

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY COUNCIL

City Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 749 Main Street.

Contact details for Council members can be found on our website:

LouisvilleCO.gov

or by calling
303.335.4536

CITY MANAGER

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CLOSURES

Please note the following scheduled closure dates:

December 24:
City offices
Historical Museum
Library

Recreation & Senior Center will close at 12 noon on December 24.

December 25:
City offices
Historical Museum
Library
Recreation & Senior Center

January 1:
City offices
Historical Museum
Library

FESTIVE LOUISVILLE

December is a fun-filled month in Louisville. Check out one of our many events, bask in the Colorado sunshine on over 32 miles of trails, snuggle up with a book from the Library, drop into the Recreation & Senior Center's sauna, or enjoy one of our great shops and restaurants. There's something for everyone!



Friday, December 6

Parade of Lights 5:30 pm activities, 7 pm parade

This Louisville holiday tradition has been a favorite for over thirty years! The parade, which is sponsored by the City of Louisville, runs north on Main Street from Parkview to South Street. Holiday activities, presented by the Louisville Chamber of Commerce, include performances from local choirs, Living Nativity and Petting Zoo, and visits with Santa (5:30 pm - 7 pm).

Snowed In at the Library 5 - 7 pm

Join the Library (951 Spruce Street) for this free event open to everyone of all ages. There will be live classical guitar music, snowflake crafts, a snowy photo booth, winter story times, a children's scavenger hunt, and cozy refreshments.

Historical Museum Open House 5 - 8:30 pm Pick up your traditional treat sack!

First Friday Art Walk and Evening Shopping from 5 pm

WinterSkate - Open daily

Enjoy old fashioned outside ice skating at the Steinbaugh Pavilion, 824 Front Street. Open daily, including holidays and school breaks. Presented by Boulder Creek Events and sponsored by the City of Louisville.

Horse-drawn carriage rides

Free horse-drawn carriage rides are provided by the Downtown Business Association and operated by Kodiak Ranch Clydesdales. 12 - 3:00 pm, each weekend in December and daily Dec 26 - Jan 1, Steinbaugh Pavilion.

Louisville Public Library's Family and Kid Friendly Special Events

The Library is the perfect place for a quick break from holiday shopping or a destination for some kid and family friendly events. During the month of December, there's a great line up of festive activities:

Dec 7: Handmade Holiday Craft, 1-4 pm

Dec 11: Ice Skates Craft, 3 - 4:30 pm

Dec 18: Candy Canes Craft, 3 - 4:30 pm

Dec 19: Winterfest for the whole family, 6 -7 pm

Dec 31: Noon Year's Eve, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar or call 303.666.6565 for registration requirements and details. And check out the **Winter Events in Louisville calendar** found in the middle of this Community Update for City events in December, January, and February.





CITY SPOTLIGHT: SNOW BUSTERS



Louisville resident Jeff Meier tells us about volunteering for the City's Snow Busters and Yard Busters programs.

I've been volunteering for the City for as long as my family and I have lived in Louisville. We moved here in 2014 and I started volunteering for Yard Busters that summer and then Snow Busters the following year.

Yard Busters and Snow Busters are based on the same premise – that some older residents in our community need assistance with summer yard care and snow shoveling. I got involved in the program because I noticed a lot of homes that I thought could use some help, and then when I was visiting the Recreation & Senior Center, I noticed the flyer advertising the need for volunteers.

I'm still working (for a couple more months anyway), but the volunteer time commitment really isn't very much. During the summer I help an older resident with yard maintenance for about a half hour a week. In the winter, I help two older residents with snow shoveling for about an hour whenever it snows. One of the older residents is a neighbor just down the street from me and when I turn up to cut his grass, I always stop in and say hello.

From time to time, the program coordinator Diane Evans reaches out to ask if anyone can cover someone else's account when they're away, and I'm always happy to help and Diane is always so appreciative.

If any Louisville residents are looking for a volunteer opportunity, I would really recommend this one. It's a great example of Louisville's small town atmosphere. You can always participate in either or both programs depending on your availability, and you're really giving up only a small amount of time for a big reward.

If you would like to volunteer for the Snow Busters or Yard Busters program, or if you're a resident age 60 and older and would like some extra assistance with fall yard cleanup or snow shoveling, please contact Diane Evans:

DianeE@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303.335.4919

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

You can now charge your electric vehicle at the Recreation & Senior Center (900 West Via Appia Way). Using grant funding from the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC), the City has installed a Level 2 dual port charging station. The ChargePoint charging station accommodates two vehicles, charges one dollar per hour, and utilizes ChargePoint's cloud-based software, providing 24/7 driver support.

Vehicle emissions are one of the largest sources of ozone-forming pollution in Boulder County. In order to achieve community climate action goals and implement the Louisville Sustainability Action Plan, the City is working to support the increased use of plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) and decarbonization in Louisville and the region.

For any questions or comments regarding electric vehicle charging in Louisville, contact Katie Baum, Sustainability Specialist by email Kbaum@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4534.

LIFE IN LOUISVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

For the fifth year in a row, the City of Louisville is inviting everyone to submit their best photographs to the City's Life in Louisville photography contest. The contest aims to preserve images and reminders of Louisville for this and future generations. Previous finalists have included more amateurs than professionals, including 8th grade student Liam Reagan, whose photograph of the John Breax sculpture in Historic Downtown won him a place among the 2018 finalists.

Entries are judged on artistic quality and originality of subject matter as well as whether the photo captures "Life in Louisville" in 2019. Photos should showcase people, places, and events that make someone specifically think "Louisville" versus any other city or town.

The contest closes at 5 pm on Friday, January 17, 2020. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LifeinLouisville for details.



CHRIS DAILEY - 2018 FINALIST



NEW DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC VITALITY

City Manager Heather Balser has selected Megan Pierce as the new Director of Economic Vitality for the City of Louisville.



Megan has more than 14 years of experience in local government and as a consultant for the public sector. She most recently worked as Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Winnetka, Illinois (population 12,000), overseeing economic development, communications, and human resources.

Megan is a skilled and collaborative manager with proven success in branding communities and serving as ombudsman for local businesses. She brings experience working with residents, business owners, elected officials, and staff to define community goals and identify innovative strategies to achieve them.

Commenting on the appointment, City Manager Heather Balser said:

"It is my great pleasure to announce that Megan Pierce will be joining the City of Louisville as the Director of Economic Vitality. Megan competed in a national recruitment for the position.

"There were 61 applicants for the position and four finalists participated in a comprehensive selection process. Megan rose to the top of this pool – I am excited to have her join the Louisville team.

"I would also like to thank City Council, Board and Commission representatives, and City staff who attended the open house for the candidates and participated in the interview process. We had four excellent candidates and appreciate their professional commitment to public service and their interest in the City of Louisville."

The new Director of Economic Vitality is scheduled to join the City at the end of November and can be reached at:

MPierce@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303.335.4531

\$45,000 GRANTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Louisville homeowners may be eligible for up to \$45,000 in Historic Preservation grants with local businesses eligible to receive up to \$200,000. The City recently set the new incentive figures following the extension of the Historic Preservation tax by voters.

Through the City's unique, voluntary Historic Preservation Program, eligible historic properties can pursue landmark status and receive a variety of grants. Not only are grants available for the preservation of historic structures, the City also offers grants for eligible new building additions. With no obligation to landmark a property, grants are available to conduct a "Historic Structure Assessment," which provides information on the condition of the property and provides recommendations for preservation.

Commenting, Rob Zuccaro, Director of Planning & Building Safety, said:

"This incentive program is a great opportunity for Louisville residents and businesses to update their properties while preserving the history and architectural integrity of the City.

"We look forward to working with property owners who want to learn more about our program and their property. Applying for a Historic Structure Assessment grant is an easy first step that allows property owners to learn more about the history and condition of their building with no obligation to pursue Landmark status and usually at no cost.

"This program forms a key part of the City's commitment to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of life in our community."

Eligible historic properties are at least 50 years old, historically significant, and retain architectural integrity. The program, which is funded by a dedicated sales tax, recognizes the historical and architectural significance of over 40 local landmarks.

Find out more

Property owners interested in learning more about a Historic Structure Assessment or in pursuing landmark status, should contact Felicity Selvoski, Historic Preservation Planner:

FSelvoski@LouisvilleCO.gov

303.335.4594



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE LIBRARY!



The Louisville Public Library turned 95 years old this year!

It's hard to believe that our modern Library, complete with 3D printer and an application that lets us read books on our phones (the Libby app, if you're wondering), started out almost a century ago with the Chinook Campfire Girls and a love of reading.

The year was 1924

The Library has seen many changes since 1924, when the newly chartered Chinook Campfire Girls and their leader began collecting books donated by Louisville residents to form the heart of a public library.

The first home of the Chinook Library was the upstairs room of the old town hall, located near the south end of the 700 block on Main Street. There were no funds so various women donated their time to supervise the circulation of books.

Starting in 1926, the Saturday Study Club assumed the supervision of the Library, a librarian was hired, fundraisers were held, and books were purchased twice a year from Denver. Financial assistance from the Town Board of Trustees began in 1929 and control of the Library passed to the City of Louisville in 1963.

Today's library has thousands of books, access to a wealth of online resources and training, free wifi, modern meeting rooms, computers for anyone to use, and a range of programs for all ages.

It has had various homes over the years, but the unwavering commitment to providing an essential public service has stayed the same.

Let's celebrate!

You can help the Library celebrate its big birthday with a slice of cake at Snowed In at the Library on December 6 (see page 1 for details).

READY FOR WINTER

Back in August when the rest of us were still thinking about BBQs and staying cool, the City started getting ready for the winter weather, ordering lots of salt and servicing its fleet of vehicles.

When it snows in Louisville, the City's Operations Team keep an eye on the forecasts and start sending out their trucks with plows and salt as soon as they believe the roads are getting slick or accumulating snow. The team of 14 work in shifts, ensuring that all of Louisville's roads are cleared. Meanwhile the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department clears concrete trails within the City's trail network, City parking lots, and sidewalks adjacent to City buildings.

After hours, the Police Department monitor the roads while the Operations Team check cameras at City Hall and the Recreation & Senior Center. While many cities wait for six inches of snow to accumulate before plowing the roads, the City of Louisville plows after two inches of accumulation.

Your responsibilities

As a Louisville resident or business, it is your responsibility, according to the Municipal Code, to clear the sidewalk in front of your property of ice and snow within 24 hours. The City runs a program called Snowbusters to assist older adults with these snow shoveling responsibilities and volunteers are always welcome (see page 2 for details).

When the plows are out, it's really important for all drivers and cyclists to heed the warnings (printed in yellow and black on every truck) to stay back 200 feet. This is for your safety as well as the safety of your passengers, pedestrians, and the City's drivers.

If you have any questions about the City's snow plowing program and procedures, please contact Michael Cleveland by email MCleveland@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4757.

The City's Municipal Code outlines the requirements for snow removal:

Removal of snow - It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any lot, block or parcel of ground within the city, or any agent in charge of such property, to allow any snow or ice to accumulate or remain upon any sidewalk alongside such property longer than 24 hours from the time of the last accretion of such snow or ice. (Code 1962, § 20.34; Code 1977, § 12.16.050)



ZERO WASTE HOLIDAYS

As much as many of us love the holiday season, the reality is that it can be the most wasteful time of the year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans throw away 25% more trash than usual. Trash cans full of holiday food waste, plastic shopping bags, bows, ribbons and wrapping paper add an incredible amount of waste into landfills. As we celebrate the holidays, it pays to be mindful of sustainable consumption, and to recycle and compost what we can.

Here are a few tips for keeping this holiday season a little more sustainable:

- Holiday cards, paper shopping bags, and cardboard boxes can all make their way into curbside recycling bins.
- Wrapping paper should not be placed in the curbside recycling bins. For no fee, wrapping paper can be taken to the Boulder County Recycling Center for a limited time. Until the end of January, place your excess in the bin marked "Wrapping Paper" at 1901 63rd Street, Boulder.
- Holiday string lights, white block foam, and foam wrapping sheets can be recycled at the Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM) at 6400 Arapahoe Road, Boulder.
- Dark envelopes, tissue paper, and leftover food scraps go in your curbside composting bins (which are available to Republic customers at no additional charge).

For any questions regarding holiday recycling and composting, contact Katie Baum, Sustainability Specialist: KBaum@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303.335.4534

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOSTING

Residents participating in the city-wide solid waste program with Republic Services can dispose of Christmas trees free of charge on their usual compost day. Trees need to be placed next to the compost bin and must be cut in half (each piece no more than 4 feet in length) and tied together with rope or twine. Trees can also be collected as a bulk item.

If you have any questions, contact Republic Customer Service 303.286.5400 (Monday-Friday 8 am - 5 pm) or visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Republic and complete the website contact form.

The City's branch recycle site (open the first full weekend of every month including January 4-5) will also take Christmas trees from Louisville residents (proof of residency required). For details and directions, visit

LouisvilleCO.gov/LeafandBranch

or call City Forester Chris Lichty on 303.335.4733.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN APPROVED

The City Council recently approved a road map for future planning and investment in Louisville's transportation system, described by former Mayor Bob Muckle as the "best planning document of any kind that [he'd] ever read".

The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a comprehensive look at the city's current transportation network and future transportation needs. It is also the result of many months of collaborative work between the City Manager's Office and the City's Planning, Public Works, and Parks and Open Space Departments.

Key concepts in the plan include an efficient and safe transportation network that provides more transportation options and "complete streets" with bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are accessible to community members of all ages and abilities.

Led by Rob Zuccaro, Director of Planning and Building Safety, the project team undertook significant community engagement, receiving over 1,500 comments and 163 online survey responses through Engage Louisville.

Commenting, Rob Zuccaro said:

"As our first transportation master plan, this document lays out a 20 year vision for our transportation network. It will help the City prioritize projects that support our commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Louisville while reflecting the small town atmosphere.

"Collaboration is one of the City's core values and this project has been a great example of our staff demonstrating that value by working together and with our regional partners while also engaging the community. Thank you to all of the residents who took the time to contribute their thoughts and views on the future of Louisville."

For more information, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/TMP or contact Associate Planner Lisa Ritchie by email LRitchie@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4596.





BUILDING A BETTER BOOK

Join Library staff in building a better book!

The Build a Better Book program, affiliated with CU Boulder and supported by the National Science Foundation, works with libraries to engage participants in the design and fabrication of inclusive media, including picture books, games, and graphics.



These accessible products are designed for learners with visual impairments and other physical and learning disabilities. Designs can be low-tech or high-tech, using materials such as craft supplies, 3D printers, vinyl cutters, and more.

Commenting, Technology Librarian Jenni Burke said:

“We are very excited to partner with CU Boulder to bring this innovative program to our patrons. It’s an incredible opportunity to apply some of our Makerspace supplies and equipment to a meaningful product for our community.”

The series will be held every Saturday, 10:00 am to 12 pm, from February 1 to March 14. The Build a Better Book program is open to youth, grades 6-12. Space is limited and an application to participate is required. Applications will be accepted December 1-21.

For more information and to apply, visit the Library’s website LouisvilleCO.gov/Library

SNOWED IN AT THE LIBRARY - DECEMBER 6

Come get Snowed In at the Library on December 6 from 5 to 7 pm for the First Friday Art Walk!

Commenting, Library and Museum Services Director Sharon Nemechek said:

“The Library staff is thrilled to be hosting our third Art Walk event this year. The response so far has been more than we hoped for, with hundreds of attendees enjoying music, food, crafts and fun. We’re so pleased to be part of this downtown Louisville tradition.”

Be sure to drop in and warm up before the Louisville Parade of Lights! (See page 1 for details)

JOIN US FOR WINTER READING BUDDIES

The winter session of Reading Buddies is almost here. We are seeking Big Buddies and Little Buddies for the upcoming session! Reading Buddies pairs teenage volunteers in grades 7-12 with kindergarten to 2nd grade students. The Buddies meet for an hour every week, reading together and doing fun reading-related activi-

ties. Reading Buddies helps boost young readers’ skills and gets kids excited about reading and the library. It’s also a great opportunity for teens to volunteer in their community.

Applications for the winter session are due on December 13. Visit the Library’s website for more information.

LOCAL LEADER READERS

Our community is full of avid readers, and there are so many great books out there that it can be hard to pick your next great read. We asked Amy Moynihan, Board President of the Louisville Public Library Foundation (LPLF), to tell us a little about what she is reading.

What’s the best book you’ve read lately?

I am always looking for good reads from young adult (YA) and adult fiction and occasionally nonfiction! This summer I finished *Caraval*, a YA trilogy, by Stephanie Garber, and *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. I also read *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, which was recommended to me by another LPLF board member.

What did you love about it?

Although *The Library Book* is nonfiction, it reads like fiction. It is a story about the Los Angeles Public Library fire in 1986 but weaves in a broader story of libraries and the crucial role they play in our lives. Susan Orlean takes the reader on a journey through the stacks to the evolving challenges faced by staff and why libraries remain essential, especially in today’s digital era. It is a fascinating read and I highly recommend it!

What’s on your list to read next?

The Last Cowboys by John Branch, *The Lost Queen* by Signe Pike and *Educated* by Tara Westover.

LOUISVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Historical Museum (1001 Main Street) recently welcomed 100 first and second graders from Coal Creek Elementary to learn how people in the past influenced our community and neighborhoods.

Commenting, Bridget Bacon, Museum Coordinator, said:

“We always look forward to school visits and the energy and enthusiasm each student brings. Our team has recently expanded to include a staff member working on outreach so that we can continue to increase our engagement with even more groups. The Museum is an active part of Louisville’s community and we look forward to welcoming even more visitors in the future.”

To organize a group visit, contact Elizabeth Reinthal EReinthal@LouisvilleCO.gov phone 303.335.4850.



ARTS VENUE IN HISTORIC SCHOOL HOUSE



Two blocks off Main Street at the corner of Spruce and Grant lies one of Louisville's most iconic historic buildings, the Louisville Center for the Arts.

The little brick school house at 801 Grant Avenue was built in 1894 as a school for Louisville's first and second grade students. Over the years, the building has served the community in a number of different capacities: as a hospital during a 1918 flu epidemic, a public library in the 1940s and a community recreation center in the 1950s and 60s.

Since the 1970s, the City of Louisville has worked to restore and preserve the historic building. Improvements include restoring the exterior, adding ramps for accessibility, renovating the restrooms and kitchenette, and recently adding audio visual equipment to improve the quality of arts and cultural programs in the building.

Today the historic building functions as an intimate arts center with a 1,300 square foot multi-purpose room and space for over 100 people. It hosts concerts, speakers, theatre performances, art shows, and a variety of community events put on by local arts and non-profit organizations.

Louisville residents and non-profits can rent the facility for a discounted resident rate of \$35/hour for arts events. When not in use for arts events, Louisville residents can rent the facility for private parties at a discounted rate of \$60/hour. Contact Katie Zoss at 303.335.4581 or KZoss@LouisvilleCO.gov for details.

FUNDING FOR ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Artists and organizations can apply for funding through the Louisville Cultural Council Art Grant Program. Projects must take place in Louisville and artists can apply for up to \$1,500 in funding. The application deadline is January 14. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/artgrant for an application and more information.

WINTER EVENTS FROM THE LOUISVILLE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Playback Theatre West: A Night of Improvisational Theatre, 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 7

Bring your stories of holidays and winters past and come enjoy a special night of improvisational theatre from Boulder's professional improv theatre group, Playback Theatre West. Tickets \$15 at the door and in advance at louisvilleimprov.brownpapertickets.com

Keeping it Local: Talk by Laura Miller of North Field Farm, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 11

Not everyone can buy an electric car or solar panels, but everyone can make simple, daily food choices to reduce their environmental impact. Join farmer Lara Miller to learn about the real cost of our industrial agribusiness, the state of farmers in the country, and how the choices you make can bring a better world for you, your farmers and for generations to come. Free event.

Animal Expeditions: The Denver Zoo comes to Louisville with programs in English and Spanish

Sunday, January 19, 1:30 pm, English & 3:00 pm, English and Spanish

Learn about different habitats by exploring the world and learning about animals' food, water, shelter and space. This free program presented by the Denver Zoo is for audiences of all ages.

Ivalas Quartet, 7:30 pm, Saturday, January 25

Founded in Ann Arbor in 2016, the Ivalas Quartet is composed of violinists Reuben Kebede and Anita Dumar, violist Aimée McAnulty, and cellist Pedro Sánchez. This year, the Ivalas Quartet has moved to CU Boulder as the new Graduate String Quartet in residence mentored by the famed Takács Quartet. Tickets \$10 at the door or in advance at Ivalas.brownpapertickets.com

All events take place at the Louisville Center for the Arts, 801 Grant Ave. For more events, check the **Winter Events in Louisville calendar** insert or visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar



SENIOR SERVICES

Louisville Senior Services at the Recreation & Senior Center offers a wide variety of classes and activities including day trips, special events, drop in activities, daily lunch, support groups, community resources, and much more. Find out more at on our website Louisvillerecreation.com or by calling 303.666.7400.

Senior Services Winter Celebration: Dec 18

Wednesday, December 18th 12:00-1:00pm

Let's celebrate winter and the company of good friends and good food. We will provide the main dish and side vegetable. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with your friends at your table. We will be entertained by pianist Tanner Palmer. Register online at Louisvillerecreation.com or by calling 303-666-7400.

SilverSneakers® and Renew Active™ Update

The Louisville Recreation & Senior Center is excited to be in final contract negotiations with AARP UnitedHealthcare's Renew Active™ program, which will begin in January 2020. Renew Active™ is a fitness program for members of an eligible Medicare Advantage plan insured by UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company. If you are insured by an AARP Medicare UnitedHealthcare plan, Renew Active™ will take the place of SilverSneakers®. The Recreation & Senior Center will continue to accept SilverSneakers® and beginning in January 2020, Renew Active™ members will also be eligible for a pass. After January 1, eligible UnitedHealthCare Renew Active members transferring their SilverSneakers® to Renew Active™ will need to work with the Recreation & Senior Center to update their membership. Be sure to review your health care plan during this open enrollment period to understand if you will be part of SilverSneakers® or Renew Active™. Open enrollment ends on December 7.

Tax Aide: February 3 - April 13

Free tax return preparation and electronic filing for taxpayers of all ages with low to moderate income, with special attention to those 60 years and older. Appointments are available on Mondays from February 3 through April 13. Appointment times are 10 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, and 2:30 pm. An appointment is required for each tax return - if you need an additional tax return (for a family member or another person for whom you have a power of attorney document), make a separate appointment for each return. Starting January 6, 2020 there are two ways to schedule an appointment. Schedule your appointment at <https://cotaxaide.org/appt/> or call 303.335.4919. At the website you will set up an account that allows you to create, modify, or delete your Tax-Aide appointment. Detailed instructions are provided at the website.

UPCOMING REGISTRATION

Preschool Program, Louisville Recreation Center

Looking for a part-time preschool program that is education, fun and nurturing? Registration begins in January for the 2020-2021 school year for children age 3-5 by 9/30/20. This state-licensed program, based at the newly renovated and expanded Louisville Recreation Center, is designed to meet the academic, social and physical needs of youngsters by providing a stimulating, safe and healthy environment. We invite you to learn more at the Talk with Teachers on January 21. Morning and afternoon classes are offered on Mon, Wed, and Fri. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/preschool for more information.

Sweetheart Dance, Saturday, February 1, 3:30-4:30pm

This magical event is filled with dancing to a live DJ, crafts, light refreshments and many smiles. Formal to semi-formal attire is encouraged. All adults and children in attendance must register. Age 3-8 \$12/person.

Hola Ninos, Saturdays, 10-10:45am, Ages 3-6

Widen your child's world with exposure to another language. Lesson will be taught through a variety of fun and hands-on activities. Classes begin January 11.

Adult sports:

Tennis: 4/18-5/9 Beginner and Intermediate

Softball/Co-ed softball: Team registration by 4/1

Youth Tennis:

Lobbers: Age 4-7, MW 4/1-4/24, 4:00-4:30

Hitters: Age 8-10, MW 4/1-4/24, 4:30-5:00

Acers: Age 11-18, MW 4/1-4/24, 5:00-5:30

Hot Shots Tennis Age 6-10, T/TH 4/2-4/25, 4:00-4:45

Hot Shots Tennis Age 11-18, T/TH 4/2-4/25, 4:45- 5:30

AQUATICS

To better assist in your pool lane selection, the Aquatics Team will be using cones to let you know if a lane is open and for how long.

Green cone: This lane will be open for at least the next 30 minutes

Yellow cone: This lane will be closed in the next 20 minutes. Typically at the top or bottom of the hour.

Red cone: This lane is closed to the public.

Monarch Girls Swim Practices: November 18, 2019 – February 17, 2020

Monday – Friday 6:30 – 7:45 am. (4 Lanes main pool, 2 lanes program pool). Check the website for up to date schedules.



CALL THE HOWL LINE BEFORE LEAVING HOME

Davidson Mesa Open Space Dog Off-leash area is a popular amenity for local canines and their human friends all year long, but it does experience temporary closures due to maintenance and muddy or unsafe conditions. These closures are for the protection of our natural resources as well as the safety of users.

Information on closures can be obtained by:

- Calling the HOWL line at 303.335.HOWL (4695)
- Signing up for e-notifications at LouisvilleCO.gov
- Following Fans of Louisville Open Space and Parks Facebook page
- Signs located at the entrance to the off-leash area

During closures, other options include Community Dog Park and the Davidson Mesa Trail System, which is open to dogs on a leash up to 10 feet in length.

Please also keep the dog off-leash areas safe and sanitary by disposing of dog excrement using the compostable bags and compost containers located at either entrance. These compost containers are taken weekly to a commercial composting facility. Please contact the Ranger Naturalists with any questions at 303.335.4770.

IS THE DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

OPEN or CLOSED?



CALL OUR NEW HOTLINE!

Call the HOWL Line Before Leaving Home
& Get Real Time Updates on the DOLA

303-335-HOWL (4695)

For more information, please contact a
Ranger Naturalist at 303.335.4770 or
Rangers@LouisvilleCO.gov



IT'S TIME TO TRIM YOUR TREES

Now is a good time to trim any vegetation on your property that is overhanging sidewalks, trails, alleys, or streets. Trimming and caring for your trees not only maintains good tree health, but also enhances neighborhood safety. Overgrown vegetation is a safety hazard and limits the use of sidewalks, trails, streets, and alleys. It can also block the view of traffic signs, signals, vehicles, or cyclists.

To ensure safe passage for everyone, you should trim tree limbs and vegetation at least 16 feet above streets or alleys to allow for delivery trucks, garbage trucks, and snowplows, and at least 8 feet above sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and care for trees that are situated or overhanging any street or public right-of-way, per Ord. No. 1484-2006, § 1, 2-7-2006, Sec. 8.12.060. City Forestry does not conduct maintenance of trees on private property. If needed, property owners should consult with a licensed, independent landscape contractor or arborist to arrange for the removal of trees or tree branches on private property.

Residents can drop off branches at the branch disposal site, just to the north of the Louisville Cemetery on Empire Road, the first full weekend of each month from 8 am to 4 pm. For questions, contact City Forester Chris Lichty at 303.335.4733 or ChrisL@LouisvilleCO.gov.

COAL CREEK GOLF COURSE

December is the best month to become a member

Coal Creek Golf Course is open year round and December is the best time to save money on your golf game in 2020. Whether you are just beginning or play every day, we have memberships that benefit every golfer at Coal Creek Golf Course. Members receive discounts on carts, loyalty points, discounts on apparel and equipment, discounts in the Sweet Spot Café, invitations to special member only events plus a free gift! Not to mention our members on average save over \$10/round for the year.

New members who purchase their 2020-2021 membership before December 31, 2019 receive 15 months for the price of 12. Current members who renew their membership before December 31, 2019 get a discount on their membership fee. Visit www.coalcreekgolf.com and plan ahead to play more golf and save more money in 2020.

Be safe and keep off the ice!

There are numerous creeks and seven ponds on Coal Creek, many of them 20 feet deep. It might be tempting to walk or play on the frozen water, but the ice can easily break. Parents and guardians are urged to remind children and young people NEVER to venture onto frozen water. Louisville Police will be called and the parents will receive a summons. Additionally, for your safety we do not allow non-golfers on the course at any time. This includes cross country skiing, snow shoeing, walking, running, cycling, dogs off leash, or playing on the fairways. Please choose one of the multitude of open space trails within the City for these activities.



SH 42/SHORT STREET CONSTRUCTION

Work has now begun that will enable improvements at the intersection of State Highway 42 and Short Street. The City recently appointed Golden-based GoodLand Construction to undertake the project.

The project, which is scheduled for completion in spring/summer 2020, will require the lanes on SH42 and Short Street to be shifted at various points although no lane closures are anticipated.

The roadway improvements and traffic signal form part of the Hwy 42 Gateway Plan, which also includes the South Street pedestrian underpass that opened in 2017. The SH42/Short Street construction cost of \$2.5 million will come from the City, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and Boulder County.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at PWorks@LouisvilleCO.gov or (303) 335-4608.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Construction for weekly updates.

APPLY FOR PERMITS ONLINE

The Building Department has launched its own online permitting portal, Citizen Self Service (CSS), for residents and contractors. The portal allows you to apply for select residential permit application types and contractor licenses, view permits and contractor licenses, pay invoices, request inspections, and view the daily inspection schedule.

In launching this portal, the Building Department hopes to provide a more efficient, quicker submittal and review process, and greater transparency between the building staff and the permit applicant. So if you are applying for the following residential permit types, make use of our user friendly portal:

- A/C, Furnace, Water Heater
- Minor Electrical
- Minor Mechanical
- Minor Plumbing
- Re-Roofing
- Re-Siding
- Sewer/Water Repair



Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/css to access the portal.

If you have any questions about the portal, please contact the Planning & Building Safety Department by email Building@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4592.

POLICE PARTNERSHIP WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Louisville Police Department has partnered with Community Reach Center of Adams County to bring a co-responder program to Louisville.

Through this partnership, Community Reach Center provides a clinician to respond with Louisville Police Officers to incidents that involve a known or suspected behavioral health issue at peak call times. The clinician provides a consultation to law enforcement officers regarding appropriate response, assists with treatment service coordination and referrals, and facilitates communication with external entities. This allows both clinicians and officers to function at the height of their expertise while creating a more efficient use of time and resources.

The co-responder clinician is also providing older adult services to the Louisville community, addiction treatment needs, and referral services.

Commenting on the new partnership, Chief Dave Hayes said:

"Our officers have been advancing their skills related to behavioral health for many years. Teaming with a co-responder from Community Reach Center further ensures that everyone struggling with a mental health challenge is given the very best attention as soon as possible."

You can learn more about the Community Reach Center on their website: CommunityReachCenter.Org

COUNTDOWN TO CENSUS DAY

The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. An accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need.

By April 2020, households will receive an invitation to participate in the census. You'll then have three options to respond: online, by phone, or by mail. When completing the census, you'll note where you are living on April 1: Census Day.

In order to complete the mammoth task of counting all of the people residing in the United States, the 2020 Census is hiring local people from across the country – including Louisville.

The 2020 Census has a wide variety of positions requiring various levels of experience and training, offering temporary full time to flexible part time positions. Applications are now open for positions starting soon.

To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. To find out more and apply, visit 2020census.gov/jobs



KEEPING YOUR DATA SAFE

Cyber attacks have doubled each year in recent years, according to the Online Trust Alliance (OTA). Although financial institutions are usually the biggest targets, state and municipal governments around the country have also been victims of high profile attacks. In this current climate, the City of Louisville technology staff continue to prioritize security and protecting the data of internal systems and residents.

The City's dedicated IT Team remain vigilant against data breaches, working every day to ensure that the City has solid backups and the most up to date policies, tools and systems.

Chris Neves, Director of Information Technology, commented:

"In 2019, our IT Department has invested in training materials and tools to encourage staff to 'think before you click' when encountering something that does not seem legitimate. IT staff will continue to emphasize training and awareness in the coming year to help our staff identify and discard malware."

Chris can be contacted with questions by email ChrisN@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4568.

CITY OF LOUISVILLE: A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Working for the City of Louisville is a rewarding opportunity to improve your community.

Our facilities include City Hall and the Library, surrounded by great restaurants and a vibrant Main Street. Other facilities include our modern Police Department and City Services buildings as well as our recently renovated Recreation & Senior Center.

Our values are Innovation, Collaboration, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence, and our robust benefits include the ability to earn paid time off and get 10 paid City holidays.

We have a great Wellness Committee and access to our Recreation Center fitness programs, low cost premiums for health care, and Employee Assistance programs.

It is the people who work here who make the lives of our residents better, safer, and healthier.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/jobs for the latest full time and part time vacancies.

And join us for our Jobs Fair at the Recreation & Senior Center on Wednesday, March 4 for details on our summer and seasonal jobs.



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