

Medema Messenger

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Banana Muffins

Beat together:

- 1 cup bananas, mashed
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar

Add and mix the following ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Then add:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)

Lightly grease muffin tins. Fill 2/3 full. Bake 350 degrees until set and browned, about 30 minutes for large size muffins or 15 minutes for smaller muffins.

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The Space & Café: Arapahoe Libraries



The Space and Café by Arapahoe Libraries

The Space opened in late January in a recently renovated area of the Arapahoe Library Services Building. Located at 12855 E. Adam Aircraft Cir., (across Broncos Parkway from the Sheriff's Building), The Space features a cafe, coworking space, meeting rooms and event space. It is designed to meet a growing demand for public meeting space in the community. A segment of the building will be retained for library administrative use. Meeting spaces (can accommodate 30-160 people) and co-working spaces are open from 8:00am-9:00pm Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:00pm on Friday. Free to the public. The Space Cafe is open 8am-3pm Monday-Friday.

Other Library Events:

Many programs are available for all ages at arapahoelibraries.org. Click on Events. Registration required for some events.

- March 12: Field Trip to the Capitol, 8:00-3:00pm.
- March 18: Backyard Birding program, 1:00-2:00pm, Online
- March 21: Blind date with a book, Koelbel, 10:00-11:30am.
- March 22: Night of Montecristo – a magic show, 7:00pm, doors open 5:30pm.



Civic Association Member Registration/Donation Form

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Happy Birthday, Centennial!

On February 7, Centennial celebrated 25 incredible years of community, growth and service. What began with five residents sharing a pancake breakfast in the summer of 1998 has grown into a vibrant, connected community of more than 100,000 residents. Every person has helped make Centennial the special place it is today!

This milestone offers a meaningful opportunity to celebrate our progress, elevate the Centennial story, and recognize the businesses and organizations that help make our community thrive.

Carmine Appointed As District 2 Council Member

On February 12, Steve Carmine was appointed to fill a Council vacancy in Centennial's Council District 2. Carmine is a 27-year Centennial resident who has previously served on the City's Senior Commission and currently serves on the City's Budget Committee.

Carmine has expressed a strong interest in supporting the City's long-term financial sustainability, attracting and retaining businesses and supporting housing affordability to help maintain a vibrant and diverse community. He is known for his collaborative, research-driven approach and commitment to thoughtful, team-based decision-making.

The vacancy was created when then Council member Christine Sweetland was elected Mayor of Centennial in November. Council Member Carmine will serve out the remainder of the two-year term and then must run for a full four-year term in 2028 if he chooses to do so. Eleven District 2 applications were submitted to fill the vacancy.

Centennial's Tree Program Now Open for 2026

Are you looking to plant a tree to shade your yard? Tree Reservations are open to Centennial households.

The City of Centennial's Tree Program is back, offering residents an opportunity to embrace the joys of tree planting while contributing to the community's energy conservation, water preservation and the promotion of tree diversity. Beginning on February 10, residents may reserve one tree per household from a selection of nine tree varieties for \$85 (plus tax). Trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Before purchasing a tree review the program highlights and requirements:

- **Tree specifications:** Trees are approximately 5-8 feet tall, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ "-1" trunk diameter, and weigh under 30 pounds.
- **Eligibility & Planting Location:** Trees must be planted on residential private property within Centennial City limits.
- **Warranty Disclaimer:** Trees are not guaranteed; however, all trees are selected and grown for compatibility with Centennial's climate and soil conditions.
- **Resident Care:** Participants are responsible for pickup, planting, watering, pruning and long-term maintenance.

Tree Pickup Event: Tree pickup will take place on Saturday, April 18, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the Centennial Civic Center (13133 E. Arapahoe Rd). Review preparation and planting tips to help ensure successful planting.

Reserving a Tree: Tree reservations are available online beginning February 10. Residents may reserve one tree per household while supplies last at www.centennial.gov/trees.

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The deadline for news articles is the 10th of the month before the next month's issue. Send articles to Editor, Medema Messenger, 4193 E. Geddes Ave, Centennial, CO 80122-2257. The newsletters are distributed in March, June, September and December. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter.

Advertise in this Newsletter!

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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Notes From CenCON from South Metro Fire & The District Attorney

SOUTH METRO FIRE AUTHORITY

- 20 new recruits have just graduated from the Fire Academy. It is expected that 40 new firefighters will be hired this year to accommodate attrition and retirements.
- With all the elements ripe for a wildfire, additional personnel are on standby.
- South Metro Fire is providing input for the new Women’s Soccer Stadium on safety standards.
- Lithium battery fires are increasing across the country. Water does not extinguish an EV fire. Special blankets are used to smother the fire but the fire must completely burn out. Citizens should not approach the fire.
- South Metro provided assistance to Denver Fire during a 5-alarm fire event of an apartment building under construction.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jamie Sorrells, District Attorney’s office, reported on the following topics:

- More felony cases (3400) were handled in 2025 than in 2024 with fewer homicide cases.
- In 2026, the office will continue to address domestic violence cases. The city of Aurora has discontinued handling those cases and they have all been transferred to the 18th Judicial District.
- 120 students are taking advantage of a new program from the DA’s office to acquaint them with the law, how it is applied and how a case is brought through the system.
- The District Attorney is working on changes to Colorado’s mental competency laws. The current system too often sends offenders back to the community without addressing the underlying mental health issues that brought them into the criminal justice system in the first place. The DA is working with our state and local partners to find real, lasting solutions that protect public safety and connect people with the treatment they need, as meaningful rehabilitation and public safety go hand in hand.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day: March 19th

HOW TO OBSERVE THIS DAY:

- Tell the kids in your life why you think they are incredible, amazing, inspiring, or just plain terrific!
- Make them feel even more important and write it down in a letter. How many kids do you know? They all deserve some encouragement, so make sure they get it from you.
- Create a post about an amazing child you know.
- Catch a child in the act of doing something incredible.
- Let them overhear you giving them some praise.

*It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.
–Charles Dickens*

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- **CSU extension** – extension.colostate.edu – see Topics and then garden and landscape
- **Denver Water** – Denverwater.org – numerous topics related to water conservation
- **Botanic Gardens** – denverbotanicgardens.org – check the Education tab

Local nurseries and Landscape contractors are also resources.

A St. Patrick's Day Celebration w/ Solas

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 7:30pm, Lone Tree Center

"Solas have become Irish America's most inventive band by mixing their Celtic roots with country and Americana in their sturdy, melodic and thoughtful songs." –The Guardian

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– <https://www.lonetreeartscenter.org>

Denver Restaurant Week: Menus Are Live!

March 6-15, 2026

With an ever-growing number of food and beverage awards to its name (including several from the uber-prestigious James Beard Foundation and MICHELIN Guide), Denver has quickly become a dining destination for foodies. You'll find plenty of fine dining options at chef-owned eateries, along with cuisine from around the globe at our gourmet food halls and markets, and fresh, local ingredients like green chile and Colorado beef and lamb.

Denver Restaurant Week showcases the creative, exciting menus that diners have come to expect – with both to-go and in-person options. There are four price points: \$25, \$35, \$45, and \$55 for a multi-course meal. Menus can be viewed at <https://denverrestaurantweek.com>.

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

*I love March as it gives me hope that
new beginnings are always beautiful.
–Anamika Mishra*

*You are beautiful when you are happy.
–Oscar Wilde*

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National 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.

HOW TO OBSERVE GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

- Make an effort to help someone who is struggling or having a problem.
- Share a story about someone who was a Good Samaritan in your life.

- The act of a Good Samaritan can be large or small. Something as simple as a phone call to as inconvenient as stopping to help change a tire are all acts of a good Samaritan.
- Make a commitment to developing a habit of kindness and awareness of others.
- Volunteer. Offer your valuable skills to others in times of need. Do you enjoy sports or have mad math skills? Your ability to mentor youth may change someone's life for the better.

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Address	Date Sold	Original List Price	Sold Price	Beds	Baths	Total Sq. Ft.
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6983 S Albion Street	Pending		\$595,000.00	5	2	2,184
7085 S Dexter Street	Pending		\$549,900.00	4	3	3,112
7115 S Birch Way	Pending		\$520,000.00	5	2	2,214
7116 S Dexter Street	1/23/26	\$625,000.00	\$625,000.00	4	3	2,470
7001 S Dexter Street	1/27/26	\$625,000.00	\$612,500.00	5	3	2,776
7276 S Elm Court	2/17/25	\$670,000.00	\$603,500.00	3	3	2,592

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Average Closed Price: \$613,667

of Homes Sold so far this year: 3

Average Days on Market: 36

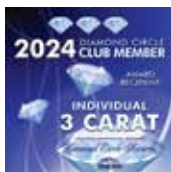
Average % of Sold Price to List Price: 96%

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Kyla Is Highly Recommended!

“Plain and simple, if you are selling a home in Centennial, call Kyla. She is fabulous. From our initial meeting to the closing of our property, she was professional, friendly and honest. She is hands down the most knowledgeable person in the business on property in our area. She gave us exactly the right advice, from when to go to market, to what improvements made sense before selling, to presenting the home in the best manner. Her marketing was top notch, and even though the current selling market is soft, we were under contract in just 5 DAYS! She made the process so simple and enjoyable. She’s the only call you need to make. You won’t regret it!”
 ~ Wayne and Connie, NOB HILL, 2026



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