

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

To mark the 50th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22), the spring edition of the Community Update is focused on environmental sustainability at the City of Louisville and opportunities for Louisville residents to support sustainability in their homes and gardens and our community.

Over the next three months there are some great opportunities for you, your friends, your family, and your neighbors to get involved in fun and educational City events.

You can read all about these opportunities on pages that are now printed on paper containing recycled materials. Once you're done enjoying your Community Update, please recycle it at home or in one of the City's new recycle bins found throughout our parks (sitting alongside our new compost bins).



TRY THE BUS FOR FREE!

If you've never tried the bus (or maybe it has been a while) then now is the perfect time to give it a go!

At four of our events over the next three months, you can pick up an RTD transit coupon for a free bus ride (while supplies last).

Hop on the bus for local errands or leave the car at the US36 McCaslin Park & Ride and enjoy a day out in Denver.

*An asterisk indicates participating events where a coupon may be collected. Visit RTD-Denver.com to plan your trip.



GET INVOLVED

March 2: Pollinator-friendly Garden In A Box goes on sale with a discounted rate for Louisville residents - supplies limited

March 13: Deadline for Grass to Garden applications (and a free Garden In A Box)

March 23: Developing Soil Health Seminar*

March 28: Get to Know Your Local Farm

April 2: Film: The Biggest Little Farm*

April 3: 'Wild Louisville' Art Walk

April 4-5: Monthly 'Collect free compost for your garden' weekends begin

April 9: Davidson Mesa Natural Resource Tour

April 14: Xeriscaping Seminar*

April 16: Making a Living and a Life: A New View of Environmental Careers

April 22: Earth Day Clean Up Event hosted by the Open Space Team

April 22: Enjoy the sunshine! Downtown patios installed (weather dependent)

April 23: Backyard Composting Workshop

April 25: Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Disposal Drop Off Event

April 25: BioBlitz: City Nature Challenge

May 9: Bike to Books Fair at Steinbaugh*

May 9: Republic's Spring Compost Curbside Clean up (Tue/Wed customers)

May 16: Republic's Spring Compost Curbside Clean up (Thur/Fri customers)

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar for details or call 303.335.4814.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STOLZMANN



This spring marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. While there have been some notable accomplishments in the last half century, tremendously significant hurdles remain. If we want to make significant progress we need to continue to integrate sustainable solutions into our everyday practices. To do that, City Council, residents, and businesses are taking action.

This January, City Council moved all City facilities to 100% renewable electricity sources. Our residents have decreased the amount of waste we send to the landfill; according to The State of Recycling in Colorado 2019 report, we surpassed Boulder in our residential waste diversion rate and are now second best in the State (with Loveland in the lead). Many of our local businesses have been recognized with Green Business Awards as they go the extra step to reduce their environmental impacts.

These steps are a good start, but we need even more community participation to accomplish all the objectives in our Louisville Sustainability Action Plan to ensure that future generations have a healthy, sustainable community. In this newsletter, you will read about more ways you can join in the effort.

The Mayor's 2020 Resolution

At the beginning of the year, I asked Louisville residents to join me in a New Year's Resolution called '20 & 20 in 2020':

1. Visit 20 local businesses in 2020 – this could be anything from a store to a café to a local accountant.
2. Make 20 trips without the car in 2020 – try and swap the car for walking, cycling, or public transport at least 20 times this year.

And I'm delighted to report that, for once, I have actually accomplished my New Year's Resolution, trying new businesses and exploring our city using my electric bike and the bus.

Since much of 2020 remains, I've increased my resolution, and will be visiting all of the local businesses that have been awarded the Green Business Award (listed on page 3).

The best part of the '20 & 20 in 2020 Resolution' has been hearing about your progress so I'd still love to hear how everyone is doing. Please keep sending me your updates at AshleyS@LouisvilleCO.gov or give me a call 303.570.9614.

RENEWABLES GOAL ACHIEVED 5 YEARS EARLY

In 2019, the previous City Council unanimously agreed to the following renewable energy and carbon emission reduction goals for the City and the community:

Municipal Goals

- Meet all of Louisville's municipal electric needs with 100% carbon-free sources by 2025.
- Reduce core municipal greenhouse gas emissions annually below the 2016 baseline through 2025.

Community Proposed Goals

- Generate 75% of Louisville's residential and commercial/industrial electric needs from carbon-free sources by 2030.
- Reduce core community greenhouse emissions annually below the 2016 baseline through 2030.

In January, the City achieved the first of these goals -- five years ahead of schedule -- by meeting all of Louisville's municipal electric needs with 100% carbon-free sources.

In order to achieve the rest of its ambitious goals, the City is developing a plan to reduce internal energy consumption, increase adoption of carbon-free energy, increase energy efficiency in residential and commercial/industrial buildings, and ensure that Louisville residents and businesses have opportunities to access carbon-free energy.

To achieve the goals, all sectors of the community will be engaged and educated on programs and resources available and kept informed on progress made.

For more info, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Sustainability or contact Katie Baum, Sustainability Specialist by email KBaum@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4534.

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP EVENT - APRIL 22



Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by assisting with a clean up on Open Space.

Volunteers will meet at Community Park (Bella Vista Drive and Front Street) at 11 am and walk to nearby Open Space to help clean up.

Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and sun protection.

Please RSVP for this free event so that the Open Space Team knows how many people to expect.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar for registration details or call 303.335.4735.



2019 GREEN BUSINESS AWARDS

The Green Business Recognition Program, funded by the City of Louisville and funded by the City of Louisville and Boulder County and its Partners for a Clean Environment program (PACE), provides local businesses with free one-on-one assistance to incorporate conservation and sustainable practices into their day-to-day business practices and recognizes those businesses who have achieved marked environmental leadership within the community. Workshops are provided throughout the year on greening topics led by experts, and a myriad of networking and community impact opportunities are provided to participants.

In 2019, for the first time, three businesses that went above and beyond in small, medium and large business categories achieved Platinum recognition.

Commenting, Mayor Stolzmann said:

"Through our invaluable collaboration with Boulder County's PACE, this program provides assistance for all our businesses to implement new sustainable practices and cost-saving measures, shaping a vibrant green economy here in Louisville, as well as acknowledgment for their efforts.

"We're glad for this opportunity to publicly recognize the accomplishments of this year's award recipients, their commitment to sustainability and to our community."

2019 Green Business Award Recipients

PLATINUM

Small Business Awardee: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Medium Business Awardee: APEX School of Movement

Large Business Awardee: Alfalfa's Market

GOLD

Além International Management	Community Food Share, Inc.
DAJ Design	East West Wellness
e-bike of COLORADO	Eldorado Natural Spring Water
EVO Rock + Fitness Louisville	Organic Sandwich Company
Pearl Izumi	Redgarden Restaurant and Brewery
Studio Z Dental	Sweet Cow Ice Cream

SILVER

Audit Logistics, LLC	King Soopers
Mark Sisler Insurance and Financial Services, INC	Otak, Inc.
Premier Members Credit Union	Sweet Spot Café
The Louisville Law Group P.C.	WishGarden Herbs
Yoga Junction Louisville	

BRONZE

arielMIS	City of Louisville
Commuting Solutions	Compass Rose Floral
Crystal Springs Brewing Company	Dave DiOrio State Farm
Dova Center for Health and Healing	EcoEnclose
Jen Paris State Farm	KCSP LLC DBA BUSABA
Louisville Chamber of Commerce	The Huckleberry
The Tea Spot	VOLTAGE, LLC

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Sustainability to find out more and start your business' application.

FREE COMPOST FOR YOUR GARDEN



Starting the weekend of April 4-5, Louisville residents can collect free compost for their gardens on the first weekend of every month from 8 am until 4 pm.

The compost will be available at the Branch Recycle Site, located just to the north of the Louisville Cemetery on Empire Road. The compost is available through the City's contract with Republic Services.

Free mulch is available to collect at any time.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LeafandBranch for directions.



NO FINES, JUST FUN!



Since long before 'reduce, reuse, recycle' was a common phrase, libraries have been promoting the reuse of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and other materials.

And in effort to encourage even more people to enjoy these materials, the Louisville Public Library is no longer charging overdue fines for youth materials.

This includes all books, DVDs, CDs, American Girl Doll and Story Bags, the WOW Museum Pass, Hidden History Backpacks, and other materials in the children's and teen's areas of the library.

Commenting, Library and Museum Services Director Sharon Nemechek said:

"Studies have shown that the threat of overdue fines discourages struggling families from using the library. In an effort to provide equal access to library collections and services for all families, we have eliminated fines on youth items.

"We hope that by eliminating these fines all families feel welcome at the library and encouraged to explore, discover and check out the items that appeal to their kids and teens."

All fines accrued before this change will still be due. Patrons will continue to be billed for the full cost of lost items. If you have any questions, please come in for a visit at 951 Spruce Street or call 303-335-4849. The Louisville Public Library is open 7 days a week.

REPUBLIC SERVICES WEATHER ALERTS

Sign up to receive a recorded message alerting you to holiday and weather delays to your solid waste and recycle services by calling Republic Services at 303.286.5400 or completing the online contact form at LouisvilleCO.gov/ContactRepublic. Indicate in the Comments section that you would like to enroll in the notification service and provide a cell phone or land-line number.

CONSERVING WATER IN YOUR HOME & GARDEN

For the second year in a row, the City is partnering with Resource Central to offer water customers the opportunity to swap 200 sq ft of maintained grass for a low-water, pollinator-friendly 'softscape' garden.

Through the popular Grass to Garden program, water customers can receive a free Garden In A Box, a free Rain Bird Retrofit Kit to convert spray irrigation to drip irrigation (if needed), and a library of 'how to' guides and resources.

This program, which is open to the Louisville water customers free of charge, aims to help people save both money and water. Spaces are limited and the early bird deadline is March 13. The program will re-open after that date if spaces are still available.

Cory Peterson, the City's Water Resources Engineer, commented:

"We are excited to partner with Resource Central again to offer this great opportunity for people to reduce their water usage. Softscape gardens use up to 60% less water than traditional grass lawns and are a great option for low-use areas like sidewalk strips. We look forward to seeing this year's finished results."

The City has also partnered with Resource Central to offer additional opportunities to save water and money:

- A discounted Garden In A Box for Louisville residents
- Free Xeriscaping Seminar – April 14, Louisville Recreation & Senior Center (registration required)
- Free Slow the Flow audits:
 - Indoor water use inspection for your home
 - Outdoor sprinkler consultations for your home (June-October) and the opportunity to receive a free Rachio Wireless Smart Sprinkler Controller and installation for outdoor sprinklers (MSRP controller and installation value: \$385)
 - Outdoor irrigation assessment for your HOA or commercial property (June-October)

For more information and registration details, please visit LouisvilleCO.gov/ResourceCentral or call Resource Central at 303.999.3820.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL DROP OFF EVENT

On Saturday, April 25 between 9 am and noon, Louisville residents can recycle electronics and safely dispose of household hazardous waste in a City-sponsored event at the Ascent Church parking lot (550 McCaslin Blvd).

Electronic waste

According to Colorado state law, all electronics must be recycled. Unfortunately electronic waste can't be recycled in your curbside carts since it is illegal for residents of Colorado to throw away or dump electronic waste in their waste streams (i.e. household trash, recycling, or compost).

To help residents properly recycle their electronic waste, the following electronics will be accepted at the City's drop off event:

CRT monitors and TVs, general E-waste keyboards, mice, cords, cell phones, PDAs, iPods, handheld devices, computer towers, servers, and laptops

The following items will NOT be accepted:

CRT TVs with broken glass, projection TVs of any size, scrap metal, appliances, and microwaves

There is no charge to recycle computer towers, servers, and laptops. All other items will charged at a per pound rate. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

For more information on recycling larger items such as appliances, visit EcoCycle.org or call EcoCycle on 303.444.6634.

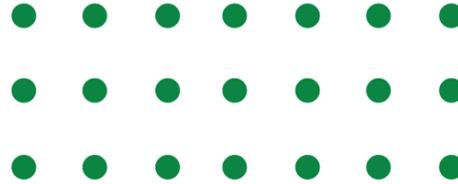
Household hazardous waste

Many products found in your kitchen, bathroom, garage or garden shed are potentially hazardous substances.

Motor oil, paints, pesticides, antifreeze, wood preservatives, batteries and many household cleaners contain solvents, petroleum products, heavy metals or other toxic chemicals. When these products are dumped in the trash or poured down the drain, their hazardous chemicals can injure people or contaminate drinking water sources.

At the April 25 event, residents can safely dispose of their household hazardous waste free of charge.

Residents can also drop off household hazardous waste at the Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management (HMM) Facility located at 1901 63rd St., west of the Boulder County Recycling Center, Wednesday through Saturday 8:30 am - 4 pm. Contact HMM at 720.564.2251 for more information about their facility and hours.



ALL AGES BIKE FAIR

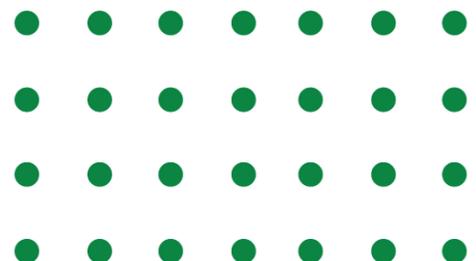
SATURDAY, MAY 9
11AM TO 1PM
STEINBAUGH PAVILION
824 FRONT STREET

SAVE THE DATE

All Ages Activities, Live Music, Food,
and FUN!



FOR MORE DETAILS:
LOUISVILLECO.GOV/BIKETOBOOKS





REUSE & RECYCLE AT THE LIBRARY

Did you attend December's Homemade Holiday program and make a candle in a small glass jar or tea cup? Did your child participate in the popular after school program, Magical Experiments with Water and preform water experiments in a butter dish or yogurt cup?



If you have attended one these programs or have done our drop-in crafts at the library, you have probably used materials that the library staff diligently collect to use and reuse in our programs.

The library makes a conscious effort to reuse and recycle when planning many of the entertaining programs, which we offer for all ages. The staff areas often have collection boxes for plastic cups and bowls or paper towel tubes which staff are encouraged to bring from home. Staff also shop at local thrift stores for supplies and materials for our programs.

Commenting, Youth Services Supervisor Kristen Bodine said:

"Using unconventional materials in our children's programs sparks creativity and imagination in young learners. We hope to encourage children to look at different ways to use every day items to reuse and recycle."

IMAGINE YOUR STORY: SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer will be here before you know it and the library staff is preparing for another exciting Summer Reading Program! This year's program, Imagine Your Story, will start with our 3rd Annual Kick-Off Day on Friday, May 22 from 10 am-4 pm in the library's meeting room. It's a fun-filled day with activities and entertainment while you register the whole family.



MAKERSPACE UPDATE

When you step into the Louisville Public Library's Makerspace, it may look the same as it did before, but there are some very new features! The Makerspace is newly focused on creative technology. Library patrons will be able to come in during weekly drop-in Open Labs to work with our maker equipment, including the Cricut craft cutter, sewing machines, or the new heat presses for iron-on designs. The room can also be reserved for private creative use.

Commenting, Jenni Burke, Technology Librarian, said: "The Makerspace features some really incredible creative technology that we want library patrons to have the opportunity to learn about and enjoy.

"Open Labs facilitated by volunteers and staff give patrons the chance to try out some of this equipment with guidance and support to ensure the best possible experience.

"We hope to see an increase in use of all of the equipment the Makerspace features."

Drop in to one of the Open Lab sessions, Mondays from 6-8pm, Wednesdays from 10am-12pm and every other Friday from 4-6pm. Visit the library's website, www.louisville-library.org to view a full list of all of the Makerspaces equipment for in-house use or available for checkout.

YOUTH SPRING ART SHOW



Louisville Art Association, Louisville Cultural Council and Louisville Public Library present the annual Youth Spring Art Show Opening Reception on Friday, March 6 at the library during the First Friday Art Walk. Join us for artist demonstrations, music and refreshments while enjoying the artwork displayed by many of our young artists.

Commenting, Youth Services Supervisor, Kristen Bodine said:

"We are delighted to showcase the talented young artists in this community here at the library. Come visit us during the month of March to view all of the amazing artwork. It's guaranteed to put a smile on your face."

BIKE TO BOOKS FAIR

Save the date! The Bike to Books bike fair with activities for all ages, live music, food, and lots of fun is taking place on Saturday, May 9 from 11am til 1 pm. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/BiketetoBooks for details.



2019'S ZERO WASTE EVENTS

Special Events, such as festivals and concerts, can produce a lot of trash that gets sent to the landfill. The goal of making an event "Zero Waste" is to send no waste to the landfill, but instead to divert it to compost and recycling.

In 2019, the City partnered with EcoCycle to reduce waste at 11 different special events and tracked the results. The events included: Labor Day, Senior Dinner, Taste of Louisville and eight Street Faire Concerts. During the events, attendees diverted 8,508.52 lbs of waste to compost and recycling out of 9,347.53 total lbs – that's an approximate 91% diversion rate!

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Zero Waste events begin by working with vendors like food trucks to be sure that they only distribute materials that can be locally recycled or composted. You will see vendors selling drinks in compostable cups or recyclable aluminum cans, but not single use plastic cups that end up in the landfill.

Zero Waste events work with attendees to ensure that everything that can be composted or recycled is properly sorted. This can be challenging when attendees come from outside Boulder County and are unfamiliar with local guidelines. You can help by being knowledgeable about Boulder County recycling and compost guidelines, taking the time to sort your waste properly when attending events, and helping others to do the same.

FILM SCREENING: THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM

Join us for a free film screening of the award-winning documentary, *The Biggest Little Farm*, on Thursday, April 2 at the Louisville Center for the Arts. Tickets available March 1 - visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar for details.

The Biggest Little Farm chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. Through dogged perseverance and embracing the opportunity provided by nature's conflicts, the Chester's unlock and uncover a biodiverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons, and our wildest imagination.

SPRING EVENTS AT THE LOUISVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Louisville Cultural Council will present a full lineup of spring events at the historic Louisville Center for the Arts, at 801 Grant Ave in Louisville. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar for details.

Skean Dubh: Celtic Music

7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 18

Skean Dubh is one of the most highly sought after acoustic Celtic bands in the Rocky Mountain region. Unforgettable vocals, hauntingly beautiful piping, sophisticated fiddle, and engaging rhythms give the group its distinct voice in modern and traditional Celtic music. Free.

Opera Colorado presents Arias and Ensembles

7:30 pm, Friday, March 20

Performed by Opera Colorado's Artists in Residence, this delightful program features highlights from operatic and musical theater repertoire. Selections are performed as they would be on stage, but without the use of sets and costumes, creating an intimate and engaging experience. Tickets \$10 at the door or in advance at operacolorado.brownpapertickets.com.

Tornado Chasing Drones

3:00 pm, Sunday, April 5

Learn about designing and using flying robots to study tornados, nature's most violent storms. Presented by Eric Frew, University of Colorado Professor, Ann and H.J. Smeed Aerospace Engineering Sciences Department. Free.

Silent Movie with Live Piano Accompaniment

7:30 pm, Friday, April 24

Join local pianist and silent movie aficionado Rodney Sauer for a delightful evening watching two classic silent films along with live accompaniment. Ticket \$10.

2020 FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERTS

Save the date for 2020 free outdoor summer concerts! The Thursday Night Summer Concerts in the Park at Community Park run June 18-July 23. The Downtown Louisville Friday Night Street Faires at Steinbaugh Pavilion run June 19-August 14. There are no concerts July 2 and 3.

Check the next Community Update in June for the full list of bands or LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar in April.



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. Join us for a trip, special event, a fitness class, or an educational consumer class. That and much more found at www.louisvillerecreation.com or call 303-666-7400 for more information.



St. Patrick's Dinner: March 19
Everyone's Irish on St. Paddy's Day! Join us for the return of our Saint Patrick's Day Dinner. We will dine on the traditional corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots, rolls and dessert.

Dinner will be served by members of the Youth Advisory Board at 5:30pm. The McTeggart Irish Dancers from Boulder will be our entertainment. Reg# 18041-1 Th, 3/19 5:30-7:00pm \$8.50 residents/\$10 NR

Snowbusters service and volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist older adults age 60+ with snow shoveling. Call Diane Evans at 303.335.4919 to volunteer or to discuss eligibility for receiving the snow shoveling service.

MEMORY SQUARE POOL OPENS MAY 23

Summer is approaching quickly and we look forward to opening Memory Square Outdoor Pool on May 23. We are excited to be able to offer two more hours of open swim on Fridays 10am-12pm. Please see our summer catalog for pool schedule.

Due to the popularity of the Friday night 6:00-8:00pm Memory Square private rentals, we have added Saturday evenings as a rental option as well. These rentals will be available for reservation April 15. As always when planning your visit to the pool please be aware of weather. See our website and sign up for rained out text alerts to be instantly notified of pool closures.

Commenting, Seasonal Lifeguard Danny said: "Memory Square Pool is an awesome gem of Louisville. I am looking forward to another great season of keeping our guests safe while they have fun in the sun."

PRIVATE POOL RENTALS

All pools are available after hours for private rental.

Contact Kate Meyer 303.335.4927 for more information about booking.

NEW PLAYGROUNDS IN LOUISVILLE

Construction is underway on the new playgrounds for Elephant Park and Keith Helart Park.

The playground replacement projects for both parks kicked off in September 2019 with public open houses to gather ideas from citizens and park users.

Keith Helart Park's new structure will have a nature-based theme to embrace the natural landscaping and mature trees that surround the playground. Elephant Park will have a more traditional play structure with a climbing net and swings. The concrete elephant in the park, from which the park received its name, will stay.

Demolition and construction started in February and the estimated completion is spring 2020. A Grand Opening announcement will be made as the projects get closer to being finished.

Over the next several years, with City Council approval and budget availability, the City plans to continue replacing play structures around Louisville. Many of the play structures are 20-25 years old, which means the equipment is dated, making it difficult to find replacement parts or to update the playgrounds to meet current ADA standards.

For more information on playground replacement projects, contact Allan Gill at AllanG@LouisvilleCO.gov.

SUMMER JOB FAIR - MARCH 10



Looking for a summer or seasonal job?

Come to the City of Louisville job fair where you can meet hiring managers, schedule interviews and learn about available jobs.

The City is now hiring lifeguards for the Aquatics area and Memory Square pool as well as positions for our Parks, Open Space, Water/Wastewater, Athletic Fields, Golf Maintenance Staff, Golf Course Rangers, Summer Camp Counselors, Tennis Instructors and Swim Instructors.

If you're interested in these summer positions, please come to our job fair on Tuesday, March 10 at the Louisville Rec Center from 3 pm to 6 pm or visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Jobs and apply online.



COMMUNITY PARK POND CLOSED

The City has closed the Community Park pond to dogs to comply with reuse water regulations from the Colorado Department of Public Health (CDHPE).

Since 2006, both residents and visitors have used the pond adjacent to Community Park as a swimming area for their furry friends. Although this pond is an amenity to the dog park, it is primarily a holding vessel for reuse water to accommodate the park's irrigation. Reuse water (also known as 'reclaimed' or 'recycled water') is wastewater treated for specific purposes such as irrigation, but is not suitable for drinking.

In September, the City received information from CDPHE mandating the discontinuation of all recreational uses of reclaimed water in Colorado. The City drained the pond and filled it with potable water (also known as 'drinking water') as a temporary solution to finish the season. On January 21, the City made the decision to permanently close the pond to ensure the safety and health of the community.

The closure of the pond at Community Park will not affect other areas of the dog park or the Dog Off-Leash Area at Davidson Mesa. For questions or more information, please email ParksandRec@LouisvilleCO.gov or call 303.335.4735.

OWL WEBCAMS ARE BACK!

The Open Space Division has once again partnered with the Colorado Avian Research and Rehabilitation Institute (CARRI) to install outdoor web cameras in Great Horned Owl nesting areas on Louisville Open Space properties. These 24/7 cameras provide a live feed of local owl nests offering the possibility to witness the courtship, incubation, and feeding activities of local Great Horned Owls during the breeding season (January-May).

This is the second year for this program. During the 2019 breeding season, the live camera feed had over 40k views as people tuned in to watch the owl pair court, incubate three eggs, hatch the eggs, and care for the chicks until all three eventually fledged the nest.

Cameras this year have observed owls frequently visiting two of the nest box locations. As of January 30, all nest locations are empty with no signs of incubation. If the nests become active, anticipated incubation is mid to late February with chicks born sometime in May.

The City of Louisville thanks the Colorado Avian Research and Rehabilitation Institute, Marty O'Connor, and the Wecker family for helping to make this possible.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/OpenSpace to see the owls.

NEW TRAILS APP

The Boulder Area Trails app provides access to all trail information in and around Boulder County. The app is designed to enable users to find trails by use or type, plan routes by connecting local community trails, and link to the appropriate agency websites for more information.

The Boulder Area Trails app features include:

- One app for all area trails: Provides a single source for all designated public recreation trails and trailheads in and around Boulder and Broomfield counties. Includes 295 trailheads and 1,440 miles of trail.
- Real-time trail closures: Trail closures are posted as soon as they are announced by each participating agency.
- Offline maps: The app will continue to work even when there is no cellular service.
- Set favorites: Users can save favorite trails and trailheads for easy access.

Visit www.TrailsApp.org to download the app.

DAVIDSON MESA PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED

The Open Space Division is working with Rocky Mountain Fire Protection District to schedule a prescribed burn on a portion of Davidson Mesa this spring. Prescribed burns, also known as controlled burns, refer to the controlled application of fire by a team of fire experts, under specified weather conditions, to restore health to fire-adapted environments.

The burn is tentatively planned for spring, between April and May, but timing is dependent on conditions such as crew availability, optimal temperature, moisture, humidity, and wind speed. Detailed information about dates, locations, and trail closures will be published before the burn. The burn plan will be implemented with the highest standards to minimize smoke impacts and maximize resource benefits.

The City successfully conducted its first prescribed burn at Aquarius Open Space in 2017. Approximately 14 acres were safely burned in two days. The prescribed burn resulted in consumption of dead litter material, reduction in cheat grass, and an increase in native grasses. These accomplishments were achieved by adding vegetative management activities to complement the burn.

Prescribed burns are an essential part of the Louisville Open Space integrated land management approach and over the next few years, the City plans to use them as a tool to restore open space grasslands.

Please contact Ember Brignull at EmberB@LouisvilleCO.gov for more info.



COAL CREEK GOLF COURSE

With its combination of mowed turf, trees, and natural areas, Coal Creek Golf Course provides a diverse environment in Louisville for both people and wildlife. In addition to providing a facility for people to spend time outdoors enjoying the game of golf, the course is also both a wildlife and flood mitigation corridor that prides itself on responsible and sustainable land use. Sustainable practices include incorporating natural vegetative areas throughout the course, installing a low flow irrigation system utilizing reclaimed water, providing electric powered golf carts, and actively pursuing an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary status.

NEW! Beginner League

Do you want to play golf but have found it hard to learn, intimidating, frustrating, expensive, or embarrassing? Then this league is for you! Starting on June 1, the Beginner League will give you the instruction, rules, and confidence you need to make golf FUN! Email DBaril@LouisvilleCO.gov for more information.

2020 Memberships Now Available

The Coal Creek Preferred Player Passes and Unlimited Golf Memberships are your ticket to great golf at a great price. Participants enjoy discounts on golf, carts, equipment, merchandise, and invitations to member-only events. Louisville residents receive an extra discount on all memberships. Starting as low as \$66.86/year for a pass or as little as \$160/month for unlimited golf all year, the only way not to save is if you don't play.

Host your next special event at Coal Creek

Graduation, team building, charity fundraisers, and more. Whatever event you are planning, the staff at Coal Creek Golf Course staff will assist you in making it the best experience for you and your guests. Email DBaril@louisvilleco.gov for more information.

Jr. Golf Program - register now

- PGA Junior Golf Camps (age 6-13): Camps start in June but do fill up fast. Sign up online at www.pgajuniorgolfcamps.com/
- PGA Junior League (age 6-13): Traveling golf team for boys and girls. Starts May 1.
- Coal Creek Junior Golf School (grades K-8): 1-3 hour daily programs introducing your child to the fundamentals of golf.
- Monarch Jr. Unlimited Golf Pass (ages 7-17): Best junior golf pass on the Front Range! Unlimited weekday golf (after 1 pm on Saturday and Sunday), unlimited range balls, and endless fun on the golf course for a whole year.

Email DBaril@LouisvilleCO.gov for information.

THE MUSEUM'S EDUCATION COLLECTION

Visitors to any museum will often see signs that read "Please do not touch." Sadly, this is a necessary request in order to slow the process of deterioration that happens to any artifact that is exposed to the elements, including the wear and tear of handling by human hands.

At the Louisville Historical Museum, items in the permanent collection are most valued for the stories they can tell us about certain events, periods of time, and the people that owned or used them. The preservation, care, and stewardship of the permanent collection are central to the Museum's mission.

However, that "Please do not touch" sign also recognizes that people learn and experience through all of their senses, especially touch. There is often an irresistible pull towards being able to hold and feel the weight and texture of an object to inform our understanding and appreciation of how it was made and used.

Consequently, the Museum has the goal this year to further develop its Education Collection and enhance visitor experiences through the senses. Unlike with the permanent collection, items in the Education Collection are meant to be handled. As much as possible, these artifacts are still unique and authentic, but they may be able to withstand a certain amount of use for demonstration purposes. Related to the goal of developing the Education Collection, the Museum plans to introduce Experience Trays in the Tomeo House. They will be made up of personal and utilitarian artifacts that help connect visitors with what daily life was like during the Great Depression.

While museums will always have to rely on "Please do not touch" signs to preserve their most valued and fragile artifacts, the Louisville Historical Museum will invite visitors to "Please Do Touch" items in the Education collection and truly experience history hands-on.

IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS

Starting in March, households will begin receive an invitation to participate in Census 2020. 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.

A complete count of our community is important to many programs and services such as Medicaid, Section 8 housing vouchers, federal Pell Grants, childcare assistance, Head Start, and many more. In addition, it impacts voting districts and defines the number of congressional representatives each state gets.

Visit boco.org/census to learn more.



REDUCED RATES FOR FLOOD INSURANCE

The City recently underwent an audit of its Community Rating System (CRS) under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Multiple City departments coordinated to provide documentation to a third party auditor to evaluate Louisville's efforts in flood preparedness, flood damage reduction, mapping and regulations, and public information.

In recognition of the City's efforts, Louisville was awarded a Class 6 designation – an improvement over past years.

The Class 6 designation means that Louisville residents are eligible for a reduction of up to 20% off their National Flood Insurance premiums. Additionally, recent flood mitigation work and infrastructure improvements in Louisville allowed a re-mapping of the City's floodplains. As of August 2019, fewer than 20 buildings in the City remain in designated special flood hazard areas.

If you have any questions, please contact the City's Planning Department by email Planning@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4592.

NEW ALARM POLICY FOR BUSINESSES

The Louisville Police Department recently revised its policy for commercial intrusion alarms. There are no changes to commercial robbery, panic/duress, hold-up or fire alarm procedures. In 2018, the Police Department responded to over 500 intrusion alarms with 99% of those calls proven to be false alarms. The majority of these were for commercial properties. Valuable officer time spent in response and investigation of those false alarms resulted in substantial costs to the City and community.

Per the updated policy, a commercial property with three or more false alarms within a one-year period will now receive a "no response" status on their account. Police will no longer respond to intrusion alarms at the property. Additionally, two or more false alarms in a one-year period, where a representative fails to respond when requested by officers, will also receive a "no response" status. If the building or business owner is able to resolve the issue(s), the "no response" status will be removed at no cost. This policy is similar to practices by neighboring communities.

Please please contact the Police Department at 303.335.4634 with any questions.

FEEDBACK ON THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

If you have any feedback on the Community Update or suggestions for future articles, please contact Senior Communications Specialist Gloria Handyside GHandyside@LouisvilleCO.gov 303.335.4814.



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