## **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.

**Project Help:** This is your one-stop shop for local volunteer opportunities. Most opportunities occur at 8100 E. Arapahoe Rd, STE 200 Centennial 80112. Below are a few upcoming opportunities. Visit https://projecthelping.org/denver/ for details and upcoming dates.

- Make and pack lunches for senior citizens and youth: Pack lunches for hungry and homeless senior citizens and youth of Denver.
- Menstrual Hygiene Kits: Pack menstrual hygiene kits for those experiencing period poverty.
- Prepare and serve dinner to kids in need: Help prepare and serve a home-cooked meal to the kids and staff of the Residential Program at Denver Children's Home. Volunteers are invited to then enjoy the meal and chat with the residents afterward! You must be at least 21 years of age to volunteer.

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# **School Bonds Continue To Build Our Community**

The approval of the \$298M LPS school bond continues to benefit LPS students, the community, and even our economy. Elementary and middle school students received brand-new schools, including Dr. Justina Ford Elementary School, Gudy Gaskill Elementary School, Little Raven Elementary School, The Village Early Childhood Center, and Newton Middle School. This year LPS High School Students gained access to the Explorative Pathways for Innovative Career Campus (also known as The EPIC campus).

The idea of the EPIC Campus began in 2015. Health Sciences through LPS was offered at Littleton High School in previous years. LPS decided to expand this small program into something big benefiting both LPS students and community members.

Colorado features ten innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers that combine real-world experience with curious students excited to explore different careers. According to the EPIC site, their program provides opportunities for students to experience hands-on learning using state-of-the-art

technology and innovative processes. EPIC Campus enlightens students by focusing on the following industries:

- Aerospace
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- · Computer Science
- · Construction Trades
- Future Educator
- · Health Science
- Natural Resources

Students learn from industry experts and passionate instructors about these topics through a non-traditional method. Class

times are double that of traditional classes allowing for 2 hour 50 minutes of hands-on interaction. This will enable students to dive deep into their interests and provide adequate travel time for off-site experiences.

The EPIC opportunity is available to all four LPS high schools, online Voyager students, and Englewood and Sheridan high schools. Transportation is offered to and from each LPS school, or students can drive themselves. Uniforms are required to help unite the students as EPIC Campus students.

Principal Amonson is excited about the 840 incoming EPIC students. "Our goal is to give kids exposure and spark their interests." He's most proud of the authentic workspace providing students with hands-on experience.

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## **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!

Name: _	
Address	:
Email: _	
Phone: _	

Make check payable to NH/RHS Civic Association. Mail to Vi Pierce, 4243 E. Geddes Ave. Centennial, CO 80122

Let's pumpkin spice things up a bit.

-Unknown

#### School Bonds, continued from front page

#### **EPIC'S AUTHENTIC OFFERINGS**

Aerospace Engineer: EPIC is the only CO innovative school to offer this program. Students experience 3d printing, additive and subtractive manufacturing, and welding. Students partake in real-world projects such as producing parts for NASA, developing drones and rockets, robotics projects similar to a Mars rover, and preparing for Lockheed Martin apprenticeships.

**Business and Entrepreneurship:** From entrepreneur pitch rooms to real estate courses to a stock market ticker, students are immersed in a well-rounded business environment, preparing them for many pathways.

**Computer Science:** For those leaning toward software engineering, EPIC offers exposure to AI, a "Sandbox system" to teach ethical hacking and cyber security, and the opportunity to fix LPS student Chrome books that are defective or broken.

Construction Trade: This topic covers various careers, including architecture, building infrastructure, construction, construction management, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and interior design. Access to donated HVAC systems, an entire space dedicated to framing a tiny house, and tractor simulators are just a few opportunities students have to achieve certifications and gain exposure. Construction students also contribute to many Habitat for Humanity needs.

**Health Sciences:** Future nurses and sports medicine majors experience their trade through the mock hospital with mannequins for patients and a virtual cadaver exposing them to a real body.

**Natural Resources:** EPIC is the only CO CTE school to offer this program. Pathways such as plant horticulture require students to keep up the school grounds. Students tend to a hydroponic farm where they grow lettuce and donate it to all LPS elementary schools.

The campus spans two buildings offering a new, professional atmosphere and plenty of hands-on experience space.

The EPIC Campus is possible with the help of industry experts and higher education. EPIC staff members gathered insight from industry experts regarding their most significant employee needs. They connected with higher ed employees to learn how to prepare students better. They visited the other nine CO CTE schools to understand what worked best.

"We wanted to go straight to the source when crafting our curriculum. We spent time understanding the needs of industry and higher ed rather than choosing what we thought would work", Amonson shared.

The benefits of the EPIC Campus extend beyond valuable exposure to multiple career paths. Students receive content credit (think math, science, and language arts) and elective credit with EPIC classes. Students complete required industry certifications such as OSHA training. Courses count toward concurrent enrollment (college credit), and many industry partners offer internships and apprenticeships.

"I'm thankful for the community's support of the 2018 bond and all of the 300 + industry partners that made this possible," Amonson shares.

Principal Amonson invites community members and interested industry partners to tour their facility and see it all in action. The EPIC campus is located at 190 E Littleton Blvd. Learn more about the EPIC Campus at https://littletonpublicschools.net/schools/epiccampus/

#### Medema Messenger

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#### **News Articles**

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.

#### **Advertising:**

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.

To place an ad, call Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499 Email: getinfo@coloradolasertype.com

> To find ad rates and discounts, go to www.ColoradoLasertype.com and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

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# Sept. 28: National Good Neighbor Day

Take the Good Neighbor Pledge: "I pledge to be the "good neighbor." With the goal of becoming a more connected and caring community, I will be a person who lives with kindness and concern for my neighbors. I'll take the first step by connecting with neighbors and introduce myself. I will practice the 'good neighbor mindset' to make connections, invitations, stay aware, and be available to my neighbors. Good neighbors make great neighborhoods."

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for Teen Services

## Election Day is November 7 Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South voters will be voting on

Nob Hill/Ridgeview Hills South voters will be voting on a City Council Member and Directors for the Littleton School Board. Statewide measures will also be on the ballot for consideration by voters.

#### City of Centennial:

Voters will select a Council Member in each of the four Council Districts. Our neighborhood is in District 2. With Council Member Moon being term-limited, District 1 is an open seat. The incumbents in Districts 2,3 and 4 are eligible to run for a second term. There is no mayoral contest in Centennial this year.

#### **Littleton School Board:**

At this writing (mid-August)) Littleton Public Schools is accepting nominations of candidates for school board directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held in November.

At this election, two directors will be elected for one 4-year term each. Candidates must submit their petitions no later than September 1. Currently, there are six candidates seeking the two positions. The candidates are voted on at-large.

#### LPS Candidate Forum:

Monday, October 4, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm. Education Service Center, 6776 S. Crocker St., Littleton.

#### **Mail Ballot Voting:**

Ballots will be mailed no later than October 20, 2023. Not registered to vote? Visit **arapahoevotes.gov** or **govotecolorado. gov** and partake in one of the finest powers granted by our democracy.





#### Arapahoevotes.gov allows you to:

- Register to vote
- Update mailing address and party affiliation
- Track ballet in the mail
- · Learn about upcoming ballots

**DID YOU KNOW:** Ballots are sent to the mailing address on a voter's registration record and are not forwarded by the Postal Service. If you don't receive your ballot by the week of October 24, visit arapahoevotes.com to verify your address. A replacement ballot will automatically be mailed to you when you update your address.

#### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to deliver the newsletter are needed. The newsletter is delivered four times each year - March, June, September and December. Our neighborhood covers 17 routes. Newsletters for each route are delivered to you. It takes about 45 minutes to one hour and it is determined by how fast you walk or stop to chat along the route. Contact Nancy Caporale at 303-771-8663, or Gerry Cummins at 303-771-0115.

#### **Back to School**

Littleton Public School students returned to the classrooms on Tuesday, August 15. School start times have been adjusted. We wish each of our students a very successful and enjoyable school year.





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## **Arapahoe Bridge Project Over Big Dry Creek**

After discovering a utility conflict with the proposed bridge, the team has been working closely with Denver Water to relocate a waterline to accommodate the bridge work and improve an aging piece of Denver Water's infrastructure. The construction team expects traffic impacts to extend into October.

Road closures should be expected during the project. Prior to any closures an announcement will be sent to advise the public of alternate travel routes. People living in the nearby neighborhoods will still be able to get to their homes.

Work hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please pay attention while driving in the work zone and never drive distracted. Motorists should expect increased Arapahoe County Sheriff patrols in neighborhoods north and south of Arapahoe Road to manage cut-through traffic. All construction activities are weather-dependent and subject to change for the safety of crews and the traveling public.

The existing bridge over Big Dry Creek was built in 1945 and is past its useful life. The Arapahoe Road Bridge project will replace the existing bridge structure and make other related improvements.

#### South Suburban Park & Rec

Former Centennial City Council Member Keith Gardner was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the South Suburban Board of Directors. Other directors are Pete Barrett, Pam Eller, Ken Lucas and Susan Pye.



#### Aurora Mini Con

#### Comics, Cosplay, Gaming and more!

Join the fun Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Aurora Central Library 14949 E. Alameda Ave., 80012.

Aurora Public Library is thrilled to return the annual mini-con in person for the first time since 2019. Aurora Mini-Con is a free festival featuring comics, cosplay and all things pop culture and it will be bigger than ever before!

This FREE family-friendly event includes superheroes, comicthemed crafts and activities, panel discussions, exhibits, gaming and a cosplay costume contest. This year's event will feature over 50 vendors, multiple food trucks, special guests and much more!

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#### **Palisade Fruits and Produce**

Colorado peaches are most famously grown in the town of Palisade, and they are known for being extra juicy and extra sweet, thanks to the long sunny days and cool summer nights in Colorado, which help all those delicious fruity sugars develop. Palisade peaches have a long history as a Colorado classic, and it all starts with a man named John Harlow. After the Ute tribe were forcibly removed from their ancestral home in the Western Slope in 1881, colonizers began developing a town known as Palisade. The farmers there quickly realized just how rich and nutrient-filled the soil was, but while it was great for vegetables and grains, there wasn't nearly enough rainfall or water for fruit trees, which shriveled up and died very quickly. But John Harlow, who planted some of the area's earliest peach trees with his wife in 1882, was a determined man. He spearheaded a canal project to divert water from the Colorado River and irrigate the region, and though it took years for his project to come to fruition (pun intended!), it worked. By the beginning of the 20th century, more than twenty-five thousand pounds of peaches were being shipped from Palisade to regions across the country each year.

Once they figured out irrigation, farmers began planting more fruits, like apples, pears, grapes, apricots, and cherries, cementing Palisade and the surrounding area as Colorado's most famous and most productive agricultural hub. Today, Palisade is home to orchards, farms, and vinevards galore.

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#### Help Build Beds For Children

J&K Roofing is hosting a bed build day with non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), Denver chapter. This is a day to volunteer and have fun building beds for children in our community who don't have a bed to sleep in. Open to the public. No experience needed. Bring your family, neighbors, business acquaintances and friends. Saturday, September 16, at J&K Roofing headquarters,13000 W 43rd Drive, Golden. You can donate or register online at https://shpbeds.org/chapter/co-denver/. Come join us. It's going to be a great day! "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

# **Kyla Is Offering A FREE Paper Shredding Event**

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10-Noon LOCATION: 7275 S Broadway,
Littleton, CO 80122
South Suburban Church Parking Lot
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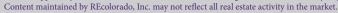
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#### NOB HILL/RIDGEVIEW HILLS RECENT SALES

Sold Date	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Beds	Baths	Ttl Sq. Ft.	Parking Ttl
8/4/23	7494 S Dexter Court	\$850,000	\$875,000	4	4	2,697	2
6/8/23	7126 S Elm Court	\$775,000	\$850,000	4	3	2,651	2
6/12/23	7349 S Eudora Court	\$859,000	\$748,000	4	4	2,592	4
5/26/23	7318 S Albion Street	\$775,000	\$740,000	4	3	2,474	2
6/26/23	7490 S Dahlia Court	\$699,000	\$699,000	4	3	2,232	2
4/28/23	7411 S Clermont Drive	\$665,000	\$680,000	3	3	2,639	1
4/7/23	7291 S Albion Street	\$665,000	\$650,000	5	3	2,710	2
4/21/23	6734 S Dexter Street	\$600,000	\$600,000	4	3	2,542	1
4/24/23	6792 S Cherry Street	\$575,000	\$590,000	4	2	1,834	3
5/18/23	4545 E Arapahoe Place	\$605,000	\$585,000	4	3	2,726	5
4/20/23	6794 S Dexter Street	\$550,000	\$560,000	5	3	2,380	3
7/14/23	7145 S Birch Way	\$500,000	\$550,000	4	2	2,214	2
5/17/23	7127 S Clermont Drive	\$529,900	\$490,000	3	3	1,876	1
7/24/23	6945 S Clermont Drive	\$490,000	\$456,840	3	2	2,184	1
6/5/23	6973 S Albion Street	\$370,000	\$420,000	4	3	2,200	2

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#### Kyla Is Highly Recommended in the Neighborhood:

"Kyla Hammond is the best! She has the heart of an angel and I believe God sent her to my brother Dennis. She was so gracious and kind when she came to his house to meet and do a walk through. Dennis couldn't sing her praises enough. She handled everything for us. His house was put on the market on Wednesday, and he was signing the papers to accept an offer on Friday. Two days! It was unbelievable and we were so blessed. My brother passed before he was able to sign the official papers, but he passed with his dream of living in Montana coming true thanks to Kyla's incredible kindness, knowledge and expertise. She made it so easy for him and we trusted her 100 percent with everything. If we had any questions or concerns, she was right there. If you are looking for a real estate agent that goes above and beyond, give her a call and tell her my brother, Dennis, recommended her! You will be glad you did, believe me!" ~ Joanna, Nob Hill, August 2023

#### **Award-Winning Realtor:**

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#### Kyla's Recent Sales

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window before the holidays,
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your home, I would be happy
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410 E Costilla Ave, Centennial 80122 4 beds/3 baths/1car garage/2,896 sq. ft. Closed at \$590,000