



### EGG-STATIC

The inaugural Egg Hunt Splash-In was a huge success, selling out in advance. On March 30, youth from birth to 17 years old collected eggs with prizes from the two Northglenn Recreation Center pools. Thanks to everyone who came!

May 2024

# Northglenn Connection



A Message from Mayor Leighty and City Manager Geyer

## Our Voices Heard

### ► No Sex Offenders at Mental Health Home on Grant



Leighty

Recently, over 400 residents (*in person*) and thousands (*via livestream*) attended the community meeting regarding the State of Colorado Mental Health Transitional Living (MHTL) Home at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive.



Geyer

We want to thank you for attending the meeting and emailing council and city staff with your concerns.

We also want to honor those of you who shared your personal stories, and we recognize that speaking up took courage. Collectively, Northglenn came together and fought for what's best for our community. Your voices MATTER! You made a difference.

On April 12, the State Office of Civic and Forensic Mental Health committed to not housing sex offenders at the facility. They also committed to not housing sex offenders at any other facility for a two-year period. From the beginning, we believed that the state did not have a fully developed program. We recognize that some residents are disappointed that the state

will move forward with the facility, but we cannot stop them. HB22-1303 established the need for the state to create 125 mental health beds in Colorado, which created this issue of statewide concern. This means that the state does not have to follow our local land use regulations beyond basic life safety requirements for building codes.

► See a timetable of events related to the MHTL Home on Page 3.

The city also requested the state address two specific concerns – removing the lattice on the front patio and working with adjacent residents to build a taller fence on the rear of the property. They agreed.

In response to community concerns, on April 8 City Council unanimously passed an emergency ordinance to increase the distance requirement for sex offenders from 750 feet to 1,000 feet from schools. The state made an internal policy change that follows this new ordinance. At that meeting, council also passed Resolution No. 24-92, officially opposing the placement of the MHTL Home and housing sex offenders at that location.

With this compromise, a late bill in the State Legislature was taken off the

table. The city will continue working with state leadership, surrounding communities, and the Colorado Municipal League to pursue steps to ensure the state's commitments are permanent.

Responses to questions asked at the community meeting will be available online as soon as answers are received. At the time of publication, the state did not have a move-in date; they agreed to share that information with the city before opening.

Moving forward, the city plans to hold the state accountable for its commitments to us.

Again, thank you to all who made their voice heard on this issue. It made a difference. Together we facilitated change. We encourage you to reach out to council and staff with questions and concerns.

► For details about Northglenn's MHTL Home, see [www.northglenn.org/mhtlhome](http://www.northglenn.org/mhtlhome).

► For more information on the state facilities, go to <https://bit.ly/3vZwROu>.

– Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Manager Heather Geyer

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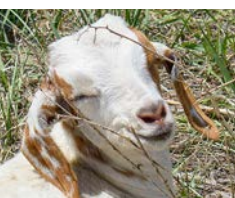
**STREET SWEEPING:** Please make sure vehicles and other large obstructions are off the curb on your street's cleaning day in May. ► Page 6

**FREE LANDFILL DAY:** On May 11, Northglenn residents can dispose of most items too big for a trash cart – for free! ► Page 6

### CLOSURES

Memorial Day, Mon., May 27

- **Closed:** City Hall, Maintenance & Operations Facility, Senior Center, Municipal Court and Parsons Theatre
- **Open:** Northglenn Recreation Center, Justice Center
- Trash will be picked up as normal.



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## Local Legislative Recap: April 2024

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.

▶ All items passed unanimously.

### APRIL 1: STUDY SESSION


- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Adams County Withdrawal Management Services Update; Event Center Feasibility Study Phase A Update; City Council Quarterly Agenda Planning

### APRIL 8: REGULAR MEETING


- **PROCLAMATIONS:** National Volunteer Recognition Week - April 21-27, 2024; National Small Business Week - April 28 - May 4, 2024; Autism Acceptance Month - April 2024
- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** February 2024 Update
- **CONSENT AGENDA:** CR-88 Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Reappointment - Chris DeMay; CR-89 Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Reappointment - Jerry Gavette
- **ORDINANCES - EMERGENCY:**
  - CB-2022 Amending Prohibited Residency of Sex Offenders
- **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING:**
  - CB-2019 Unified Development Ordinance Amendment
  - CB-2020 Executive Session Process
  - CB-2021 Supplemental Appropriation and CIP Carry Over
- **RESOLUTIONS:**
  - CR-90 Revised Electronic Participation Policy
  - CR-91 Northglenn Climate Action & Resilience Plan Consultant Contract
  - CR-93 Opposing the Location of a Mental Health Transitional Living Home at 11255 & 11275 Grant Drive  
▶ For the background on CB-2022 and CR-93, please see the story on the cover and Page 3.
- **DISCUSSION ITEM:** New City Hall - Conference Room Naming Discussion

## HELP US PLAN THE NEXT 5 YEARS! PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN WARDS 1 & 2 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING


Tues., May 28 • 6-7 p.m.  
Northglenn Recreation Center  
Community Rooms • 1 E. Memorial Pkwy.




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For more details, please contact your council member.

**SANDWICHES PROVIDED!** Please bring any questions or comments about the city.

### MEETINGS & STUDY SESSIONS

Council must 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 and study sessions are both at 6 p.m. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month; study sessions are on the first and third Monday.



**Location:** Meetings are held in City Council Chambers in City Hall, 11701 Community Center Drive.

## WARD 3 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Sat., May 11 • 9-10 am  
Northglenn Justice Center  
50 W. Community Center Dr.

**Discussion Topics:**

- 5-Year Strategic Plan Feedback
- Police Update: Citywide/Ward Crime Trends, Safety Sensitive Zone
- Mental Health Transitional Living Home Update
- Civic Center Parking (City Hall/Rec Center)

**Bring Questions & Comments!** • Breakfast Burritos & Pastries Served

For more information, please contact your council member:  
• Katherine Goff: 720.668.8110 or kgoff@northglenn.org  
• Rich Kondo: 303.246.3031 or rkondo@northglenn.org

### 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](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn).

Listen to the May meetings by phone at 720.961.5043. See the agenda at [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs) for meeting ID.

#### Channel 8 Rebroadcast Schedule:

- **Sunday, Wednesday, Friday:** Study sessions at 1 p.m., meetings at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:** Study sessions at 7 a.m. and 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](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn) or [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs).

Audio recordings are available the day after meetings at [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs).

### APRIL 15: STUDY SESSION

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Committee Update; 2024 Performance Management Program Redesign; Input on Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Questionnaire

### APRIL 22: REGULAR MEETING

The Connection went to print before the April 22 meeting. Tentative agenda items included:

- **PROCLAMATIONS:** Arbor Day, National Day of Prayer, Public Service Recognition Week

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### COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Meetings are 6 p.m. in Council Chambers unless noted.

- **May 6:** Special Meeting
- **May 13:** Regular Meeting
- **May 18:** Council Strategic Planning, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Justice Center
- **May 20:** Study Session
- **May 27:** No meeting, Memorial Day
- **Tentative Items:** 2025 Budget Calendar; Traffic Calming Policy

### YOUR THOUGHTS?

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:

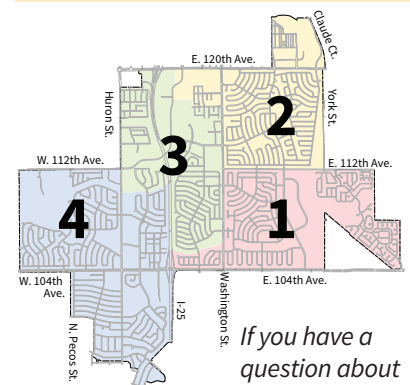
Comments on city business or matters of community interest are heard at the start of regular meetings, and comments on items previously addressed by

council during the meeting are heard at the end. Comments are not heard at study sessions.

Anyone may address council in person or by phone. To call in, see the top of the agenda posted online at [www.northglenn.org/webdocs](http://www.northglenn.org/webdocs). For in person, there is a sign-in sheet or speak up when prompted by the mayor.

You may also call or email council to share your opinion on city issues. ▶ Contact details are below.

### CITY WARDS



If you have a question about what ward you live in, please call 303.450.8756.

## MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>WARD 1</b>	<b>WARD 2</b>	<b>WARD 3</b>	<b>WARD 4</b>
				
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## SUMMER HIRING

A few seasonal summer positions are still available.  
 ▶ Go to [www.northglenn.org/jobs](http://www.northglenn.org/jobs) to apply for these and other positions.

- **Position:** Hourly Pay (Min. Age)
- **Lifeguard:** \$16.88 (15)
- **Parks Maintenance Trainee:** \$16.88 (16)
- **Lifeguard/Swim Instructor:** \$18.57 (16)
- **Seasonal Parks Maint. Laborer:** \$18.57 (18)
- **Seasonal Park Ranger:** \$20.43 (18)



## WALL TO WALL ACTION

In March and April, construction on the new City Hall was focused on the walls, both inside and outside. Drywall installation is complete on the bottom floor and well underway on the second — with painting to follow. The mechanical system is in place throughout the building. Also, exterior wall panels were installed. In May, placement of solar panels will start and construction will begin on the south canopy. When it opens in the third quarter of 2024 next to the current City Hall, this 32,600-square-foot facility will be Net Zero and have a CORE Green Building Rating — the first municipal building in Colorado with that certification. The \$33.8M facility is being funded completely through reserves.

▶ Go to [www.northglenn.org/newcityhall](http://www.northglenn.org/newcityhall) for more details and to see a live camera feed of the construction site.

## PHONE NUMBERS

### EMERGENCIES: 911

- 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-emergency) ..... 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..... 303.450.8770
- Water/Sewer Problems.. 303.450.8770
- Water/Sewer 24-hour Line..... 303.451.1289



COURTESY MONTE WHALEY, COLORADO COMMUNITY MEDIA

## MENTAL HEALTH TRANSITIONAL LIVING HOME TIMELINE

- **Late January:** City leadership learns of plans to open the Mental Health Transitional Living (MHTL) Home in Northglenn from an email sent to the Northglenn Police Department general inbox. Chief Jim May contacted City Manager Heather Geyer, who reached out to the state the same day.
- **February:** City staff investigates and learns the state does not need to comply with local ordinances or the planning process. There is no legal recourse. Geyer informs City Council. The state agrees to meet with the city in late February, which led to little information for the city.
- **March:** The city moves forward with informing residents and businesses about the MHTL Home, including information about the intent to house sex offenders. Information is mailed in English and Spanish to 2,300 residents and businesses closest to the location, shared on city social media and in the April Connection. The city reaches out to state elected officials to investigate how to address concerns about the MHTL Home.
- **April 3:** Community meeting draws 400+ people (shown above). City, county and state elected officials hear the concerns for nearly three hours.
- **April 8:** Council unanimously passes an emergency ordinance (CB-2022) prohibiting registered sex offenders to reside less than 1,000 feet from schools. Then they pass a resolution (Resolution No. 24-92) opposing the location of the MHTL Home and the housing of sex offenders at the facility.
- **April 12:** The state agrees not to house sex offenders at the MHTL Home and to address other concerns.

## ADROIT



COURTESY ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS

Aditi Muthukumar (right), an eighth grader at Hulstrom K-8 in Northglenn, is the Denver Post Colorado State Spelling Bee Champion for the second year in a row! She will represent Colorado at the Scripps National Spelling Bee at the end of May in National Harbor, Md. Also pictured is her sister, third place winner Aadhya Muthukumar, also a Hulstrom K-8 student.

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- **PRESENTATIONS:** Youth Commission Quarterly Report
- **ORDINANCES:** Unified Development Ordinance Amendment; Executive Session Procedures; Supplemental Appropriation and CIP Carry Over
- **RESOLUTIONS:** DOLA Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support & Community Partnerships Program Grant Acceptance; Adams County Speed Enforcement Saturation Patrols Mutual Aid Agreement
- **DISCUSSION ITEM:** New City Hall Construction Update

## 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](http://www.northglenn.org/connection). Contact John Eisel at [jeisel@northglenn.org](mailto:jeisel@northglenn.org) for any questions, comments or concerns.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofnorthglenn)



[www.twitter.com/NorthglennCo](http://www.twitter.com/NorthglennCo)



[www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn](http://www.youtube.com/cityofnorthglenn)



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## TREE TOP

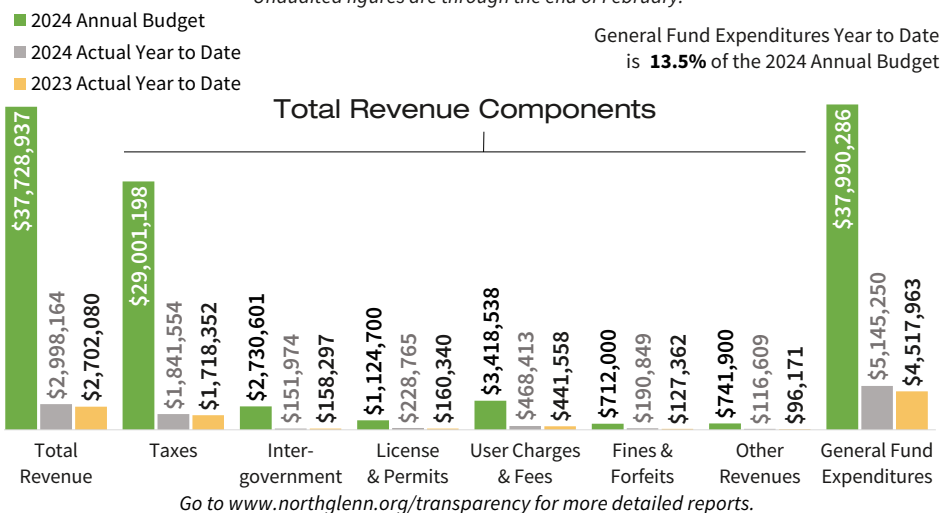
We're looking for the 2024 Most Magnificent Tree. It doesn't matter if it's in a park, next to a business or in your backyard — as long as it's in the city, we want to know about it. The owner of the winning tree will receive a water bill rebate and a plaque for the tree. Send in your nomination by July 31 to [www.northglenn.org/magnificentree](http://www.northglenn.org/magnificentree)!



The 2023 winner at 294 East 112th Drive

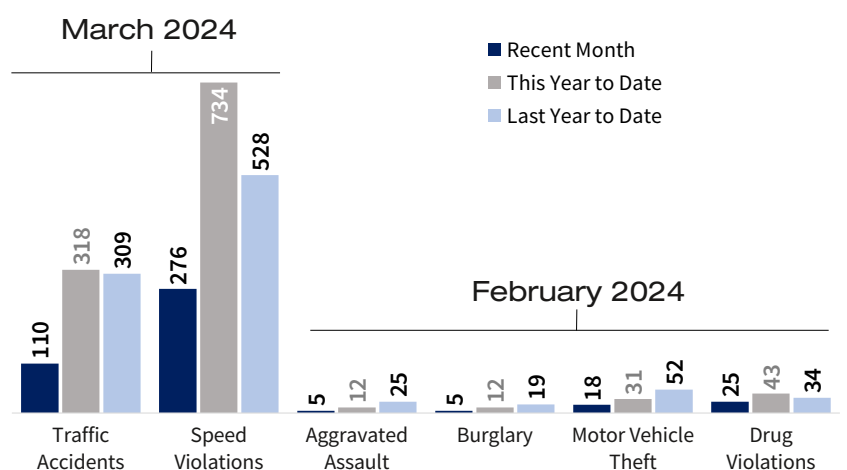
## February 2024 General Fund Financial Report

Unaudited figures are through the end of February.



## Northglenn Police Statistics

Go to [www.northglenn.org/crimestats](http://www.northglenn.org/crimestats) for more data.





ANDREW MINER OF AUTHENTIC MOMENTS

Northglenn Arts once again hosted Phamaly Theatre Company at the Parsons Theatre. They performed "Miss Holmes" from March 21 to April 7. Based on characters by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Miss Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Dorothy Watson uncovered the truth behind a pattern of sinister murders in London. Phamaly Theatre Company is Denver's premier disability-affirmative theatre company. ▶ See Page 8 or go to [www.northglennarts.org](http://www.northglennarts.org) for more cultural events throughout the city.

*"The mission of the theatre, after all, is to change, to raise the consciousness of people to their human possibilities."*

— Arthur Miller

## Northglenn Arts Unveils New Long-Range Plan

Northglenn Arts, the cultural programs division for the city, has embraced its role moving forward with a new Long-Range Plan.

With the opening of the new Parsons Theatre in 2021 and in response to the changing landscape of Northglenn and the nation, Northglenn Arts saw this as a catalyst to reimagine its future.

"As the flow of production and community demand has greatly increased, it has become time to establish a vision for the future," said Michael Stricker, Northglenn Arts Executive Producer. "A future focused on impact, infrastructure and passion for story telling; all deeply embedded in the essential, determined need to uplift all voices. All of our community."

After an in-depth internal look, along with conversations with staff, patrons and stakeholders, the plan is now complete. It contains an updated vision, mission and values, along with 119 action steps to direct Northglenn Arts for the next 15 years. ▶ Go online to [www.northglennarts.org](http://www.northglennarts.org) to see the complete document.

### Mission Statement:

Northglenn Arts nurtures, engages, and uplifts our diverse community by providing performing and visual art experiences, and opportunities for creative expression.

### Vision Statement:

Northglenn Arts is a beacon for arts in the north metro region. It is recognized throughout the state as a destination for performing and visual arts, featuring diverse voices and inclusive storytelling. Warm, friendly and inviting, Parsons Theatre is known for being welcoming to all and is trusted to deliver top-notch art experiences, from renowned youth theatre and national performances to public art and gallery exhibits, that highlight and support creative expression throughout the region.

### Values:

- Striving to provide access to the arts for all.
- Sharing diverse stories representative of our community and the world in which we live.
- Stewarding a safe space that is welcoming and accessible for the community to gather and experience creativity and the arts.
- Offering self-expression and educational opportunities in the performing and visual arts.
- Developing and supporting successful collaborations between arts organizations, businesses, service groups, schools, and artists for the optimum utilization of artistic and financial resources.
- Enhancing the landscape through dynamic and representative public art.
- Presenting high-quality artistry that brings greater awareness of the arts to our community.

## City Launching New Texting Service May 8

▶ Your Mobile Phone May Receive an Invite From Number Northglenn 91896

The city will begin text notifications to mobile phones on May 8 through TextMyGov.

This is intended to keep residents informed on city happenings like street closures, water line breaks, upcoming events, council meetings, and more.

Don't worry, if you receive an initial text from Northglenn 91896 and do not want the information coming to your phone, simply reply "stop." If you do not receive an initial text invitation, you may opt-in at any time.

What type of text messages would you like to receive?

- **General:** Receive all text notifications the city sends out, including all the categories below. Text "Northglenn" to 91896.

- **Utilities:** For notifications like road closures, water line breaks, construction projects, and trash services, text "Northglenn Utilities" to 91896.

- **City Council:** For a heads up on council meetings,

public hearings, and local government issues, text "Northglenn Council" to 91896.

- **Arts & Culture:** Want to know about upcoming shows, auditions, exhibits, new public art and more? Text "Northglenn Arts" to 91896.

- **Recreation:** Registration dates, program specials, closures and tourneys will be sent to those who text "Northglenn Rec" to 91896.

- **Events:** Are you a fan of Food Truck Carnival, Pirate Fest, Dancing Through the Decades, and Summer Concerts/Movies? Text "Northglenn Events" to 91896 for reminders.

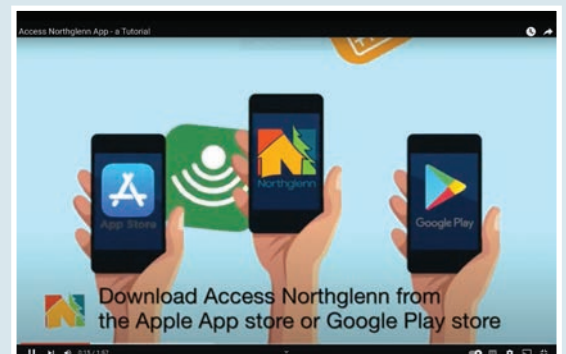
Again, whether you get the initial invite or opt-in to a specific list, you may text "stop" to opt-out at any time. ▶ Want more details? See [www.northglenn.org/textmygov](http://www.northglenn.org/textmygov).

We hope you enjoy this new way to connect with your city!

### DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE ACCESS NORTHGLENN?

This program, which is available as a smartphone app or at [www.northglenn.org/accessnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/accessnorthglenn), is the absolute best way to report an issue to your city government. That includes everything from the conditions at a park to an issue on the website. (We even encourage our council members to use it!)

The city recently released short training videos that will show you how to use the program. You can reach them by clicking on the links on the web page.



### TENDING TO THE LAND

About 300 volunteers spread across 21 areas in Northglenn (and even some in Thornton) for the Farmers' Highline Canal Cleanup on March 23. Thanks to everyone who came by to make the north metro area a beautiful place to live and play!



### CITY CLERK'S OFFICE TAKING DONATIONS

**Weekdays through May 17, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., City Clerk's Office, 11701 Community Center Drive**

Do you have extra toiletries or other household items you can part with?

The City Clerk's Office is hosting a donation drive to benefit Odin's Outpost, the resource room at Northglenn High School.

As a bonus, if you donate while applying for a passport,

you can have your photo taken at no extra charge. NOTE: You must have an appointment to get a passport. ▶ To set a time, or to see the full list of items requested, go to [www.northglenn.org/passports](http://www.northglenn.org/passports).

## SMALL BUSINESS WEEK



At the April 8 council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa presented the Small Business Week proclamation to Cakes by Karen on behalf of all Northglenn small businesses. For more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. The city and SBA officially recognized small businesses for their hard work, ingenuity, dedication, and contributions to the economy.



► **Shop Local:** Buying products, purchasing services, and dining in Northglenn helps your community. A directory of all Northglenn businesses can be found at [www.shopnorthglenn.org](http://www.shopnorthglenn.org)!

## PLEASE WELCOME



## CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES OF COLORADO

Children's Therapy Services of Colorado held its ribbon-cutting on March 29. They leased a 6,177-square-foot unit at 10701 Melody Dr., Suite 100. This company offers various therapy services for children such as speech, occupational, behavioral and early intervention. They currently employ 12 people. ► For more information, go to [www.childrenstherapyco.com](http://www.childrenstherapyco.com) or call 720.872.6472.

## 2024 Q1 NURA GRANTS

The Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority awards matching grants for up to \$15,000 through its Business Improvement Grant (BIG) and Business Utility Assistance Grant (BUAG) programs. BIGs are for exterior improvements that are visible from the public right-of-way, while BUAGs are for utility upgrades.



► Interested in learning more about NURA grants and if your business is eligible? Contact Shannon Fields at [sfields@northglenn.org](mailto:sfields@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8938.

BIG Grants	Amount	Use
Lizzie's Axe Throwing	\$937.86	Exterior window signage
Beltran's Meat Market and Grill	\$9,940.43	Exterior signage
11411 Pearl Street	\$14,300	Exterior landscaping

## HIGH PERFORMANCE MILLWORK SHOP EARNS MID-SIZE BUSINESS AWARD

When businesses want to make an impression, they call Performance Woodworking.

"A lot of companies that come to Colorado are looking for a new place to start, and a really sweet place to do business, and that's when they call us," said Dave Watkins, owner of Performance Woodworking and winner of the 2023 Mid-Size Business of the Year award.

This high-end commercial millwork shop does custom wall paneling, ceilings, reception areas, and other custom interior work. And even though 'wood' is in their name, they've expanded into metal, upholstery, and stone. Their work can be seen throughout the metro area, but most of their clients are located in and around Northglenn.



Council Member Nicholas Walker presents Dave Watkins with his award at the Business Appreciation Event in October 2023.

**Note:** This is the sixth in a series featuring winners from the 2023 Business Appreciation Event. Go to [www.northglenn.org/bab](http://www.northglenn.org/bab) to see videos of all the winners.

to fresh faces just learning the trade. One thing they all have in common is their dedication.

"They take care of me and I take great care of them," said Watkins.

He hopes the company has as much staying power as the products they create. Dave is preparing for his daughter Angela to take the reins once he steps away.

"With Angela's great management skills, it makes me happy to think that Performance has a chance to go at least two generations," said Watkins.

► For more information, call 303.227.9441 or go to [www.performancewoodworking.com](http://www.performancewoodworking.com).



"Over the years, our business has changed a lot," said Watkins. "To make a business our size work, we have to take on jobs that are more than woodwork, but it is exactly the amount of work I can keep my arms around."

One of Watkins' biggest challenges is knowing his company's capacity for jobs and balancing that with employee productivity.

Their employees run the gamut of experience, from 25 years with the company



From left, Gina Vettraino and Maya Rodgers of XLVII's Bakery, along with council members Adam Nowicki and Rich Kondo, took part in axe throwing during the event.



## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

On April 11, the city co-hosted a Business After-Hours event at Lizzie's Axe Throwing with food provided by Itacate Mexican Food and Happy Dumpling. Businesses, City Council and city staff enjoyed an evening of networking, food and beverages. About 40 people attended. ► If you are interested in co-hosting a Business After-Hours with the city, contact Shannon Fields at [sfields@northglenn.org](mailto:sfields@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8938.

## FEBRUARY 2024 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**4.4%** Northglenn      **4.5%** Adams County      **4.1%** Colorado

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

# NORTHGLENN PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Come meet Northglenn's Public Works staff and discover how the department works for you.

Free Meals Provided by Food Truck Vendors.

**TUES. MAY 21 | 4-7 PM**

**Water Treatment Facility**

**2350 W. 112th Avenue**



*National Public Works Week, sponsored by the American Public Works Association, takes place the third week of every May to recognize the large impact public works employees have on the community.*

### 13 SERVICE AREAS OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- **Collection & Distribution:** Responsible for maintaining 182 miles of drinking water lines and 138 miles of sanitary sewer lines
- **Engineering:** Oversees the majority of capital improvement programs, contracting, and right-of-way permitting
- **Fleet:** Responsible for Northglenn's fleet of vehicles including trash trucks, snow plows, police vehicles, etc.
- **Industrial Pretreatment & Cross-Connection Control:** Protects the city's drinking water and wastewater systems from contaminations
- **Lab Services:** Analyzes the city's water - raw, drinking, and waste
- **Maintenance:** Maintains and repairs all municipal facilities, including buildings and parks
- **Sanitation:** Provides all residential trash and recycling services
- **Streets:** Maintains and clears snow for 106 center lane miles of roadways
- **Stormwater:** Oversees the city's stormwater permit and focuses on reducing the discharge of pollutants into the 25 miles of stormwater lines
- **Water Quality:** Monitors and ensures compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations
- **Water Resources:** Focuses on water rights and conservation programs
- **Wastewater Treatment:** Cleans the city's wastewater so it can be returned to the environment
- **Water Treatment:** Ensures that the water the community uses is safe

## FREE LANDFILL DAY

**Sat., May 11,  
7 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
19260 E. 88th Ave.,  
Commerce City**

Northglenn residents – this is your free chance to dispose of items that are too large to fit in your trash cart! This could include furniture, construction materials and more.

### Free landfill day rules:

- Only one load per residence
- All loads must be covered.
- Proof of residency such as a driver's license or a

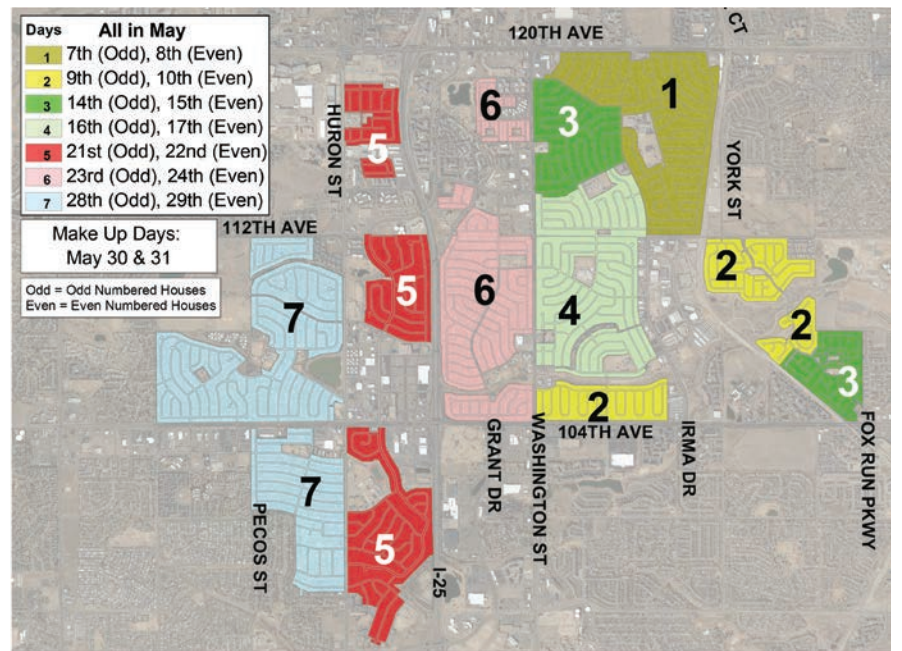
current utility bill with picture ID is required.

- Appliances, including those with freon, will be accepted for free.
- Mattresses and box springs cost \$36 each to drop off.
- People bringing a pickup truck or trailer face a gate charge plus taxes and fees if they have more than five cubic yards of materials.
- A safety vest must be worn when unloading; they are provided at the landfill entrance.

### The following items are NOT accepted:

- Electronics
- Hazardous materials
- Used oil
- Medical waste
- Ammunition
- Fireworks
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Tires
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Liquids of any kind

Call 303.450.4004 weekdays, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., for help with the unaccepted items or for more information about free landfill day.



### A STREET SWEEPING MAP

The map shows areas labeled 1-7. Each area requires two days to complete. Your address determines your sweeping day.

If your address ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9, you are on the odd schedule. If the number of your address ends with 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8, you are on the even schedule.

- The first date is the odd-numbered side of the street.

- The second date is the even-numbered side of the street.

You must keep the sweeping side of the street clear from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for both days of the cycle. You may still drive on the street, but not park.

This process will continue throughout the schedule.

## Street Sweeping in May

Street sweeping may seem odd – why are we cleaning the roads? In actuality, it makes our community healthier by keeping dirt and other particulates out of our air and waterways.

The city strives to sweep all streets twice a year; this spring's cleaning runs May 7 through 31.

Although the powerful vacuums on our sweepers can pick up a lot, they're powerless against cars and trash carts. If something is in the way, the city will NOT sweep that section.

Please look at the map above and make sure any of your household's large items are off the street on your scheduled day. As a reminder, signs will be put up the Monday before an area is swept.

In case sweeping needs to be canceled for a day, the scheduled area will be moved to the end of the month and a new schedule will be posted at [www.northglenn.org/streetsweeping](http://www.northglenn.org/streetsweeping).

- Questions? Call 303.450.4001 or go to the web page.



Construction of Kiwanis Pool is progressing well, with our construction teams working hard to ensure it's ready to welcome the community in mid-summer. Given the dynamic nature of construction projects, we're unable to provide a precise opening date at this moment. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we focus our efforts on completing this project.

## PEDAL BOATS SET TO LAUNCH

**Open every day from Sat., May 25, through Aug. 17, then weekends through Labor Day, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Webster Lake at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, 11800 Community Center Drive**

Spend a glorious summer day in Colorado navigating the water. Cost is \$3 per person per half hour. Corporate and group rentals are available. To schedule, please call 303.450.8829. ► Go online to [www.northglenn.org/pedalboats](http://www.northglenn.org/pedalboats) for more information.



► The Northglenn Recreation Center, Northglenn Senior Center and Parsons Theatre are located at 1 E. Memorial Parkway.

► For items with a **RECTRAC CODE**, sign up at [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn) or call 303.450.8800.



## Guess Who's Baaaaaack?

### ► Goats Environmentally Maintaining Oscar Arnold Nature Area in NWOS

Goats have returned to Oscar Arnold Nature Area in Northwest Open Space! 150 of these weed-eating machines arrived in late April and will continue to graze until May 15.

Goats provide a more sustainable method to carry out the city's Open Space Management Plan. They eliminate the need for mowing, prefer eating weeds over grass, and their naturally-produced fertilizer helps feed and improve the ecosystem.

The public is asked to stay away from the goats except for the Live Goat Encounter (*see right for more details*).

#### LIVE GOAT ENCOUNTER

**Sun., May 12, 12-4 p.m., Northwest Open Space, W. 112th Ave. and Ranch Dr.**

Not only can you mingle with the goats, we'll also have various wildlife to view and interact with. The best part? Cost is free! Just come over and have some fun!

#### RANGER RIDE WITH THE GOATS

**Sat., May 11, 3 p.m. Northwest Open Space, W. 112th Ave. and Ranch Drive**

The second Ranger Ride is the GOAT! Or, at least there will be goats that will be on site helping with land management. (*Learn more above*). This will be a self-guided

tour; feel free to traverse the area.

Remember to wear a helmet, bike or scooter, and bring a water. Even though it's self-guided, we'd love to know you enjoyed the tour by registering online at [www.northglenn.org/rangerride](http://www.northglenn.org/rangerride).

More Ranger Rides will be held on the second Saturday of each month through October at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park or Northwest Open Space.

► For more about Ranger Rides, including future trips and itineraries, go to the web page.

#### YOUTH & TEEN GAMES

**Sat., May 11, 2:30-6 p.m., Northglenn Rec Center | Ages 10-17**

*It's game day with controllers or dice. Cost is \$5 per activity. To play board games AND video games, you MUST register for both. Sign up by May 8. Snacks and drinks are provided.*

##### Video Games

Compete in pick-up and competitive games! Play on gaming laptops, PS5, XBOX S and Nintendo Switch. Snacks and drinks provided. Participants receive fun prizes.

**RECTRAC: 10921001**

##### Table Top Games

Gather together for some fun pen-and-paper games led by a local game master! Test out a new game world including Dungeons and Dragons, Dishonored, Cyberpunk, Honey Heist and more. **RECTRAC: 10921003**

#### ★ SENIOR CENTER

*In addition to hot coffee and warm smiles, the Northglenn Senior Center offers activities throughout the month. These are for people 55 and over and held at the center. Unless noted, all are free and registration is two days in advance.*

► Sign up by stopping at the center, calling 303.450.8801, or going to [www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn](http://www.northglenn.org/playnorthglenn).

##### Alien Life With Dr. Jerry Galloway



**Fri., May 3, 1 p.m.**

Are they out there? Are they here? Take a fun and interesting look at the history of believing in alien visitors and more. **RECTRAC: 20530002**

an inclusive, high-tech golf game that everyone can enjoy, paired with an outstanding food and beverage menu, climate-controlled hitting bays and music. Sign up quickly, as there are only 14 spots. Cost is \$23. **RECTRAC: 20528007**

##### Gaming With The Chief



**Tues., May 7, 1 p.m.**

Challenge Chief Jim May in crokinole – a disk-flicking dexterity board game. No need to sign up – just come on by!

##### Wii Sports



**Tues., May 14, 1 p.m.**

Bowling, golf, tennis and more – we've broken out the controllers for some electronic fun. **RECTRAC: 20531005**

##### ANYTHINK LIBRARY PRESENTS: Crafts with Kirstie

**Thurs., May 9, 12:30 p.m.**

Anythink is in the house with a series of fun craft projects. You'll create teacup gnomes in this class. All materials are provided. **RECTRAC: 20527003**

##### Fourth Friday Flick

**Fri., May 24, 1 p.m.**

Hang out and enjoy a movie and popcorn on us. Titles will be announced one week prior. Please sign up at least a day in advance. **RECTRAC: 20530001**

##### Scavenger Hunt



**Fri., May 31, 1 p.m.**

Get moving and thinking as you search for clues and prizes. Fun and refreshments for all! **RECTRAC: 20530003**

##### SENIOR EXCURSION: Top Golf



**Tues., May 14, leave the senior center at 10 a.m.**

Head to this sports entertainment complex in Thornton that features

#### INTRO TO LINE DANCING



**Thurs., May 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Rec Center | Ages 18 and up**

Come join us for a fun, introductory-level drop-in session and see what line dancing is all about! No partners or experience is necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a water bottle with your name on it. Cost is the drop-in fee for the rec center; no pre-registration is needed. If you love it (*and we know you will*), sign up for the session starting June 6! ► Call 303.450.8800 or stop by the center for more details.

#### ♿ HEALTH & FITNESS

*Reach your wellness goals with these activities at the recreation center.*

##### Sound Bath



**Sat., May 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Ages 16+**

Experience what sound vibration immersion can do for your body, mind and energy field. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$25 for non-residents. Please register by May 8. **RECTRAC: 20423001**

##### Weight Room Orientation



**Fri., June 7, 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Ages 14+**

The weight room offers a variety of workout equipment and resources. If you are new to it, this is a great place to start! Cost is free. Please RSVP by May 31. **RECTRAC: 20425001**

#### MONTHLY FREE BIKE GIVEAWAY



**June 1, July 6 and Aug. 3, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Maintenance & Operations Facility, 12301 Claude Court**

Come by and pick up a free bike that has been cleaned and/or repaired by Northglenn Bike Program volunteers. Availability is first-come, first-served.

If you have an old or unused bike you'd like to donate, please drop it off anytime at M&O.

► For more information about the program, contact Jenna Gragg at 303.450.8904 or [jgragg@northglenn.org](mailto:jgragg@northglenn.org).

# Street Closure

The city wants everyone to have a great time at Food Truck Carnival, but we also want you to be safe. Therefore, Community Center Drive will be closed from just north of the old rec center parking lot to the driveway south of City Hall on the following dates and times:

- Friday, May 17, 1:30-10 p.m.
- Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Parking is extremely limited. Event attendees should park at the Wagon Road Park N' Ride (west of Interstate 25 and south of 120th Avenue) and walk through the tunnel to the event. Additional event parking is available at the Metro North Building, but do NOT park in the Webster Lake Promenade. Disabled parking is available in the west lot of E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park. Rideshare and taxis are encouraged.

If you need to reach the Northglenn Recreation Center or Parsons Theatre, use the driveway south of City Hall. (The Northglenn Senior Center will close Friday at noon.)

► Go to [www.foodtruckcarnival.com](http://www.foodtruckcarnival.com) for more details.



## Times

- 4-9 p.m., Friday, May 17
- Noon-9 p.m., Saturday, May 18
- Noon-5 p.m., Sunday, May 19

**E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park  
& Civic Center Campus**

**Park in the Wagon Road RTD lot  
and then take the tunnel to fun!**

# MAY 17-19

**Thrilling rides, over 60 food trucks, live music  
and more make this a fest not to miss!**

[www.foodtruckcarnival.com](http://www.foodtruckcarnival.com)

# Northglenn Arts

Performances at 1 E. Memorial Parkway, Northglenn  
**MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS** at  
[NORTHGLENNARTS.ORG](http://NORTHGLENNARTS.ORG) or 303.450.8888



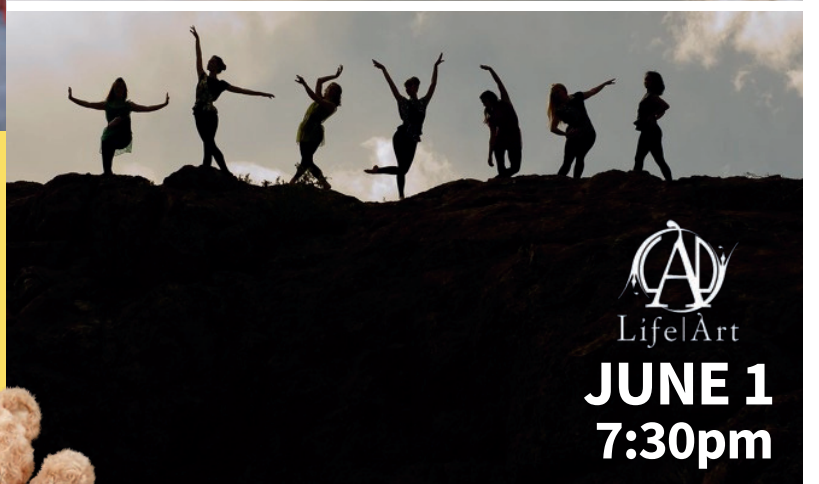
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**JUNE 8**  
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