in
  • 8:30-11 a.m. - Clean-up throughout Northglenn
• Cost: $15

For more information, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

Will You Be My Good Northglenn Neighbor?

Council Continuing Program to Honor People Who Better the Community

For the city’s 50th Anniversary in 2019, City Council created the Resident Recognition Program to honor people living in Northglenn who have made a difference in the community. The goal was to recognize at least 50 people — which was exceeded.

Rather than retire the program, council decided to continue it as the Good Neighbor Award.

Recognition
Honor is invited to a reception with council members, then later that evening are recognized at a council meeting. There are three recognition events in 2020:
- April 27, July 27 and Nov. 9
Nominations are due April 10 for the April 27 event.

Nominations
• Nominations must be by a current or former city resident.
• All ages are eligible.
• The award is intended for city residents. However, if a nominee resides outside Northglenn but has a “neighborly” impact in the city, he/she may be eligible.

For more information, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor to nominate someone for the award.

School’s Out Specials
School’s Out Specials are for youth ages 11 to 14. Trips run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., leaving from and returning to the rec center. Cost is $40 for residents, $45 for non-residents per trip. Bring a sack lunch and water, along with a swimsuit and towel when appropriate. Please register by March 18.

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Boondocks and a Movie: Mon., March 23

Spending the morning at Boondocks and its video games, bowling, laser tag and more. Then take in a G, PG or PG-13 movie.

DEFY and Swimming: Tues., March 24

Start at DEFY, which has over 35 trampolines, launching decks and a few other surprises. Then spend the afternoon splashing in the pool at the rec center.

Colorado Railroad Museum: Wed., March 25

Experience the familiar whistle and gentle rock of the rails at the Colorado Railroad Museum, which has over 100 locomotives, passenger cars and cabooses.

Warrior Challenge and Swimming: Thurs., March 26

Run, jump and play in the 75 activities of physical fun at Warrior Challenge Arena. Then go cool off in the pool.

Whimsy Paint and a Movie: Fri., March 27

At Whimsy, a talented and entertaining instructor will walk the class through a unique piece of art in a creative atmosphere. You will take home your own masterpiece! Afterward, we’ll watch a G, PG or PG-13 movie.

GIVING IT BACK

Community Foundation
Reach Extends Through City

Have you purchased pizza at Noel Northglenn or an adult beverage at Pirate Fest or Food Truck Carnival? If so, thanks for supporting the Northglenn Community Foundation!

This 501(c)(3) formed in 1985 to support parks, and in 2004 expanded its scope to meet a broader array of needs. In 2019, they put over $50,000 back into the community. This nonprofit keeps overhead very low — of funds raised, over 97% goes back into programs.

The community foundation also offers commemorative trees and park benches. (See story to the left.) Donors may also simply make a donation for use for any program, or designate a program to support, like utility bill assistance.

If you are interested in donating, volunteering or would like more information, go to www.northglenncf.org.

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• Where: Cleanup spots throughout Northglenn
• Timeline:
  • 8 a.m. - Leader check-in
  • 8:30-11 a.m. - Clean-up throughout Northglenn
• Cost: $15

For more information, contact Jenni Murphy at 303.450.8904 or jmurphy@northglenn.org.

The NCF raises funds through event concessions and donations to support:
• Holiday food baskets and gift cards
• Youth awards
• Christmas Crusade
• Day camp scholarships
• Stockings for veterans
• School supplies
• Meals on Wheels
• Free bike helmets
• Free bike program support
• Safe Street Halloween
• Food banks
• Matching funds for parks and recreation grants
• And more

If you are interested in donating, volunteering or would like more information, go to www.northglenncf.org.

On the Web: Go to www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor to nominate someone for the award.

WE CAN NOT LOSE!

The cities of Northglenn and Thornton are competing to see who can collect the most food in the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Food Drive Challenge.

You can deposit non-perishable food at City Hall, the recreation center, Justice Center and Maintenance & Operations Building through March 27.

The community foundation also offers commemorative trees and park benches. (See story to the left.) Donors may also simply make a donation for use for any program, or designate a program to support, like utility bill assistance.

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How Are Things Going in Northglenn?

This Snapshot of 2019 Shows Work Toward Our Strategic Plan Goals

High-Performance Government

- Developed the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan with eight main goals. Also identified Core Values, Vision and Commitment.
- Established a new legislative policy to advocate for city interests at county, state and federal levels.
- Conducted the first resident survey since 2011, identifying priorities and establishing baseline data to measure efforts.
- Passed a resolution to increase minimum wage over two years to $15 in 2021 for city employees.

156 Number of Resolutions Adopted

22 Number of Ordinances Passed

2019 Pre-Audit Financial Numbers

- 2019 General Fund Budgeted Expenses: $27,545,529
- 2019 General Fund Projected Actual Expenses: $26,747,719
- 2019 Budgeted Revenue: $27,836,408
- 2019 Projected Actual Revenue: $27,836,408
- Reserve Fund: $25,990,723

Community Engagement

Over 66K People Attending Derby Day, Food Truck Carnival, July 4th, Magic Fest, Pirate Fest and Noel Northglenn

- Volunteers supported the Northglenn Bike Program, parks and trails clean up, Snowstormers, police community efforts, recreation, arts and culture programs and neighborhood beautification.

Business Retention and Growth

- Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) bonded $11 million to support public infrastructure improvements for the Civic Center project.
- NURA worked with the Marketplace owners to assist in the relocation of Bed Bath & Beyond, making room for construction of a Harkins Theatre and future redevelopment of the site.
- NURA worked with The Courts to facilitate construction of a $4.8 million multi-purpose sports complex at 121st Avenue and Washington Street.
- NURA issued 19 business grants and incentives totaling $158,042. This leveraged $7.2 million in private commercial property improvements.

122 New Businesses

275 New Storefront Jobs

116 Business Retention Activities By Economic Development

Housing Opportunities

- Karl’s Farm Redevelopment at 120th Avenue and York Street approved, paving the way for a variety of new housing options.
- Homelessness Community Task Force initiated; these community members will look at local homelessness issues and make recommendations to City Council on possible actions.

20 Police Officers Hired

Diverse Community

- Celebrated Northglenn’s 50th Anniversary with a resident recognition program, celebration event, artwork, tree plantings, historic home tours and more.
- Race and Equity Initiative launched; city joined Government Alliance for Racial Equity.
- Secured $2,254,724 in grant funding for programming and capital improvement projects for Parks, Recreation and Culture.

28K People Who Attended a Northglenn Arts Presents Program

- Worked with the Historic Preservation Commission on the addition of St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sustainability

- Sustainability Plan completed.
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory completed.
- Joined the Xcel Partners in Energy Program to promote energy conservation.
- Provided incentives such as rebates for purchasing low-water toilets and Garden in a Box to reduce water consumption.
- Recognized for citywide curbside recycling service.

Infrastructure

- Water and wastewater projects such as force main and Lift Station A identified and designed, work began in late 2019.
- Added an auxiliary lane on the north side of East 112th Avenue from York Street to near the N Line track. This will accommodate vehicles turning from southbound York. Also relocated the signal at 121st Avenue and York Street and added a new signal at 121st Avenue and Fox Run Parkway.
- Improved bandwidth, security and redundancy on city systems.
- Replaced 40+ year old development regulations with a new Unified Development Ordinance that brings zoning and development standards into the 21st century.
- Renovations for Northwest Open Space included new restroom facilities, new concrete trails, improved irrigation and drainage, new pavilions and added parking.
- Received a $6.9 million DRCOG project grant to pay for extensive improvements to 120th Avenue; the city has committed a $4 million local match.
- Approved new land use to pave the way for the Civic Center Master Plan. The new recreation center under construction is Phase I of the plan.

H2O by the Gallon

- 884,045,000 gallons of indoor water use
- 510,378,000 gallons of outdoor water use
- 98 gallons used per person per day on average
- 1,138,640,000 gallons of wastewater treated facilities, private industry and housing are envisioned for future phases.
The contractor for the new Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center and Theatre is currently working on the building caissons and foundation.

Approximately 30% of the caissons have been drilled and poured, and the first foundation walls were poured in February. Work on the caissons and foundation will continue for the next few weeks.

Site grading and the stormwater detention pond construction is near completion and will be wrapped up in the next month. Utility infrastructure work (water, sewer, stormwater) is underway and will be ongoing through the spring.

The new facility, located behind City Hall just south of the current center, will offer 85,000 square feet of community benefits including swimming, fitness areas, preschool, arts & culture programming, classes, events and performances. Estimated completion is late 2021.

For more on the new center, go to www.northglenn.org/newreccenter.

$25 Discounts for Garden in a Box

An example of a yard utilizing Garden in a Box.

You’ve decided that this is the year you’ll finally get your yard in shape – but how can you get the gorgeous, colorful garden you’ve always wanted without paying the professional price tag and doubling your water bill?

Easy. With just a click, you can order a xeric (low-water) garden kit in March that’s ready to pick up and plant in May.

These pre-designed kits are tailored to Colorado soil, and the plant-by-number maps take the guesswork out of buying and planting. Plus, the garden kits can help you save around 1,000 gallons of water compared to a regular grass lawn (not to mention savings on your water bill!!)

Starting at just $110, there’s a Garden In A Box to fit your budget. Gardens sell out quickly – visit www.resourcecentral.org/gardens for a $25 discount for City of Northglenn customers. Order your water-wise Garden In A Box today and spend time enjoying your yard this summer.

Available to City Water Customers

You can save on your water bill by fixing a leak! Leaks not only increase your water bill, but also your sewer bill.

Leak identification is quick and easy. All you need to do is check your bill (that water has to go somewhere!). Fixing a water leak can save you money on your bills as well as conserve our most valuable resource – water.

Use your water meter to check for leaks.

1. Shut off your water supply from the house shut-off valve.
2. Check your meter; if you hear the wheel turning, you have a leak.
3. Turn on your water supply and check your meter for leaks.
4. If you think you may have a leak, check the plumbing in your home.

The New E-Waste Recycling Event

Sat., April 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center, 12450 Washington St., Thornton

Adams County residents can dispose of their electronic waste, such as old computers, tablets, cell phones and more. The recycling process is safe and responsible, ensuring a high level of data destruction.

The cost is as follows:

• $15 per vehicle for all electronics, including up to one television or computer monitor
• $25 for each vehicle carrying up to three televisions and/or computer monitors

For more information, contact Techno Rescue at 303.482.2207.

$25 for each vehicle carrying up to three televisions and/or computer monitors (No more than three televisions/monitors will be taken.)

You can pay with cash or credit card. Monitors and televisions with exposed tubes, appliances with Freon and chemicals are not accepted. Please remember that throwing electronics in the trash is not allowed in Colorado.

To reserve a time for drop-off, go to bit.ly/E-WasteApril2020. For more details on the event, contact Thornton’s Environmental Services at 720.977.6200. For information about certain electronics and data destruction, please contact Techno Rescue at 303.482.2207.

To order your kit, go to www.resourcecentral.org/gardens.

RTD Considering Legal Action Against N-Line Contractor

RTD

RTD is considering issuing a notice of default to the N Line design-build contractor, Regional Rail Partners (RRP), due to its continued delays in meeting milestones and inability to fulfill its obligations.

RTD expects RRP to complete their work under the contract. RRP has indicated they are committed to dedicating the resources necessary to complete the project as soon as possible. If they do not, RTD is prepared to file the notice of default.

Once construction, operator training and integrated testing are complete, RTD will set a date to open the N Line. Previously, RTD stated May or August are the next opportunities to open the line. With the recent delays, RTD will not be able to open the line in May.

A SPACE TO PLAY

The new Northglenn Recreation Center will have an indoor play space for children and we asked the community to weigh in on the theme; voting closed Feb. 10.

And the winner is...Outer Space!

Outer Space received 90 of 242 votes. Under the Sea received 60, Jungle received 54 and Prehistoric received 38. Thank you to all that provided input!

QUESTIONS?

• Why did my water bill increase?

In January 2018 the city implemented a phased-in water and sewer rate increase plan through 2022.

• Where is the additional funding going?

Funding is being used to replace or update new infrastructure at the water treatment plant, wastewater plant and pipes throughout the city. The improvements will keep services in compliance with regulations, ensure water quality and improve water conservation at the plants.

• Are Northglenn’s water and wastewater rates higher than surrounding areas?

No, our rates are comparable to surrounding municipalities.

• Why did I get a leak letter?

Water monitoring equipment can detect unusual increases, which indicate the possibility of leaks. Once a year the city sends notifications to residents that have been flagged in the system so residents can investigate.

Leaks not only increase your water bill, but also your sewer bill (that water has to go somewhere!). Fixing a water leak can save you money on your bills as well as conserve our most valuable resource – water.

• How is my sewer bill calculated?

The sewer charge for a detached single family home is based on an average of water usage billed from December through March. The average use is multiplied by the city’s sewer rate of $5.45 per thousand gallons. Winter months are used to avoid charges based on summer irrigation. Sewer charges change once a year, in April. The process is an industry standard and set by city ordinance.

For more information, go to www.northglenn.org/utilitybilling, call 303.450.8770, email customerservice@northglenn.org or stop by City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive.

INFRASTRUCTURE
Please RSVP by March 4.

are $10 for residents, $15 for non-residents.

Develop your technique and style while

Phoenix, a nationally-known instructor.

Have fun learning how to belly dance from

non-residents. Please RSVP by March 3.

up. Prices are $50 for residents, $55 for

are included. For people ages 16 and

Cupcake Decorating

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Tues., March 10, 6-8 p.m., Rec Center

Celebrate the spring by designing four
cupcakes using pipe frosting. All supplies
are provided. For people ages 16 and up.
Prices are $10 for residents, $15 for non-residents. Please RSVP by March 4. RECTRAC CODE: 10641002

Intro to Belly Dancing

Wed., March 11, 7-8 p.m., Rec Center

Have fun learning how to belly dance from
Phoenix, a nationally-known instructor.
Develop your technique and style while
improving flexibility, posture and muscle
control. For people ages 16 and up. Prices are $10 for residents, $15 for non-residents. Please RSVP by March 4. RECTRAC CODE: 10315005

Sure - egg hunts are easy, but what
about finding the eggs at night? Bring
your flashlight and basket to scour the
park for prize-filled eggs. Some eggs have
 candy – others great prizes!

as you tour the community where gender roles
are changing. Working in their village’s
they call home, girls from strikingly different
nations and cultures explore their shared love of the sea.

Set largely on the remote

Sea Women”

exhibits. Encounter historic
and modern fossil finds and
watch researchers in the fossil
laboratory. Cost is $7. Please RSVP by March 16. RECTRAC CODE: 10528007

FESTIVE FRIDAY

International Day of Happiness

Fri., March 20, 1 p.m.

Celebrate and promote world
happiness as a fundamental
human goal. Join us for
music, food and fun. Come
don, get happy! Cost is free.
Please register by March 18.
RECTRAC CODE:10530009

These events occur at the
Northglenn Senior Center and
are for people ages 55 and
over, unless noted.

To sign up or for more
details, call 303.450.8801. For items
with a RecTrac code, you can
sign up at www.northglenn.
.org/playnorthglenn.

are anything but typical. Cost is
free. Can’t stop or the center
will reserve a copy.

Cost is $7. Please RSVP by March 30.
RECTRAC CODE: 10528007

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Senior Excursion

Morrison Natural History Museum

Wed., Mar. 18, 12:15-4 p.m., meet at the center

Discover Colorado’s dinosaurs
with expert guides and hands-on

FESTIVE FRIDAY

National Pig Day Potluck

Fri., March 6, noon

Celebrate National Pig Day with
pig races and everything
but the corned beef and cabbage.
You bring the side dish or dessert. Cost is free. Please register by March 13. RECTRAC CODE: 10530009

FESTIVE FRIDAY

St. Patrick’s Day Potluck

Tues., March 17, 12 p.m.

Get your Irish on for this senior center tradition. The Northglenn Senior Organization will provide
the corned beef and cabbage, you bring the side dish or dessert. Cost is free. Please register by March 13.
RECTRAC CODE: 10529002

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Wed., Apr. 1, 12:15-4 p.m., meet at the center

Journey through time, space, the
body and more as you tour
multiple levels of educational
and interactive exhibits.

Cost is free. Please RSVP by April 1.
RECTRAC CODE: 10530010

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Rockies Opening Day

Fri., April 3, 12 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of the
2020 baseball season with hot
dogs, popcorn, peanuts, games
and fun. Make sure to show
your purple pride! Cost is free.
Please RSVP by April 1.
RECTRAC CODE: 10530010

Weight Room Orientation

Wed., March 25, 6 p.m. and Fri., March 17, 10:30 a.m., both at the Rec Center

The weight room at the rec center offers a variety of workout equipment and resources.
If you are new to the facility, this is a great place to start! Cost is free.
For people ages 16 and up. Please RSVP by March 18. RECTRAC CODE: 10425001

Yoga Nidra

Wed., April 8, 6-7:15 p.m., Rec Center

Enjoy 45 minutes of restful yoga postures
followed by 30 minutes of relaxation and
meditation. This deeply healing experience
helps reduce stress, anxiety, insomnia
and fatigue. All experience levels are welcome.
Prices are $15 for residents, $20 for non-residents.
For people ages 16 and up. Please RSVP by April 1. RECTRAC CODE: 10424001
2020 Census Counting Begins in April

The most far-reaching event that affects all levels of government in the United States kicks off in April – the census.

The results of the 2020 Census help determine Colorado’s representation in Congress, as well as how state and federal funds are dispersed. Help Northglenn get the voice it deserves and our fair share of public funding – complete and return your census!

Starting April 1 you can complete the census for your household online, by mail or by phone. Individual information is private and protected by laws.

Support
If you need help, come by the Northglenn Recreation Center and Northglenn Senior Center. The following assistance is available April 1 through June 30:

- 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays: Computers/tablets and staff are available to help in the front lobby area in English and Spanish. Assistance in sign language or other languages is available if scheduled in advance by calling 303.450.8713.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays: Computers/tablets and staff are available for questions in the senior center (English only).

Eligibility for all scholarships is based on household income. All applications must include income documentation.

Go online to www.northglenn.org/recassistance to download the application, which can be used for general recreation assistance or Summer Day Camp.

Contact Belia Straushein at 303.280.7821 or bstraushein@northglenn.org for more information.


The community votes are in! These films will be shown at dusk this summer at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park.

### Northglenn Connection

**Northglenn residents may be eligible for financial assistance scholarships to cover city recreation program fees. This may include activities such as preschool registration, swim lessons, recreation center passes and more. You can submit applications at any time.**

Also, a limited number of Summer Day Camp scholarships are supported through the Northglenn Community Foundation. Those scholarships may help to additionally offset some of the cost of day camp registration. Applications for the day camp scholarships are due March 31.

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