Serving Centennial

You don't have to go far to serve your community in significant ways. Whether through donations, contributions, or volunteering, we've compiled suggestions for the whole family to get involved and serve locally.

Colorado Puppy Rescue: A licensed, no-kill, nonprofit puppy rescue specializing in young puppies and their mothers. Become a foster or work at a local event. Fostering is a great way to have a temporary or trial puppy. It's perfect for seniors, working/traveling adults, and families deciding if a puppy is the right pet for their family. Foster families usually pick up puppies on Wednesday evenings and care for them for at least three nights or as long as one week. For more information, visit: https://www.coloradopuppy.org

PerformAbility: A nonprofit supporting children and adults with varying needs. We use our love of performance to enhance social skills, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and confidence. Your donations support each talented performer. For more information, visit: https://www.performabilityco.com

Urban Peak: Ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives. Help prep meals, plan fun activities, develop youth skill sets, organize a donation drive, or assemble themed kits. For more information, visit https://www.urbanpeak.org/

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Turn Your Vocation Into A Volunteer Opportunity

According to a study from Gettysburg College, the average person spends one-third of their life at work- about 90,000 hours. Another study reveals the average person spends only 52 hours a year volunteering. What if you could utilize your profession to provide for others?

Fellow Ridgeview Hills South resident Michael Steinberg beautifully illustrates how we don't have to stray far from our careers to give back in significant ways. Michael's 35 + year career includes mechanical engineering and crafting fine custom furniture tailored to customers' preferences. After decades of build-

Holidays

ing custom pieces, he discovered a new way to apply his skills to serve others.

"I was listening to NPR Radio while working in my shop and heard a feature story about May We Help - an organization that creates assistive devices free of charge for those with disabilities." Michael learned how May We Help developed a cello stand for a young woman born without arms who played the cello with her feet – well enough to

perform! Upon hearing the music stand's intricacies, Michael thought, "I could do that." Michael decided to offer his services to May We Help and has already completed multiple projects for them.

His projects include a lift to help get a 62-year-old woman with Down Syndrome in and out of her caretaker's SUV and creating a water gun for a 10-year-old boy with cerebral palsy. The boy's school hosted a Water Day where students sprayed their teachers and principal. His disability prevented

him from being able to squeeze the water gun trigger. Michael provided an alternative mechanism, allowing the boy to participate in this fun day, bringing him and his family much joy.

Three retired engineers founded May We Help in Cincinnati. Over 100 volunteers dedicate their time to turning their passions into smiles. Volunteers view a project platform listing specific requests through the May We Help website. The volunteers select the projects best suited to their technical abilities. The devices they design and build make dreams come true for many disabled children and adults. "I feel great using the skills I've been blessed with to help others," Michael explained.

May We Help caters to most needs and ships anywhere in the United States – all free of charge to the recipient.

Civic Association Member Registration/Donation Form

Thank you to the families who paid dues last quarter. Your dues help us make our community more inviting. Donate \$25 and help our community thrive!

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Volunteer Opportunity,

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"My goal is to raise awareness about this wonderful organization and build a team of volunteers here in Colorado, including woodworkers, machinists, metal workers, seamstresses, engineers, robotics enthusiasts, and really anyone interested in devising solutions that will make life easier and more enjoyable for individuals with disabilities," Michael shared. Currently, he is the only volunteer in Colorado.

As we head into the holiday season, you may be looking for opportunities to give to others. Here is how you can contribute to May We Help.

- * Consider utilizing your skills to design, develop, and fabricate uniquely tailored devices that allow individuals to pursue their passion by visiting MayWeHelp.org or emailing Michael at heirloomcustom@gmail.com.
- * Request a solution for someone you know in need at https://maywehelp.org

I challenge everyone to find ways to give back to our community using their talents. Be sure to view our Serving Centennial section for ideas on volunteering as a family.

Snow Angels

Colorado's winter season is upon us. While we have enjoyed warm and sunny fall days, we know snow is coming. Keep an eye on your neighbors and help an older adult or neighbor in need this winter by shoveling their walkways and driveway. Your neighbors will appreciate this act of kindness more than you.



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An Extravaganza of Lights at Hudson Gardens

Now-Dec. 31, 2023 Walk through a winter wonderland of thousands of outdoor lights in Littleton. Explore the trails, where bursts of light and color wrap around trees and shimmer on bodies of water.

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for Teen Services

Get In The Holiday Spirit With These Holiday Events

CENTENNIAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Sat., December 2nd, 1-3 pm, Centennial Center Park

This year's event will host local youth choirs, Santa, free cookies and cocoa, and family-friendly activities.

KOELBEL LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Sat., December 2nd, 9 am-4:30 pm and Sun., December 3rd, 12-4 pm

Shop the year's best supply of collectible and specialty books at the Used Book Sale at Koelbel Library. The sale will feature a large selection of gift-quality books, holiday books, children's books, and more in top-notch condition.

VILLAGE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS Sat., December 9th, 11 am – 4 pm

Celebrate the holiday season at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 9, 11 am - 4 pm. It's a

family fun day with something for everyone – from shopping with local vendors to make-and-take craft activities: Santa meet-and-greet, petting farm, horse-drawn rides, model train display, train rides, gingerbread house-making contest, free hot chocolate, and s'mores, face painting, food trucks, and tons of fun. Details and tickets at https://www.arapahoecountyevent center.com/p/signature-events/visit-the-village







SANTA PHOTOS AND CAROLERS

Sat., December 2nd,

Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial

Santa photos for everyone: 9 am-1 pm Original Dickens Carolers: 9:30 am-12:30 pm

'A VERY VINTAGE HOLIDAY SHOW!' FEATURING THE DENVER DOLLS AND MISTER TIM Thursday, December 21st, 6:30-8:00 pm

Embassy Suites, Denver Tech Center, 10250 E Costilla Ave, Centennial

This delightful performance will take you on a nostalgic journey to the golden era of music and entertainment. Much like Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters, Mister Tim and the Denver Dolls blend upbeat vocal harmonies and engaging showmanship with favorite holiday tunes and a little bit of comedy. It will be a festive show for all ages.

Enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar. Holiday attire is encouraged. For more information, visit www.arapahoe libraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY, (303-542-7279).

HAPPY NOON YEAR – OUTDOOR DANCE PARTY Sunday, December 31st, 11:00 am-2:30 pm. Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S Biscay Cir., Centennial

Families and patrons of all ages are invited to ring in the New Year with treats, an outdoor dance party, and a countdown at noon. For more information, visit www.arapahoelibraries. org or call 303-LIBRARY, (303-542-7279).



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Winter Crafts

Enjoy these simple crafts after the next snowfall. Crafts adapted from HGTV's 15 Snow Day Crafts and Activities for Kids.

Snow Painting: Scoop snow into a 9x13 pan. Using the snow as your canvas and a package of food coloring, channel your inner van Gogh.

The Perfect Snowflake: Fold a coffee filter in half three times. Cut your desired pattern. Add watercolor. Place the filter between two wax paper layers and iron on low heat. Enjoy a beautiful, durable snowflake.

Snow Ice Cream: Mix ½ cup of white sugar, one teaspoon of vanilla, and one cup of milk. You could use condensed milk and skip the sugar. Add 10 cups of fresh snow, form snowballs, place in a cone, and decorate with sprinkles.

Arapahoe Library Events

VIRTUAL BOOK PARTY: 2023 FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR

Looking for fun ideas for your winter reading list? Join us for our virtual book parties, where our librarians share their favorite books of 2023.

What: 2023 Favorite Adult Books of the Year

When: Tuesday, December 5

Where: YouTube

What: 2023 Favorite Kids & Teens Books of the Year

When Tuesday, December 12

Where: YouTube

Visit www.arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7270). Note that events are posted on the Arapahoe Libraries website the month before the event.

2023 Election Results

Centennial City Council:

District 1 – Amy Tharpe

District 2 - Christie Sweetland

District 3 - Richard Holt

District 4 – Don Sheehan

Littleton School Board:

Lindley McCrary Cherie Garcia-Kuper

Popcorn Cracker Jack

- 16 heaping cups of popcorn (popped)
- 1-3/4 cups brown sugar more if you like
- 1/2 cup white syrup
- 2 sticks of butter

Heat and bring brown sugar, white syrup and butter to a boil over medium heat. Boil for 5 minutes. Pour syrup mixture over popped popcorn. Bake/roast for 1 hour at 250 degrees. Stir every 15 minutes. Cool and store in an airtight container.

— Dori Keefer, 50+year resident of Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South







City of Centennial News and Notes _

HOUSING: The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has formally accepted Centennial's application to optin to Proposition 123 funding (2022 election). The application includes the goal to increase the number of affordable housing units through the construction or conversion of 108 affordable housing units by December 31, 2026.

DOLA's acceptance means that Centennial and private organizations operating in the City can apply for various grant programs operated by DOLA and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHAFA). Staff will continue to monitor these grant programs and bring opportunities to the Council and the City's partners as appropriate.

ENERGY CONSERVATION: The City has completed implementing all energy conservation upgrades at the Civic Center and the Public Works Building (Eagle Street), including interior and exterior lighting upgrades, window film installation, rooftop HVAC unit replacements, and a new energy management system.

From Q1 through Q3 2023, the energy performance contract electric savings were an estimated 284,415 kilowatt hours, 3,880 therms of natural gas, and \$26,420 utility savings. (In 2022, the verified electric savings were 353,424-kilowatt hours, 5,184 therms of natural gas, and \$24,561 utility savings.)

The City's contractor has completed the installation of rooftop solar panels at the Civic Center and is finishing construction of the solar canopy structure in the Civic Center parking lot.

HOLLY PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON SYSTEM CROSSING (SOUTH OF EASTER): Estimated completion is 2024 TBD.





ORCHARD ROAD WIDENING: A design project is underway on Orchard Road between Ogden and the High Line Canal. This project intends to install a westbound left turn lane into Franklin St. and install a curb, gutter, sidewalk, and underground storm lines within the identified stretch.

Estimated completion: Spring 2024

Budget: \$996,202 per construction contract

ARAPAHOE RD & CLARKSON TRAFFIC SIGNAL:

Design is complete. Estimated completion is 2024

Budget: \$123,000 (design):

\$500,000 (construction estimate)

Grants: \$400,00, DRCOG; Safer Main Streets grant,

\$100,000 with a City match

ARAPAHOE RD. BRIDGE OVER BIG DRY CREEK

RECONSTRUCTION: Crews are finishing the bridge, including stone and wall aesthetic work. Under the bridge, crews continue stream stabilization efforts and will install new waterline infrastructure. In addition to the work above, crews will prepare and pave the North Trail through the construction zone. Traffic continues to travel in new lane configurations. Expect road closures as construction continues.

We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn, and syrup.

-Buddy, Elf



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National Thank You Note Day

National Thank-You Note Day on December 26th recognizes the time-honored tradition of thanking people for their gifts, hospitality, and generosity. It is a day to get some note cards, paper, pen, envelopes, and stamps to write those special thank-yous.





Denver Botanic Gardens Blossoms of Light

A stroll through the Denver Botanic Gardens is a delightful way to celebrate the holiday season. The Blossoms of Light extravaganza is a twinkling and breathtaking twist on the already beautiful gardens, especially on a December evening.

For over 30 years, lights have transformed this cultural pocket of Denver and become an annual tradition for many local families and friends. From Friday to Sunday, November 17th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024, enjoy warm drinks and holiday treats amongst the most festive lights, blossoms, and pathways in Colorado.



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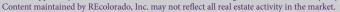


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NOB HILL/RIDGEVIEW HILLS RECENT SALES

Sold Date	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Ttl Sq. Ft.
08/04/2023	7494 S Dexter Court	\$850,000	\$875,000	2,697
06/08/2023	7126 S Elm Court	\$775,000	\$850,000	2,651
06/12/2023	7349 S Eudora Court	\$764,900	\$748,000	2,592
09/19/2023	6781 S Albion Way	\$750,000	\$747,500	3,448
09/07/2023	7106 S Dexter Street	\$725,000	\$725,000	1,992
06/26/2023	7490 S Dahlia Court	\$699,000	\$699,000	2,232
10/20/2023	6945 S Clermont Drive	\$658,000	\$650,000	2,184
08/21/2023	6821 S Albion Street	\$640,000	\$640,000	2,808
07/24/2023	6808 S Birch Way	\$575,000	\$575,000	2,223
07/14/2023	7145 S Birch Way	\$500,000	\$550,000	2,214
07/24/2023	6945 S Clermont Drive	\$490,000	\$456,840	2,184

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7083 S Grape Way, Centennial, CO 80122 5 bd/ 3 ba/ 2,816 sqft/ 2 car garage Sold 10/18/23 for \$685,000