

Summer 2020



COMMUNITY UPDATE

*Thank you,
Louisville!*





A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STOLZMANN



Thank you, Louisville.

I know it has been a challenging few months and none of us knows exactly what the rest of the year will bring. However, throughout all of it, our community has shown resilience, strength, and compassion. We have supported our community by doing our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. We have supported our local businesses by

shopping locally when we can. And we have supported our friends, neighbors, and loved ones by being there for them virtually when we couldn't be there in person.

I also want to thank the City staff who continue to serve our community. Even when City facilities are closed to the public, City staff continue to keep our community safe; improve and maintain roads and infrastructure; ensure we have safe, clean water; process building and planning applications and inspections; communicate important information; support our business community; create engaging and informative online library, fitness, and sustainability resources; engage with our senior community; look after our parks and open space; maintain our facilities; and keep City IT systems going so staff can complete so much of this work remotely.

If we've learned anything recently, it's that information and guidance can change rapidly in the current climate. I urge you to visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 for the latest information, including any changes to City facilities and operations. You can also sign up to receive updates from the City by sharing your email address at LouisvilleCO.gov/CommunityUpdate. If you don't have access to the internet, you can still reach us by phone. You can find our phone numbers on the back cover of this Community Update.

As ever, I'm proud to be your Mayor and a resident of this great city. We'll get through this together.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ashley Stolzmann

FREE ZOOM BACKGROUNDS

Do you find yourself attending a lot of video calls these days? Whether you're using Zoom for work or to keep in touch with family and friends, you can download the City's free Zoom virtual backgrounds of Main Street, Davidson Mesa, Harper Lake, and more.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/CommunityUpdate for background photos and instructions.

APPLY FOR YOUR SOLAR PERMIT ONLINE

Bringing solar power to your house is now easier than ever. Through the City's Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal you can apply for your solar permit (and all building permits) online from the comfort of your home.

The closure of City facilities in March brought forward an ongoing project to offer all building permit applications online. In just one month from mid-March until mid-April, 19 solar permits were submitted online and granted by the City's Building Safety Department (compared to 94 residential permits in the whole of 2019).

Commenting on the new service, Chief Building Official Chad Root said:

"The transition to online permitting has allowed our office to review permits in record time. We're pleased to be able to offer residents and commercial entities a more efficient process and make it faster and easier to go carbon-free in our community."

Go solar

In August 2019, Louisville City Council adopted Louisville's first ever climate action goals, which included community-wide carbon emission reductions and carbon-free electricity goals.

From increasing home value to lessening our environmental impact, the benefits of going solar are many, however, knowing the next steps can be a challenge. As Boulder County residents, there are a myriad of resources available.

Through EnergySmart, a Boulder County program, energy advisors help you find and file your application for all eligible rebates and connect you with a pre-qualified list of solar contractors. Through Solar*Rewards and Net Metering, Xcel Energy offers programs to bank excess solar which is then applied back to customer's utility billing. For program links and details visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Sustainability.

Citizen Self Service

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/CSS to:

- Apply for a permit or contractor license
- Request an inspection
- View scheduled inspections
- Access permits you've been granted
- View your contractor license
- Pay an invoice

For questions about permits and inspections, contact the Building Department by email Building@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4584.



2020 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The City's Engineering Team have continued to work with contractors on the City's 2020 infrastructure projects, including the SH42 Underpass, the Short Street Project, and the 2020 Concrete and Pavement Reconstruction and Resurfacing Project.

The planned investment in Pine Street continues with work underway to complete the new bikes lanes and improvements to crossings, curb ramps, medians, pedestrian refuges, and bus stops.

Residents directly affected by Concrete and Pavement Reconstruction and Resurfacing were sent a notice in April. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Construction to find out more about the City's construction projects, including maps and weekly updates. For any questions, please contact Public Works by email Pworks@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4608 to be put in touch with a project manager.

REPUBLIC CURBSIDE EVENTS

Due to the changing nature of events and services as a result of COVID-19, Republic customers are asked to check that scheduled curbside events are going ahead before leaving any items out for collection.

Residents can check the City's Calendar at LouisvilleCO.gov/Calendar or call Republic Customer Service for Louisville on 303.286.5400 for the latest information about curbside events.

The next curbside event for Republic customers is the Bulk Curbside Pick-up scheduled for:

- Saturday, August 22, 2020 (for Tue/Wed customers)
- Saturday, August 29, 2020 (for Thur/Fri customers)

Republic Customers may leave up to 5 bulk items curbside for collection. Items must be out by 7:00 am in street/gutter area. Customers whose carts are collected in an alley, should leave bulk items in the street/gutter area (not in the alley).

Bulk items are defined as items put out for curbside collection that are not in a container and do not fit in a 32-gallon cart (up to 5 items). The following will NOT be collected:

- Freon containing appliances
- Electronic items
- Hazardous waste

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Republic for details of bulk item collection and resources for disposal of household hazardous waste and electronics.



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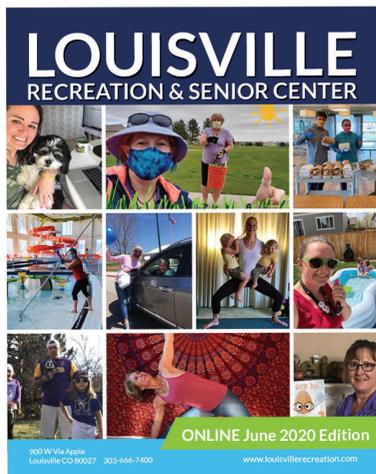


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CATALOG AVAILABLE ONLINE



**Online
Fitness
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Due to rapidly changing information, the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center catalog will only be available online for June, July, and August. Each month a new catalog, featuring upcoming available programs, will be posted on the website. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work closely with Boulder County Public Health for guidelines to reopen the facility and programming while protecting the health and safety of our staff and patrons.

Watch our website and facebook page for reopening dates and procedures for use.

www.LouisvilleRecreation.com

FIREWORKS AND FIRE PITS

As you prepare to celebrate the 4th of July, please remember that any fireworks that leave the ground or explode are illegal in Colorado (with the exception of permitted, professional displays).

Within Louisville city limits, all fireworks including sparklers and fireworks on the ground, are prohibited. By not using fireworks, you prevent the risk of fire in our community and keep the 4th of July enjoyable for neighbors and pets. Please celebrate safely this 4th of July by not using fireworks and finding other ways to celebrate Independence Day.

Please also remember that fire pits are allowed in Louisville, as long as they meet the International Code requirements:

- Must be in an approved container
- Flame length no higher than 2 feet
- Pit diameter no more than 2 feet
- Minimum distance of 15 feet from any combustibles
- Do not use in high winds or on no burn days

If you have any questions, please contact the Louisville Fire Department by email info@louisvillefire.com or phone 303.666.6595. In an emergency, always dial 911.

FREE SPRINKLER CHECK-UP & SMART CONTROLLER

Louisville residents can water-wise their homes with Resource Central's free sprinkler check-up.

Trained technicians will test your sprinkler system and recommend a customized watering schedule that could save thousands of gallons of water per year. This will help lower your water bill by ensuring that your sprinklers are running efficiently. Resource Central will identify any major system inefficiencies, adjust what they can, and make recommendations on how to better optimize your system's efficiency and reduce water waste.

Louisville residents also qualify for a free Rachio 3 smart controller (MSRP controller and installation value: \$385), which takes the guesswork out of watering your lawn with easy to use, smartphone-controlled watering and tailored schedules that automatically adapt to weather. Eligible participants must receive a (free) sprinkler consultation prior to receiving a smart controller upgrade.

Appointments are limited. Visit ResourceCentral.org/sprinklers or call Resource Central on 303.999.3824.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE

Summer in Louisville means going to the public library for books, programs, and summer reading. Anyone who has been to the library during the months of June and July can attest to the excited buzz that fills the Children's area as kids get their Summer Reading Program folders and start tracking their reading progress for prizes.

This year will look a little different, but the library's goals are the same: get kids excited about reading and motivate them to keep reading throughout the summer to maintain their reading skills until the start of the next school year.

This year, adults, teens, and children can register for our summer reading program online. Printable tracking pages are also available on our website, or you can stop by the library to pick one up at our curbside table. Track your reading for each day you read 15 minutes or more to win prizes. This year, all of the prizes earned throughout the summer will be distributed in August.

Kristen Bodine, Youth Services Supervisor, explains:

"Summer is typically our busiest time of the year. We love connecting our community with fun books to read, prizes, and fun events. This year, we're reimagining how our summer reading program looks, and we're excited to continue to connect with our community in new and different ways. Look for programs you can do from home, personalized reading recommendations from your librarians, and more."

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/SummerReading to register and print your tracking page. If you don't have access to a printer, send an email to ChildrensReference@LouisvilleCO.gov and we'll help you get a tracking page.

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES

The Louisville Public Library has many free resources available for everyone of all ages.

Check out their new YouTube Channel for online Story Times as well as how-to videos to illustrate many of the online resources and services the library offers, including how to get a library eCard, download ebooks and eAudiobooks, and access the New York Times for free.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/SocialMedia for links to all of the library's social media accounts.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Library for online resources.

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Do you have a research, resume, or lesson plan question for a librarian? Email us anytime at Ref_desk@LouisvilleCO.gov.

HISTORY AT HOME

History at Home

Museum staff members are determined to bring you the same quality of history content online as they would in person.

The new History at Home website explores Louisville history from the town's origins to today with videos, exhibits, and family activities. It includes new videos, such as "Railroad Depot Now Louisville Preschool," and hands-on activities, such as COVID-19 Experience Kits. Stay tuned for upcoming videos, including "Louisville's Beginnings: Flawed Founders" and "Louisville's Beginnings: Where Were the Mines?," which will be announced by the Museum on Instagram.

Louisville Historic Photo Challenge

The Museum will launch its digital summer programs from the History at Home page, including the Louisville Historic Photo Challenge and Family History 1-2-3. Coming in June, the Museum invites you to (re) make Louisville History with the Louisville Historic Photo Challenge. Also starting in June, Museum staff members will be leading a three-part series on doing family histories, Family History 1-2-3. Follow along at home to complete your own interactive family history. The Museum will release more details soon, and you can always access history resources on the Museum's website.

The Louisville Historian

In these unprecedented times, the Museum is making the latest issue of its quarterly publication, *The Louisville Historian*, available online at the same time as it is available in print. With the Museum closed, staff members cannot hand out copies in person. You can access it on the Museum's website. Members will receive their copy in the mail as usual.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Museum for links and follow [@louisvillemuseum](https://www.instagram.com/louisvillemuseum) on Instagram for announcements. If you have any questions, contact Museum Coordinator Bridget Bacon by email Museum@LouisvilleCO.gov or phone 303.335.4848.

FREE AT HOME RESOURCES

The City has a great collection of free online resources available to residents including free access to fitness at home, sustainability at home resources, and more. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/COVID19 for details.



USE OF GLYPHOSATE AND 2,4-D DISCONTINUED

Effective April 30, 2020, the City of Louisville has discontinued the use of the herbicides containing glyphosate and 2,4-D (2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid) on all City owned and maintained properties, except for Coal Creek Golf Course.

The discontinuation of glyphosate and 2,4-D does not apply to privately owned property, City properties that are privately maintained, or jointly owned open space lands.

This proactive action is in response to public concerns regarding the use of GPH and 2,4-D in areas that children, adults, pets, and wildlife frequent. The City received input from citizens, the Parks and Public Landscape Advisory Board (PPLAB), and the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) related to the use of herbicides on public properties. Based on feedback received and direction from City Council, the City is discontinuing the use of these two herbicides.

Specifically, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Department will not use glyphosate or 2,4-D on City-maintained parks, playgrounds or open space, excluding Coal Creek Golf Course.

PROS currently manages 1,435 acres of land within the City of Louisville following the Integrated Weed Management Plan (IWMP) that was adopted in 2009. The IWMP provides weed management guidelines that take into account each method's potential hazard to people, the environment, and property while also taking into consideration the limitations of budget and human resources. The IWMP supports a combination of weed control methods, including:

- Prevention
- Monitoring
- Education
- Cultural Control (revegetation)
- Mechanical control (mowing, clipping, hand-pulling)
- Chemical control (herbicides)

Using a combination of all IWMP methods increases the effectiveness and efficiency of weed control. Chemical control will continue to be used as a weed management tool and will include both organic herbicides (naturally occurring chemicals) and synthetic herbicides (manmade chemicals), but will no longer include the use of glyphosate and 2,4-D.

"Our department follows a comprehensive weed management plan and has always been cautious in our use of herbicides, including glyphosate and 2,4-D," said Nathan Mosley, Director of Parks, Recreation & Open Space. "With recent concerns expressed by residents and direction from City Council, we have stopped using both glyphosate and 2,4-D. Our goal is to manage pests and weeds successfully, all while minimizing potential adverse effects on people and the environment."

Different areas of parks, recreation, and open space use different combinations of the IWMP methods, and the discontinuation of glyphosate and 2,4-D will affect each area differently.

Parks

PROS has discontinued the use of GPH and 2,4-D in all City-maintained parks. Staff will manage weeds in these areas with mechanical control and organic herbicides that will be applied following the City's newly updated policies and all applicable state and federal guidelines. Residents may notice more weeds, such as dandelions, especially in rock beds, shrub beds, and medians as our new approach will be less effective than the chemical applications used previously.

Playgrounds

In 2017 PROS stopped using herbicides on City-maintained playgrounds. Staff maintains these areas with mechanical control only. Herbicides are not used near playground equipment.

Open Space

PROS will continue to manage weeds on open space land with a combination of all IWMP practices, including chemical control with synthetic herbicides, but discontinue the use of GPH or 2,4-D. It must be recognized that different weeds require different control methods for successful reduction and elimination. In some cases, two or three methods may be used at different times throughout the year to achieve the most successful weed reduction results. When controlling noxious weeds on open space properties, staff are careful to utilize the most effective weed control strategies. If chemical control is needed, staff selects low-toxicity herbicides and uses them at the lowest effective rates in targeted areas. With discontinuation of GPH and 2,4-D residents may notice more weeds in trailhead/parking areas, trails, and rock beds.

Coal Creek Golf Course

Coal Creek Golf Course will utilize IWMP practices to the maximum extent possible but, at this time, will continue to use glyphosate and 2,4-D sparingly to maintain certain areas of the golf course.



As part of our ongoing commitment, the City of Louisville will continue to review new products, technologies, and best practices as they become available in efforts to reduce herbicide use further while providing well-maintained parks, open space and facilities for all to enjoy. Conversations with City Council and the community on herbicide policies and implementation will continue as we move forward.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/WeedManagement to view the complete Parks, Recreation & Open Space Integrated Weed Management Plan. For questions please contact Nathan Mosley at NMosley@LouisvilleCO.gov.

JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION

It is more important than ever to make sure your voter registration mailing address is up-to-date in order to receive your June 30 Primary ballot at your proper location. To participate in the June Primary Election, you must be registered as a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Unaffiliated voter.

Ballots for the June 30 Primary are mailed to all eligible voters beginning June 8. Here is what you need to know to participate:

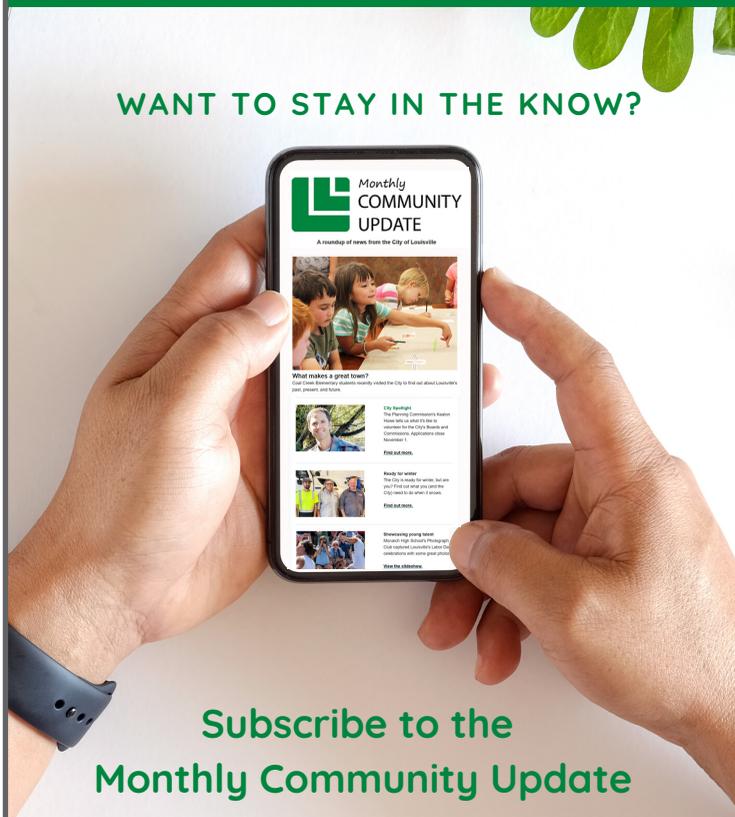
- Registered Democrats will receive only the Democratic Party ballot. Registered Republicans will receive only the Republican Party ballot. Registered Libertarians will receive only the Libertarian Party ballot. No other parties are holding primaries.
- By law, unless a ballot preference was specified by June 1 (optional only), unaffiliated voters will be mailed both major party (Dem and Rep) ballots but can only vote and return one ballot.
- 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the General Election (November 3) can vote in the primary.
- There is no registration deadline. You can register and vote up to and including Election Day, however, given the urgent public health crisis with COVID-19, the Boulder County Elections Division is urging residents to register now and not wait so you can receive your mail ballot and avoid the need for an in-person visit.

If you have a Colorado Driver's License or State ID, you can register to vote or check your registration at www.GoVoteColorado.gov. If you do not have a license or state ID, you can register by mail, just print and return the form found online at the same website.

For more information, visit www.BoulderCountyVotes.org, call 303.413.7740, or email Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org.



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Arts & Events	303.335.4581
Economic Vitality	303.335.4531
Finance Department	303.335.4500
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Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/WardMap to find your ward or call 303.335.4536.

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