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New LPS Junior Stadium

Littleton Public Schools (LPS) continues to enrich students and the community through state-of-the-art structures such as four new elementary schools, one high-tech middle school, and an innovative career and technical education center. The most recent structural upgrade steps out of the academic realm and into the athletic arena.

A new junior stadium, the LPS Centennial Stadium, serves as a second stadium for all LPS schools, youth sports, and community events. The community's approval of the 2018 Bond made these improvements possible.

"This community's ongoing support for our schools through the passage of the \$298 million bond in 2018 and the \$12 million mill levy override in 2020 has made possible much of the progress you see happening today," shared Todd Lambert, LPS Superintendent.

Before the new stadium, LPS utilized the Littleton High School (LHS) facility. According to the LPS website, the district outgrew the current stadium, and "the constant, year-round wear and tear of the track and field at the LPS Stadium [made] it difficult to maintain student safety."

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Civic Association Member Registration/Donation Form

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Earth Day: How To Make A Difference Locally

The first Earth Day occurred on April 22, 1970. A concerned Wisconsin senator spearheaded Earth Day efforts, which were fueled by his acute awareness of our deteriorating environment due to 150 years of industrial development. The senator partnered with a young activist who led over 20 million participants to honor the first Earth Day.

April 22, 1970, sparked monumental change, including environmental legislation, global awareness, and implementation of energy alternatives. Often, people feel overwhelmed and immobilized when tackling Earth Day issues. As the Wisconsin senator illustrated, one person can make a difference.

As we celebrate our 54th Earth Day, we've identified simple activities you and your family can achieve to help nurture our planet for future generations.

SUPPORT LOCAL POLLINATORS:

Colorado State University recommends planting low-water, native, pollinator-friendly plants. The National Park Service explains that "local pollinators such as bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, bats, and more are responsible for 1 out of 3 bites of food we take daily. [These pollinators] are essential for the health of our ecosystems and the health of many of our food crops. Visit your local nursery to learn more about native, pollinator-friendly plants."

SCHEDULE A CLEAN-UP DAY:

Gather family and friends and plan a clean-up day at Medema Park or throughout our neighborhood.

FOLLOW WATER GUIDELINES:

Denver Water provides watering rules to help protect our water supply. These rules support a healthy landscape while conserving water for future generations. Visit denverwater.org for more information.

EXPAND ON THE 3 R'S:

Reduce, reuse, and recycle is not only for trash day. Consider taking your gently used clothes to a local thrift store or purchasing garment gems from trendy second-hand stores. Save glass jars for storage containers. Buy reusable sponges that can be washed in the dishwasher. Every effort makes a difference!

PLANT A TREE:

See Centennial Tree Program article.

EDUCATE YOURSELF:

Visit earthday.org for the complete Earth Day history, a list of events near you, facts/statistics, and how to take further action.



Junior Stadium, *continued from front page*

The new junior stadium is located at Newton Middle School. It offers amenities including a lighted field and track, 1,000-person spectator seating, artificial turf, rubber surfaced 8-lane 400-meter track, shot put and discus fields, locker room and storage for players and officials, a press box, and concessions.

“We would like to say a big thank you to our community! The fact that our voters approved a tax increase to make this bond possible is a huge endorsement of LPS. This continued and unrelenting support from our community is what has allowed LPS to preserve its reputation as a district of excellence and is exactly what will allow LPS to continue providing the quality educational experience our community’s children need and deserve,” said former LPS Superintendent, Brian Ewert.

The stadium hosts football, soccer, track, and lacrosse at the junior varsity, varsity, and club levels. Community members can rent the facility by visiting <https://littletonpublicschools.net/facility-use-planning>.

Center of Generations

Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name. We have learned that social isolation can be as harmful to one’s health as smoking. Following the pandemic, the City of Centennial had the foresight to help combat this problem with a new center serving older adults and teens—two groups especially susceptible to isolation. The city has partnered with the YMCA of metro Denver to run the YMCA Centennial Center of Generations.

The Center of Generations provides activities for both age groups. Older adult activities include chair yoga, Silver Sneakers, Tai Chi, card games, meetups, potlucks, and more. Teens enjoy events such as Esports, movie nights, watch parties, and nutrition and money management programs. Most of these activities are free for Centennial residents.

Center of Generations attendees feel welcomed by both staff members and fellow participants. Friendships have been made, and it is becoming a place where everybody knows your name. For more information, visit <https://denverymca.org/centennial-center-generations>

Location: Streets of Southglenn, 6972 S Vine Street #366. This is the same block as the Southglenn library on the very east end.

Centennial’s Tree Program Returns

The City of Centennial’s Tree Program is back and invites residents to embrace the joys of tree planting while contributing to the community’s energy conservation, water preservation, and the promotion of tree diversity. Seven distinctive tree varieties are available for purchase through the program at an affordable price of \$80 (plus tax) on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

The Centennial Tree Program aims to enhance our neighborhoods’ beauty and create a sense of environmental stewardship within the city. Embrace the opportunity to welcome nature to your doorstep and make Centennial an even greener and livelier place to call home.

For more information, including the tree selection and order details, visit centennialco.gov/trees.

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Good Samaritan Day

National Good Samaritan Day on March 13th recognizes the unselfish actions of those who provide help when needed. The day is also known as Good Samaritan Involvement Day and celebrates kindness in all its forms.

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for Teen Services**

Local Spring Break

Staying local during spring break? Here are last-minute ideas to transform a local spring break from mundane to memorable.

Ski Loveland: Located right off I-70 and just over an hour from Centennial, Loveland offers a fun family day of skiing and snowboarding without the hassle of traveling far.

Explore Dinosaur Ridge: Dive deep into dinosaur history and discover over 1,500 dinosaur bones that tell stories of long ago. Make a day of it and visit Red Rocks Amphitheater just down the road.

Wild Animal Sanctuary: The world's largest wild animal rescue is only an hour away! This refuge for mistreated animals offers a respite for the wild and an opportunity to view lions, tigers, bears, and wolves undisturbed and in their natural habitat.

Great Wolf Lodge: An outdoor-themed hotel combined with an indoor water park offers an unforgettable experience for the entire family. Look into the day pass option if you prefer to sleep at home.

Growing Gardens: From gardening 101 to goat yoga, Growing Gardens educates people about their local food systems and enriches communities through regenerative urban agriculture. View the many classes and events hosted by Growing Gardens. For more information, visit <https://growinggardens.org/>

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo: Ranked the #4 Zoo in North America by USA Today, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo offers a unique experience. Engage in unique experiences, including hand-feeding giraffes, a ride on the Mountaineer Sky Ride, and evening tours.

Denver Mint: Denver is home to one of four mints in the United States. Tours are free and occur throughout the day. Visit www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities for more information.

Historic Downtown Denver Walking Tour: Discover Denver's roots through various walking tours. Denver natives and newbies will walk away with new knowledge of our beautiful city. For more information, visit <https://historicdenver.org/tours-events/walking-tours/>

Garden of the Gods: Although more popular during the summer months, The Garden of the Gods offers outdoor fun from November - March as well. During these months, enjoy a free up-close animal education presentation hosted by Nature's Educators. Experience other year-round events like indoor scavenger hunts, Mountain History Mondays, or the family-friendly Rocky Mountain Mystery Hike.

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Centennial Cares typically occurs during the holiday season, but participants can now make a difference all year. There are various ways to give back, from providing access to medical resources to supporting children to aiding people experiencing homelessness. Centennial Cares offers diverse opportunities for local giving:

Back the Blue K-9 Force: Provides local support to law enforcement K-9 units, helps obtain additional K-9 dogs, and care for retired K-9s.

Centennial Arts and Culture Foundation: Celebrates, inspires, and connects art and culture in Centennial.

Cherry Creek Schools Foundation / Littleton Public Schools Foundation: Supports education opportunities and offers resources and tools for teachers and kids.

Freedom Service Dogs of America: Transforms lives by partnering people with custom-trained assistance dogs.

Kids Mobility Network: Supplies disabled children with complex rehab technology and durable medical equipment.

Nourish Meals on Wheels: Enriches the lives of older (60+) and homebound adults in South Metro Denver.

Project CURE: Addresses the shortage of medical resources around the world.

The Salvation Army, Centennial Corps: Committed to maximizing positive impact for those in greatest need

Discover the festive world of Centennial Cares at centennialco.gov/centennialcares. Do you have an idea for Centennial Cares or want to volunteer? Contact Centennial at communications@centennialco.gov or call 303-325-8000. Let's make this season for our community merrier together!

In Memoriam: Cathy Noon

Cathy Noon, the second Mayor of Centennial, passed away in December after facing a 5-1/2-year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Mayor Noon was an influential figure in the community, leaving a legacy marked by many remarkable achievements.

Her impact extended beyond city limits. In 2019, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) bestowed upon Mayor Noon its highest honor, the John V. Christensen Award, recognizing her outstanding leadership and commitment to regional collaboration.

“Mayor Cathy Noon was a friend, a mentor, and a dedicated public servant,” said Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko. “She worked tirelessly for the betterment of Centennial. Leading our city was a source of pride for her and her family. Her impact is remarkable, and our memories will be cherished.”

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Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m., when people will move their clocks an hour ahead, or "spring forward," creating an extra hour of daylight in the evening and cutting morning light short by an hour.

*Springtime is the land awakening.
The March winds are the morning yawn.*

- Lewis Grizzard

Making Sense of Property Taxes

Property tax revenue serves as a major revenue source for Centennial and supports entities like our public schools, municipal and county governments, and special districts. The property tax revenue also funds city services such as law enforcement and public works. All revenue generated by property taxes stays in Arapahoe County. For 2023 taxes, payable in 2024, the city will levy a property tax of 5.010 mills or a tax rate of 0.005010. The city anticipates receiving about \$15.6 million in property tax revenues.

Who determines the tax rate? The tax rates of the various taxing entities providing services in each county are combined to determine the total tax rate. Each year, taxing authorities (cities, counties, school districts, and special districts) set tax rates and levy the tax on property. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) requires voter approval of any increase in tax rates.

In Colorado, tax rates are expressed as a mill levy (a property tax rate based on dollars per thousand of assessed valuation). One mill is 1/1,000th of a dollar or \$0.001 (1/10th of a penny). For example, a mill levy of 10 means \$10 of tax per \$1,000 in assessed value.

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9/7/23	7106 S Dexter Street	\$725,000	\$725,000	3	3	1,992	2
1/31/24	5001 E Fremont Avenue	\$750,000	\$675,000	4	3	2,764	2
11/22/23	6905 S Dexter Street	\$650,000	\$655,000	4	2	1,632	1
11/17/23	7256 S Dexter Street	\$650,000	\$650,000	4	3	1,610	4
10/20/23	6945 S Clermont Drive	\$670,000	\$650,000	5	3	2,184	1
12/07/23	4666 E Hinsdale Place	\$650,000	\$630,000	4	3	2,102	2
12/29/23	7127 S Clermont Drive	\$688,000	\$595,000	4	3	2,208	1
11/20/23	7151 S Albion Street	\$565,000	\$580,000	3	2	1,257	2
12/26/23	4137 E Davies Place	\$585,000	\$571,000	5	3	2,800	2
12/28/23	7240 S Cherry Drive	\$585,000	\$560,000	3	2	1,680	1
11/30/23	7177 S Clermont Drive	\$599,900	\$555,000	4	3	2,197	3
12/18/23	7026 S Cherry Drive	\$490,000	\$490,000	4	2	1,834	1
12/22/23	6752 S Cherry Street	\$390,000	\$465,000	4	2	1,681	2
9/15/23	4209 E Fremont Avenue	\$375,000	\$375,000	4	2	1,439	1

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~ Jay and Kathy, Ridgeview Hills South, Jan. 2024



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