

CU in class

Nina Krol was born in Boulder, and she grew up and graduated from high school here. But somehow, she had only experienced certain aspects of the city – a realization that hit as she joined the other incoming freshman at the University of Colorado Boulder.

“I didn’t venture onto the campus or go up to the Hill much when I was growing up. As a CU student, I really got to explore Boulder in a whole new way,” said Krol, who now is preparing for her senior year.

If this Boulder native wasn’t prepared for all the city has to offer, just imagine what new students from outside the city, state or even country have in store for them: academically, socially and otherwise.

Rest easy, newcomers and concerned family members. CU, the city and the community have you covered.

Please see **CU** on Page 15





Crews take a moment to assess the situation near Nederland and the site of the Cold Springs Fire in July. The 528-acre wildfire destroyed eight homes and forced the evacuation of nearly 2,000 people.

Disaster readiness programs on tap

As smoke and flames from the Cold Springs Fire raged west of town last month, firefighters kicked into gear to protect us and as many structures as they could. Police officers went door-to-door in threatened county subdivisions to help evacuate residents. And the Emergency Operations Center – a shared city and county facility – began humming with support personnel.

We are so fortunate here in Boulder to have trained and well-coordinated emergency teams, and their service makes a significant difference. But past experiences have shown us that sometimes, especially in wide-scale and multi-day disasters, the very best resource we have is ourselves – and our household's own preparedness.

This theme is reflected in the City of Boulder's resilience strategy, which was unveiled earlier this year. To help promote individual and family preparedness, the city is offering two disaster readiness programs this fall.

The first is a mobile resilience lab. Launched on July 4 at the Boulder Reservoir, this large pop-up tent features information and activities that are fun for the whole family. The platform is designed to:

- Facilitate risk and resilience discussions and interactive learning opportunities;

- Provide tools, resources and information about individual and household preparedness; and
- Promote future opportunities to enhance personal and community resilience by connecting people with people through impactful volunteering projects.

Participants can share their resilience stories, learn how to start a pollinator garden, create disaster communication plans, and learn about disaster-ready recipes. There will also be resilient-themed art projects and games for kids.

The lab is making public appearances, roughly one a week, through the end of September. Specific dates, times and locations are posted at ResilientBoulder.com. Please stop by and visit us!

In addition to the lab, the city is also preparing to launch a series of workshops to help community members understand how they can best serve their neighborhoods in a disaster.

These programs stem from the city's participation as an inaugural city in 100 Resilient Cities – an initiative pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation to promote resilience in cities across the world. The program funds a Chief Resilience Officer, who has helped Boulder identify top strategies for becoming stronger in the face of challenges. More information is available at ResilientBoulder.com.

Welcome, and please participate



JANE BRAUTIGAM
CITY MANAGER

Wow, summer has flown by here in Boulder! We hope you have enjoyed the variety of public events and activities the city and others have offered, especially in our reinvigorated Civic Area.

As we look toward the fall, I'd like to take a few minutes

to welcome new and returning students and recognize how fortunate we are to have the University of Colorado's flagship campus in our community.

There are so many advantages to being a college town. We benefit from an educated workforce with scholars and professors from around the world; speaking and community events that feature some of the best thinkers, politicians and spiritual leaders possible; several of the nation's premier laboratories and research institutions; and the youthful vibrancy that comes from the student population.

Around this time of year, we often focus on helping students integrate into our community as good neighbors. Our police and fire departments work with off-campus and

resident housing staff and student advisors to promote safety and inform newcomers about our regulations and community expectations. These are all good initiatives. Boulder is a very special place – and we enjoy helping newcomers acclimate in a way that promotes our shared values and sense of community.

And this year, I'd like to take this back-to-school effort a step further. As city manager, I would like to encourage students to not just follow our rules – but to make Boulder their home. For the next four years (and perhaps even longer), you will be a valued member of our community.

In this newsletter edition, we have included information that we hope will be useful both to students or newcomers to Boulder as well as existing community members. I especially encourage community members to read the infographic on page 7, which provides details about how to follow city news and receive updates using social media, and sign up to speak at a City Council or boards and commission meeting.

We very much value community engagement from all segments of our community. We know that diverse perspectives and participation lead to the best, most informed decisions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Human Services to update strategic plan, seeks feedback

The department of Human Services is updating its five-year strategic plan and wants feedback on what the city's human services priorities should be. The key topics are:

- **A Good Start:** Children having a good, healthy start in life enabling them to be successful in school and achieve full potential into adulthood.
- **Aging Well:** Older adults able to remain active, engaged, healthy and live in their community as they age.
- **Economic Mobility and Poverty:** Families and individuals able to build resilience and overcome barriers to poverty, self-sufficiency and crisis.
- **Health and Well-Being:** Community members have

access to health and mental health services, healthy foods, safe living environments, and enriching educational and social opportunities.

- **Homelessness:** Families and individuals have opportunities and pathways to affordable housing and support services to maintain long-term stability.
- **Inclusive and Welcoming Community:** All community members feel welcomed, included and safe in their community and are actively civically engaged.

Participate in an Online Community Survey and get more information at bouldercolorado.gov/pages/boulder-human-services-mapping-our-future.

A community is best defined by its people. From volunteers to city employees to neighbors helping neighbors, there is no shortage of hometown heroes in Boulder – and we are delighted to spotlight one per newsletter. This edition's Hometown Hero is:

DEB CAMPBELL

Volunteer Coordinator



When Deb Campbell retired after 30 years of civilian service with the Northglenn Police Department, she thought she'd give herself some time to see what new adventures were out there. When the devastating floods hit Boulder and the surrounding areas in September 2013, she knew it was time to again provide whatever help she could.

Less than a year after retirement, Campbell was working with the Long-Term Flood Recovery Group (LTFRG) of Boulder County and providing much-needed assistance to those hit hardest by the floods that carved a destructive path through the community.

“For myself and for those who volunteer, it is because you have that in your nature – you have a servant’s heart,” said Campbell, volunteer coordinator for both LTFRG and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). “For people who step in during times of disaster, whether it’s first responders or Red Cross or the Salvation Army, they are all people who do things to help others – help them solve their problems and rebuild their lives.”

Boulder and its harder hit neighbors have been fortunate to receive an outpouring of support from volunteers and others, and Campbell’s main task is to help facilitate those volunteers who come in from across the country to provide assistance. She helps find them a place to stay and projects where their particular skills can best be put to use, and she makes sure they have the tools needed to get the job done.

During the first year, the bulk of the work was focused on cleanup efforts; that has since shifted to rebuilding and assisting those affected return to a sense of normalcy.

But truly, Campbell does whatever is needed.

“Sometimes my job is to run to Home Depot three or four times a day,” she said.

A BIT ABOUT LTFRG

The many committees in the Long-Term Flood Recovery Group work to find solutions and resources for those impacted by the 2013 flood, whether it’s coordinating volunteer groups to help clean a property or identifying a contractor willing to donate materials and/or labor.

Stephanie Walton, manager of LTFRG, noted that there have been many people and organizations that have provided support to the Boulder area, including Foothills United Way, Catholic Charities and Lutheran Disaster Services. But Campbell’s tireless efforts have been almost other-worldly.

“I tease her that she has superpowers, that she flies in on her invisible jet like Wonder Woman,” Walton said. “Every day is challenging, and Deb takes a lot on and gets it all done. She’s not someone looking for credit.”

Though the work of LTFRG is winding down this year, Campbell said many who live in Boulder are still being affected, especially residents in mobile home parks.

“A lot of the mobile homes are near rivers or creeks, and not only were they affected in 2013, they are being affected again because the water tables are so high and they are getting flooded again,” she said. “But I will tell you, everyone we help is very appreciative. It gives you a sense of satisfaction that you are helping people recover and start a new and normal life for themselves.”

If you would like to nominate a Hometown Hero, please email the person's name, contact information and a brief reason for the nomination, along with your contact information, to communitynewsletter@bouldercolorado.gov.

NOTE: To better serve those who live in Boulder, one or more articles in each edition of the community newsletter will be translated into Spanish.

I can't recycle that?

Surprise! These items don't go in your curbside recycling bin

Plastic bags. Plastic bags are the number one contaminant in recycling bins in Boulder, which is one reason why Boulder has a 10-cent fee for disposable check-out bags at grocery stores. Plastic bags clog the machinery that sorts recyclables at Boulder's recycling center, resulting in equipment shutdowns so that the bags can be cut out by hand. You can recycle clean and dry plastic bags at most grocery stores and at the Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM).



Plastic cold coffee cups and plastic-lined hot coffee cups. Most of these to-go containers cannot be recycled. If the container reads "BPI certified compostable," it can be recycled in your curbside compost bin and green compost bins around town.



Flattened cans, tubs and bottles. Automated sorting equipment will accidentally sort flattened containers as paper. Please place these items as they are in your curbside recycling bin.

Shredded paper. Shredded paper is too small to sort and the pieces jam up recycling equipment. Place shredded paper in your curbside compost bin or recycle it in the paperboard bin at the Boulder County Recycling Center at 1901 63rd St.

Para servir mejor a quienes viven en Boulder, uno o más artículos de cada edición del boletín de noticias de la comunidad será traducido al español.

¿No puedo reciclar eso?

¡Sorpresa! Estos elementos no van a su contenedor de reciclaje en la acera

Bolsas de plástico. Las bolsas de plástico son el contaminante número uno en los contenedores de reciclaje de Boulder, razón por la cual se cobran 10 centavos por cada bolsa desechable en las tiendas de la ciudad. Las bolsas de plástico taponan la maquinaria que separa los reciclables en el centro de reciclaje de Boulder, lo que provoca interrupciones del equipo para que las bolsas puedan ser cortadas a mano. Usted puede reciclar bolsas de plástico limpias y secas en la mayoría de las tiendas y en Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM).

Tazas de café frío de plástico y tazas de café caliente revestidas en plástico. La mayoría de estos contenedores para llevar no puede reciclarse. Si el contenedor dice "BPI

certified compostable," puede ser reciclado en su contenedor para abono en la acera y contenedores verde de abono de la ciudad.

Latas, envases y botellas aplastados. El equipo automático de separación accidentalmente confundirá los contenedores aplastados con papel. Por favor, coloque estos elementos tal como están en su contenedor de reciclaje de la acera.



Papel picado. El papel picado es muy pequeño para separar y los trocitos empaстан el equipo de reciclaje. Coloque el papel picado en su contenedor para preparar abono en la acera o recíclalo en el contenedor de papel en Boulder County Recycling Center en 1901 63rd St.

GET THIS NEWSLETTER DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL INBOX!

Did you know that the city offers this newsletter in an electronic format as well? You can sign up to receive it as an email by visiting bouldercolorado.gov/newsletter. We hope this makes delivery as convenient as possible for you! Since our launch in April, we have heard from some residents who would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy. Unfortunately, sending to individual addresses instead of by bulk mail would cost the city an additional \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year, and we cannot currently support that cost. The city has agreed, however, to collect the names and addresses of individuals who are interested in a future opt out option, should funding for this become available. If you would like to add your information to this list, please email your name and address to communitynewsletter@bouldercolorado.gov. We will re-evaluate the community interest in this as we near the completion of the two-year pilot program.

The power of Boulder's water

You may know that Boulder's drinking water originates from a number of high-quality sources. But did you know the water utility system includes eight hydroelectric power plants that generate renewable energy? All of the city's hydroelectric plants are installed on existing water supply pipelines and provide a necessary pressure reduction function while generating electricity at the same time.

Here's how it works. About 80 percent of the city's water comes from mountain reservoirs west of the city. As the water flows downhill through pipelines on its way to the city, it develops a significant amount of pressure.

When released under pressure against a rotating wheel (turbine), the water is used to create electrical energy. No fossil fuels are consumed and no pollutants are emitted into the atmosphere during the energy production process.

Four hydroelectric plants are located on the city's raw water transmission system and four are located on the treated

water distribution system below the Betasso Water Treatment Facility. The eight facilities have a combined rated capacity of approximately 16 megawatts.

In 2015, the city's eight hydroelectric facilities generated more than 37 million kilowatt hours (kwh) of electricity, enough for 4,600 homes. Since the first hydro went into service in 1985, more than 778 million kwh have been generated, producing more than \$37 million in revenue for the city.

Boulder's hydroelectric energy production displaces the need to burn 19,500 tons of coal each year and has prevented the burning of approximately 390,000 tons of coal since 1985. The city sells the electricity generated by the hydroelectric facilities to electric utilities for delivery to their customers. The associated revenue, which averages about \$2 million annually, offsets costs to Water Utility customers.

For more information about the water system, visit boulder-colorado.gov/water.

In pursuit of affordable housing

The City of Boulder continues to work with the community to better understand current and emerging housing challenges and to identify tools and programs to help address them. This work includes developing a housing strategy specifically focused on improving affordability for middle income households.



The overall erosion of affordable housing has been identified as a key community concern in recent surveys, engagement processes, and

the continuing debates around growth and development in Boulder. Maintaining housing for people of different incomes preserves their ability to contribute to the wider community and helps make Boulder a healthy and sustainable community. While the number of lower income households has remained relatively steady, due in large part to efforts by the city and its affordable housing partners, higher income households are replacing middle income households within an environment of escalating home prices.

The city commissioned a "middle income housing study" to better understand current market conditions, challenges and

opportunities. For the purposes of the study, "middle income" was defined as households with an income of 80 to 150 percent of the Boulder Area Median Income, which is a standard established by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department. By this standard, a three-person household in the Boulder County area that earns between \$68,000 and \$134,000 qualifies as a middle income household.

The study confirms that the percentage of the city's population that qualifies as middle income has been declining. And one of the factors causing this decline is the increasing cost of detached for-sale homes. While rental units and attached homes, like condos, are affordable to a greater degree, many of these options may not meet the needs of middle income families in comparison to housing options in neighboring communities.

In early summer, City Council convened a working group of representatives from the council and Planning Board to work with staff to examine these issues and draft a strategy for the consideration by the full council. Learn more about the Division of Housing, the middle income housing strategy, or read the housing study report by visiting www.housingboulder.net/middle-income-housing-strategy-working-group.

Engage in your local government

The City of Boulder values public participation and encourages you to get involved in local decision-making processes. The city offers a variety of ways to engage with city staff, officials and your fellow community members.



Where and when are City Council meetings?

**Council Chambers, Municipal Building,
1777 Broadway St.**



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of each month



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS

6 p.m., second and fourth (and sometimes fifth) Tuesdays of each month

Agendas available at bouldercolorado.gov/citycouncil

Regular meeting agendas generally are available no later than the Thursday night prior to the meeting and study session agendas no later than 10 days prior to the session. Regular meeting agendas are also published in the classified section of the Daily Camera the Sunday prior to the meeting.

Watch from Home

Meetings aired live on Boulder 8 TV (Comcast channels 8 and BBO) and the city's website and are re-cablecast at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. Fridays in the two weeks following a regular council meeting. TV broadcasts are closed captioning.

Find other city meetings at bouldercolorado.gov/calendar

* Study Sessions are more informal and do not allow public comment.

Can I speak at meetings? How?

Yes. Speaking is allowed during the Open Comment and Public Hearing portions of regular meetings*.



- **Open Comment:** Provides an opportunity for you to speak about any issue not scheduled for a public hearing that evening. Sign up online before 4:30 p.m. or in person beginning at 5 p.m.
- **Public Hearings:** Sign up in person beginning at 5 p.m. the night of the meeting.

For more: bouldercolorado.gov/city-council/speaking-at-council-meetings

I'm a CU-Boulder student. Can I vote in local elections?

To register to vote in Colorado, you must (1) be a U.S. citizen; (2) be 18 years old or older at the time of the next election; (3) be a Colorado resident for at least 22 days before the election; and (4) must not be serving a sentence (including parole) for a felony conviction.



For more: bouldercounty.org/elections/register/pages/requirements.aspx

Engage with us through social media wherever you are.



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Ask questions, report problems, send comments, and submit requests for non-emergency services. user.govoutreach.com/boulder/faq.php

Solar grants help to power Boulder

Want to go solar but not sure you can afford it? Take advantage of Boulder's 300 plus days of sunshine each year and help our community pave the way to a future powered by clean, local, affordable and reliable energy.

Since 2007, Boulder has avoided 69,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to taking 14,500 cars off the road, thanks to community investments in solar power.

The city's Solar Grant Program provides financial support for the installation of solar electric and solar thermal (hot water) systems. Since the program launched in 2008, more than \$540,000 has gone to owners of affordable homes and to nonprofits such as Boulder Housing Partners, Flatirons Habitat from Humanity and Boulder Preparatory High School.

They have used this money to install solar at little or no cost to them, and if you qualify, you can too! Site-based nonprofits, nonprofits with low- or moderate-income housing, and homeowners who are part of an affordable homeownership program are eligible to apply. Learn more and apply by visiting www.bouldercolorado.gov/solar and clicking on "How to Go Solar."

Want to know how much solar energy could be produced



"The grant we received is a significant factor in our work to build near net-zero affordable homes for hard-working families in Boulder.

Without it, we would not have been able to add renewables to our recent project at Wonderland Creek."

– Susan Lythgoe, Executive Director of Flatirons Habitat for Humanity

on your roof, estimate the cost and learn about opportunities to help you save money? Do it all at www.BoulderSolarTool.com.



Did you know?

It may seem like a thing of the past, but it remains federal law for all young men to register with the Selective Service System when they turn 18. And there can be consequences if they don't. If a young man fails to register by the time he turns 26, he can be permanently barred from receiving federal student loans, federal jobs and federal job training programs. It can also significantly complicate the process of becoming a citizen for immigrants.

Colorado is among 38 states with a low compliance ranking of 79 percent or lower of 18-year-old males registering for Selective Service (Colorado stands at just 64 percent). The City of Boulder encourages young men ages 18 to 25 to register. Visit www.sss.gov/Registration-Info.

Creating an inclusive Boulder

Recent news from Louisiana and Minnesota – and then Texas – serves as a vivid reminder that the fragile relationship between law enforcement and some segments of the community remains a significant and ever-present concern across the country.

The City of Boulder understand the role and value of our Police Department, and the city organization supports officers and other employees who serve in an enforcement and emergency-response capacity. They are often called upon to respond to potentially tense and escalating situations and must rely upon training and sound judgement to act quickly – and effectively. We are proud of their collective service.

Boulder has taken the position that meaningful investment in community relations, focused on understanding the issues and around safety, equity, diversity and inclusion, is critical for strengthening the quality of life in Boulder.

At the same time, we are profoundly troubled by the fact that some communities of color, African-Americans, in particular, feel their lives are less valued and that they are ill-served by modern-day policing's emphasis on threat assessment and response.

This makes for a challenging conversation – one that has the greatest chance for success if addressed proactively. Boulder has taken the position that meaningful investment in community relations, focused on understanding the issues and around safety, equity, diversity and inclusion, is critical for strengthening the quality of life in Boulder.

In April 2015, City Council approved a work plan that supported further research to guide decisions that support the city's commitment to creating a safe and welcoming community. Since then, several departments have been working collaboratively on a variety of valuable projects.

Among these was a review by an independent Boulder Police consultant, Hillard Heintze, of arrest data. The goal was to determine if there was a pattern of different treatment for some individuals contacted by police, based on race or ethnicity. The consultants were also asked to provide guidance about best practices related to complaints

and Professional Standards boards in departments with similar size and complexity to Boulder.

The Hillard Heintze report, released in February, commended the department for its excellent professional standards work and also recommended ways in which the department could improve. The department has been hard at work implementing these. The recommendation included improving how police track race-related data for traffic stops and arrests, enhancing general communication with residents and broadening recruitment efforts to support diverse public involvement in Boulder's existing Professional Standards process.

In 2015, before the report was finalized, all police employees participated in cultural awareness and implicit bias training conducted by an outside trainer. Newly hired officers receive training on these topics from Intercambio. Officers also completed de-escalation training.

While the police have a role to play in creating a safe and inclusive community, they are not alone in this. The goal of ensuring that all community members feel welcomed and supported extends to other areas, such as access to community services, housing, employment and a host of other factors. Because of this, the city is in the process of evaluating the community's perceptions around safety and inclusivity more generally.

Earlier this year, the city awarded a pro-active and unique Community Perception Assessment project to an organization called the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). NCCD is a private, non-profit social research and consulting firm.

To date, NCCD has completed more than 20 stakeholder interviews and conducted six focus groups. Using the information garnered from those interactions, the consultants and city staff are working together to develop a statistically valid and culturally appropriate Community Perception Assessment. This assessment is scheduled to begin soon.

More information about the assessment will be available www.bouldercolorado.gov/human-services.



Hillanthropists make their mark

Starting in 2015, University Hill residents, business owners, employees and city staff have joined hundreds of University of Colorado (CU) student volunteers through the CU/City of Boulder “Hillanthropy” partnership. The partnership has led to the removal of thousands of stickers and Hill dumpster graffiti each summer, as well as other efforts.

“The Hillanthropy partnership has allowed us to make great strides toward the community’s desire to see a cleaner Hill. Beyond the city’s usual maintenance efforts, we have been able to do an annual wipe-out of graffiti in the alleys and other projects that take significant time and human

Collaborative efforts with the University of Colorado are integral to work on the Hill, including the Hillanthropy partnership.

capital,” said Hill Community Development Coordinator Sarah Wiebenson.

The Hillanthropy partnership is part of the Hill Reinvestment Strategy, a council priority initiated in 2014 to improve quality of life on University Hill for residents, visitors and businesses. The broader vision for University Hill is to:

- Enhance business and residential diversity;
- Promote multimodal access and the arts;
- Improve health and safety;
- Support code enforcement efforts; and,
- Foster community partnerships.

Collaboration with CU has been integral to supporting stakeholder efforts to reinvest in the Hill. The Hillanthropy partnership was formed in early 2015 between the city’s Department of Community Vitality and CU’s Office of Residence Life, Volunteer Resource Center, and Restorative

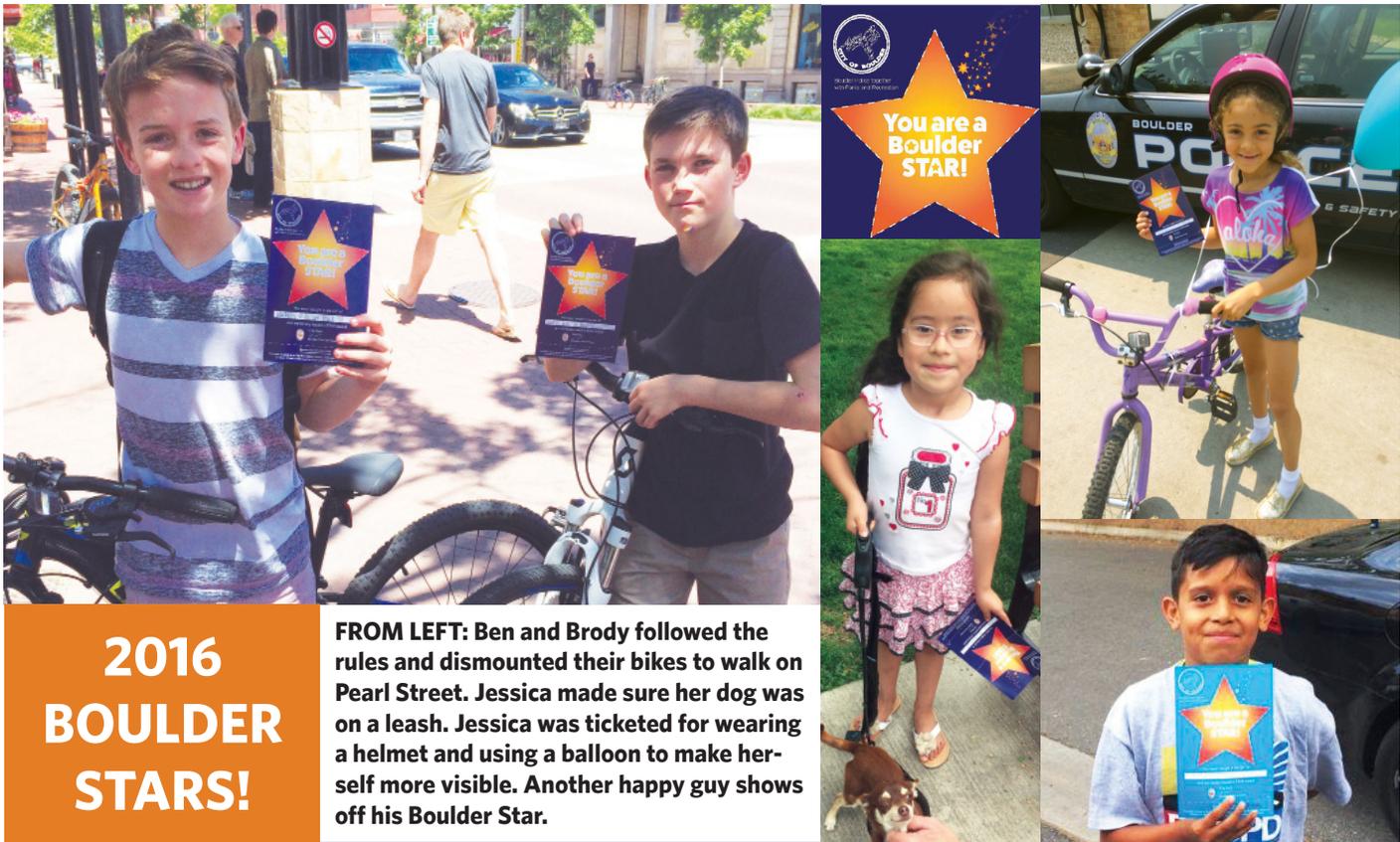
Justice program. The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) also joined the effort and has provided hundreds of volunteers.

The term “Hillanthropy” was coined by Hill business Grenadier Advertising and promoted through social media with the hashtag #Hillanthropist. In the past year, the concept of Hillanthropy has expanded, with Hill event staff wearing #Hillanthropist t-shirts and Hillanthropy volunteers receiving a #Hillanthropist cell phone stand produced by Boulder company Pop Sockets.

“Hillanthropy is what it says - doing good up on The Hill. And with all the volunteer partnerships happening with the city, the university, Hill businesses and residents - there are a lot of good works we can talk about in social media. Hillanthropy gives us a sticky, shareable term for all the volunteer efforts underway to make The Hill neighborhood better than ever,” said Grenadier partner and The Hill Boulder business association member, Jeff Graham.

In 2016, Hillanthropy cleanup days will be paired with annual City of Boulder Parks and Recreation volunteer events: Community Clean-up Day (May) and Public Lands Day (September). Projects will focus on cleanup of the Hill Commercial Area and Columbia Cemetery. A third cleanup day in August will involve 150 incoming college freshmen who competed to participate in the CU Stampede Leadership Camp. Students will use paint provided by Republic Services, Western Disposal and Xcel Energy to eliminate graffiti and accomplish other large-scale clean-up tasks in the Hill neighborhoods.

For more information about the Hillanthropy program, and to learn how to volunteer for Hillanthropy projects, go to bouldercolorado.gov/commercial-districts/hillanthropy.



**2016
BOULDER
STARS!**

FROM LEFT: Ben and Brody followed the rules and dismounted their bikes to walk on Pearl Street. Jessica made sure her dog was on a leash. Jessica was ticketed for wearing a helmet and using a balloon to make herself more visible. Another happy guy shows off his Boulder Star.

Anyone can be a Boulder Star



GREG TESTA
BOULDER POLICE CHIEF

Earlier this summer we partnered with the City of Boulder’s Parks and Recreation Department to celebrate good behavior through a new program called Boulder Stars. We developed this program as a way for officers to connect with younger members in our community in a non-law enforcement situation and establish rapport.

Officers are issuing “stars” to children (ages 3 to 18) caught in the act of doing something good. Appropriate “offenses” include, but are not limited to, helping another person, wearing bicycle helmets, observing crosswalk rules and

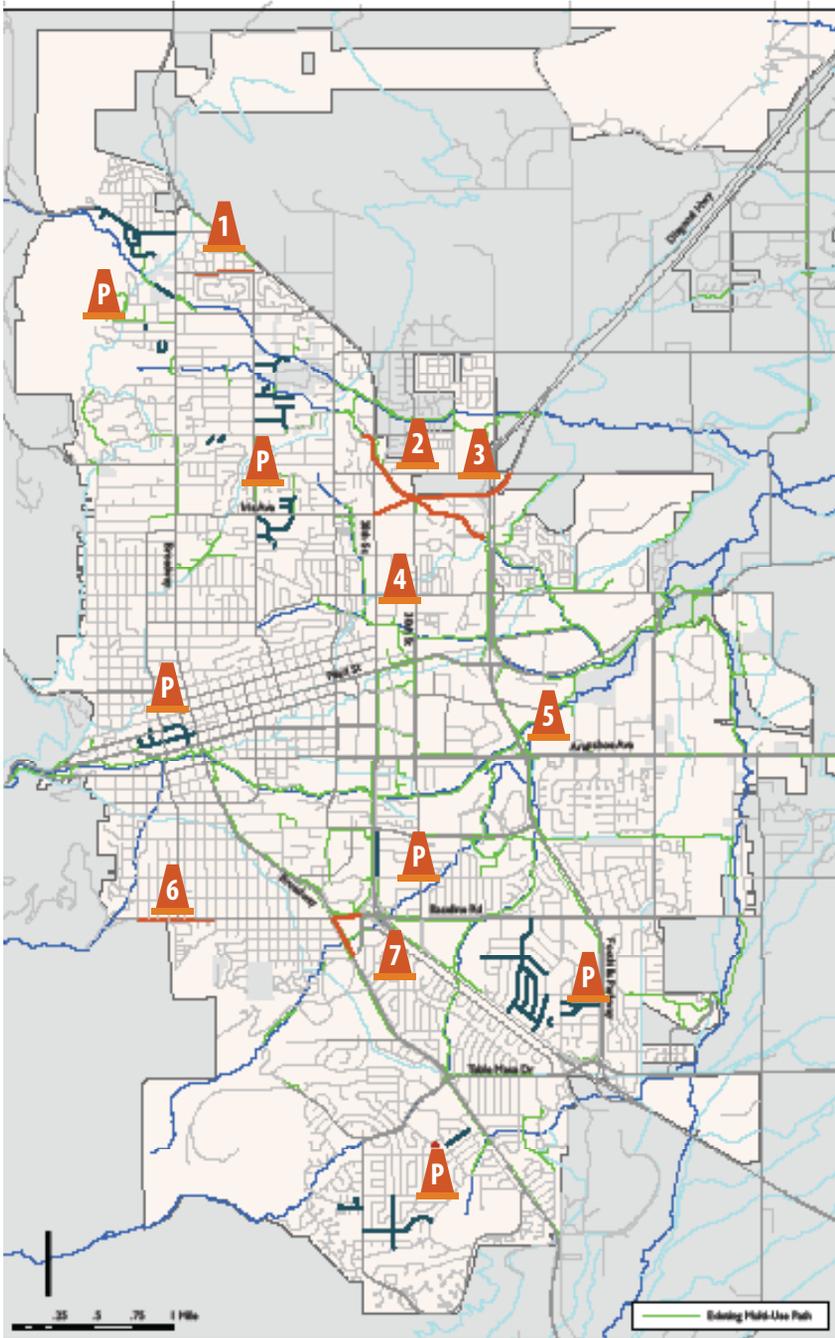
participating in a positive activity in our community. A Boulder Star can be redeemed for one free day pass to any of the city’s recreation centers, pools or the Boulder Reservoir. A parent or guardian can accompany a child under the age of 12 at no cost.

It quickly became apparent to us that there is no shortage of amazing kids in Boulder. Every day we run into children that are doing the right thing.

Though the reasons for being “ticketed” may vary, the end result is the same for every youngster: a fun day of recreation and a smile.

You can follow us on twitter @boulderpolice to see Boulder’s newest stars. Pictures are posted regularly with parent’s permission. If you know of a great kid we have yet to meet please let us know so we can recognize him or her.

These current and upcoming City of Boulder construction projects are making Boulder's roads, multi-use paths, greenways and other infrastructure safer and last longer. Visit bouldercolorado.gov/transportation for more information about these and more upcoming projects in and around Boulder and check BoulderConeZones.net for the latest construction updates.



P Street resurfacing
Multiple locations

- **Duration:** Throughout the summer
- **Description:** Streets in several neighborhoods around the city will be resurfaced with new asphalt as part of the city's annual Pavement Management Program (www.bouldercolorado.gov/transportation/street-maintenance).
- **Impact:** Lane closures, parking restrictions.

1 Yarmouth Avenue sidewalks
Yarmouth Avenue between 16th and 19th streets

- **Duration:** Fall
- **Description:** Constructs a new multi-use path on the south side of Yarmouth Avenue from 16th to 19th streets.
- **Impact:** Possible lane narrowing and temporary transit stop impacts.

2 Wonderland Creek greenway improvement project
Wonderland Creek from Winding Trail to Foothills Parkway

- **Duration:** Ongoing through early 2018
- **Description:** Flood mitigation project that includes construction of multi-use paths and underpasses.
- **Impact:** Intermittent road and path closures that could cause detours.

3 Diagonal Highway reconstruction
Diagonal Highway between 28th Street and Independence Road

- **Duration:** Ongoing through fall 2016
- **Description:** Reconstructs vehicle traffic lanes, adds bicycle and multi-use paths.
- **Impact:** Lane closures during off-peak hours.

4 Valmont Road and 29th Street safety and multimodal enhancements

Intersection of Valmont Road and 29th Street

- **Duration:** Fall through summer 2017
- **Description:** Enhance existing multimodal facilities and improve safety with widened intersection, dedicated left turn lanes, new traffic signal and more enhancements.
- **Impact:** Vehicle and bicycle lane closures and pedestrian detours.

5 Boulder Creek at Arapahoe Avenue pedestrian bridge replacement

Boulder Creek Multi-Use Path at Arapahoe Avenue

- **Duration:** Ongoing through winter
- **Description:** Replaces existing wooden deck bridge over Boulder Creek with a new concrete deck bridge.
- **Impact:** Pedestrian and bicycle lane narrowing, intermittent closures with detours.

6 Chautauqua pedestrian improvements
South side of Baseline Road near 10th Street to west of 6th Street

- **Duration:** Fall through spring 2017
- **Description:** Constructs sidewalk on south side of Baseline Road, upgrades transit stop, adds ADA-compliant crosswalks and ramps.
- **Impact:** Parking restrictions, vehicle lane narrowing, and pedestrian and bicycle detours possible.

7 Baseline Underpass
Baseline Road between Broadway and 27th Way

- **Duration:** Ongoing through spring 2017
- **Description:** Builds underpass to replace current street-level pedestrian and bike crossing to improve safety.
- **Impact:** Vehicle lane narrowing and shifts, transit stops temporarily relocated. Possible pedestrian and bicycle detours.

Visit CoTrip.org for information about Colorado Department of Transportation projects or bouldercounty.org/roads/construction/pages/default.aspx for Boulder County projects.

Please note that start and completion dates could change due to factors such as weather.

Charting two paths to Boulder's energy future

It all started with an ambitious vision for the future: the freedom to make choices about where our energy comes from; the need for more renewable energy; an understanding that our electricity infrastructure must be ready to meet the demands of the 21st century; and a desire to give customers a greater voice in how money collected through their monthly electric bills is invested.

Just a few years ago, community members and City of Boulder staff envisioned that future and asked, "What if?" Now, thanks to technological advancements, historically low prices for renewable energy and the work of Boulder's Energy Future team and community partners, this vision doesn't seem as ambitious as it once did.

In fact, it's closer than ever. In support of this vision, the city is simultaneously working on two different approaches: municipalization and forming a partnership with our current electricity provider, Xcel Energy.

Municipalization

The city has been exploring the possibility of creating a local electric utility for a number of years. That work intensified in 2010, when negotiations about a possible environmentally focused partnership between Xcel and the city broke down, and a franchise agreement between the two parties expired.

Since 2010, plenty of progress has been made on this path. The city is about to reach another key milestone at



the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The city's Energy Future team, which includes lawyers, engineers and sustainability professionals, is developing an application that will detail how the city plans to separate from Xcel's system, identify what infrastructure the city will seek to acquire and demonstrate how the city will ensure safety and reliability.

This application has been informed by a series of clarifying legal decisions and a model of the existing electric system, shared by Xcel through the discovery process. The city is confident its proposal can meet our community's energy goals, voter requirements related to Boulder operating its own utility and regulatory direction that is designed to leave remaining Xcel customers with reliable and separate service.

Partnership with Xcel Energy

Even while pursuing the possibility of municipalization, the city has always been open to other alternatives. One opportunity could be forming a partnership with Xcel Energy, and in June, the city and Xcel announced that representatives are back at the table, committed to working together to see if a potential settlement can be reached.

The details of how such a partnership would work are still being determined, but the key goals of the negotiations are clear: Xcel and the city want to find viable collaboration opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase renewable energy, allow for more customer choice, support innovation and invest in our electric infrastructure.

Negotiations are expected to continue throughout the summer. If successful, City Council and the public will have the opportunity to evaluate and provide feedback on proposed terms of an agreement before it is finalized.

How can I participate?

Visit www.BoulderEnergyFuture.com to sign up to receive the city's Climate and Energy Newsletter in your inbox and stay up to date on the project. Email questions and comments to energyfuture@bouldercolorado.gov.

Information about the city's Climate Commitment and clean electricity goals is available at www.BoulderClimate.com.

Animal Control answers the call

A typical day in the life of an Animal Control officer for the City of Boulder is far from typical. From hour to hour, call to call, just about anything can happen – and no day is the same.

On a recent summer day, Officer Taylor Barnes started an unusually “slow” morning with a 7 a.m. call about a very sick raccoon, then headed over to peek at a trap set up for a semi-feral dog, followed by a backyard visit to check on a suffering prairie dog. He swung back by the Police Department to issue a ticket related to a dog bite incident, stopped to remind a man that his dogs must be on a leash at all times and then responded to a call about a dog alone inside a car on a warm day.

He was still an hour away from grabbing some lunch.

“We receive about 13,000 calls a year, and that number has been going up and up,” said Barnes, a seven-year veteran of Boulder’s Animal Control. “There is no average day, but we get a lot of reports about barking dogs, issues around leash laws, dog bites and wildlife.”

Those 13,000 annual calls break down to just less than 36 per day, every day. With a staff of five officers and one supervisor, that makes for some busy days.

“The community of Boulder places substantial value on the treatment of animals. They also have an expectation for expansive services involving animals, domestic and wildlife alike. As such, Animal Control has become an essential service for the City of Boulder,” said Janeé Boswell, Animal Control supervisor. “The professionalism and expertise that is required by our Animal Control officers is second to none. We have become a specialized unit dedicated to the investigation of animal crimes, the rescue and response of all species of animals, and experts in animal behavior and handling. While the officers in our unit all have different niches, they all exemplify passion and expertise for protecting the animals and the people of Boulder.”

The life of an Animal Control officer is not easy, and tough



Animal Control Officer Taylor Barnes removes a sick raccoon from a nook between two fences in a Boulder backyard. The raccoon was suffering from distemper and had to be euthanized.

KEEP THOSE DOGS COOL

Hot summer days are meant to be spent outdoors, not locked inside a car as temperatures rise to deadly levels. Despite efforts to educate the public about the dangers, Animal Control officers and others receive way too many calls about a dog suffering inside a car while the guardian is off grabbing lunch or running an errand.

If it is hot outside, it is typically 30 or 40 degrees hotter inside a vehicle – even with the windows cracked. Heatstroke can happen fast, and temperatures can rise to lethal levels within minutes. Save your dog’s life and never leave your pet in a hot car.

decisions have to be made every day. It turned out the raccoon Barnes was called to check on was infected with distemper and had to be euthanized on the spot. Cases of raccoon distemper are cyclical and have spiked this year, and it falls on Animal Control to take care of the booming problem and make responsible decisions.

And while just about everyone Barnes encountered that day was courteous and responsive – including the woman who received the ticket for the dog bite – there are contentious and tense moments. Handling these moments professionally is just part of the job for Animal Control.

“We all know that Boulder is a great city, and we want to help make the community a safe and enjoyable place for everyone, from those who live here to those who visit,” Barnes said.

Dive into Canyon Boulevard study

Do you travel along Canyon Boulevard? If you haven't heard, the City of Boulder's Transportation Division of the Public Works Department is developing design options to improve travel for all users along and across Canyon Boulevard from 9th to 17th streets.

The Boulder Civic Area Plan envisions improvements along and across the roadway to create greater connection

Canyon Boulevard Complete Streets



and access to and through the area, along with better connections with the downtown and University Hill. It also called for enhanced design features along the corridor to help transform the area into an inviting, lively and safer space for all who use it.

At the same time, the Transportation Master Plan update identified Canyon Boulevard as an ideal candidate to become a more "Complete Street." Complete Streets accommodate all modes of transportation by planning, designing and building facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and vehicle drivers.

In addition to travel improvements, the Canyon Boulevard Complete Streets Study will be integrated with other

We want to hear from you!

The next period of community engagement opportunities will take place in fall 2016 and will help inform the selection of recommended design options. To find out more about the progress of the study, upcoming events and to provide feedback, visit the project website at bouldercolorado.gov/transportation/canyon-boulevard-complete-streets.

related planning efforts, city regulations and processes, including the East Arapahoe Transportation Plan, Civic Area Plan, historic landmark alteration certificate review processes and floodplain regulations.

The study began in late 2015 and is anticipated to be completed in mid-2017. During this first phase, the project team has gained an understanding of existing conditions, developed the study's vision, goals, objectives, proposed evaluation measures and explored seven conceptual design options. And from the spring 2016 community engagement period, the project team has gathered valuable feedback that will help shape future design recommendations.

CU from Page 1

Thanks to a Herculean effort on the part of university staff, students and more than a thousand volunteers from around Boulder, new CU students will have every resource available to them during the Fall Welcome. Beginning Aug. 15 and extending into the first few weeks of classes, nearly 200 programs and events are offered to help ease the transition to college and encourage new students to engage with each other, the campus and community.

"We are very proud and very lucky that this is a community-wide initiative. We want to have this really welcoming experience and have students be proud of their community, whether they are coming in from down the road here in Boulder, from out of state or internationally," said Jennifer McDuffie, director of New Student and Family Program within the Division of Student Affairs.

Everything is covered, from moving into the dorms and choosing class schedules to ice cream socials and fitness boot camps.

"It's a really nice way to get involved on campus and set the tone before classes start, said Krol, who experienced the Fall Welcome firsthand as a freshman in 2013 and has served as a volunteer ever since. "I've worked with so many families over the years, and each experience is unique. In the morning, people will be really worried and freaking out, but by the end of the day they come up and tell you what a great experience it was and how all of their questions were answered."

That is the goal of the New Student and Family Program. The welcome initiative sets expectations, with a focus on academic integrity, the history and traditions of Boulder and CU, and what it means to be a positive and contributing member of the community.

"We are putting students and their families first, and we are fortunate that we have a community that wants to help," McDuffie said.

For information about the Fall Welcome, visit www.colorado.edu/orientation/fallwelcome.



Reinventing the public art program

Boulder is home to more than 130 cultural organizations, and 8.85 percent of the workforce is composed of artistic professionals. Our unique natural and built environments inspire imagination and innovation. And the City of Boulder is eager to reinvent a public art program that reflects the community’s ingenuity, creativity and beauty.

The Community Cultural Plan, built by the community and adopted by City Council in November 2015, identifies many priorities that will shape the work of our public art program over the coming years. Specifically, the plan calls for a “focus on the expression of culture and creativity in the public realm through public art, the urban landscape, culture in the neighborhoods and serendipitous encounters with the arts.”

Cities large and small have shown that integrating public art into the fabric of a place significantly contributes to the cultural and economic vibrancy and traditions of its community.

Working together with you, the city will create thoughtfully designed public spaces and encounters with art across Boulder. The Office of Arts and Culture will lead in commissioning and maintaining a public art collection. The office will encourage a high standard of public inquiry, strategic and thoughtful selection processes that include



community engagement and an ability to take risks that result in a variety and diversity of artworks.

“A diverse and dynamic collection of artworks in our public places is an important part of a great city,” said Matt Chasansky, manager of Boulder’s Office of Arts and Culture. “Our community has high expectations about the way Boulder will look, and they expect good conversations about the visual aspects of our growth. A sophisticated and effective public art program is critical to how we thoughtfully design our urban spaces.”

“Experiments in Public Art” is the first project. Ten artists will participate in this project, with thought-provoking and interactive experiments appearing in public places in Boulder throughout the year.

These artists – local, national and international – were selected, in part, because they use concepts and materials that extend beyond the notion of traditional public art.

To learn more about “Experiments in Public Art” and the public art program, visit our booth at the Boulder County Farmers Market on Wednesday, Aug. 17, where you can join new Public Art Coordinator Mandy Vink with fellow friends and neighbors in a brief conversation about reinventing the city’s public art program.

For more details and to stay informed on all upcoming projects, visit www.boulderarts.org or contact Mandy Vink at vinkm@bouldercolorado.gov.

Get ready for rain barrels

Colorado gets the OK to collect rainwater

Rain barrels are coming soon to Colorado! New legislation, which goes into effect on Aug. 10, will make rain barrels legal in Colorado. And here in Boulder, we're getting ready.



The new legislation will allow a maximum of two rain barrels – small, aboveground storage tanks that collect rainwater from rooftop gutter downspouts and stores it for use in a garden – with a combined storage of 110 gallons or less at each residential property.

Only residential properties and multi-family residences with four or fewer units will be permitted to use rain barrels and they are limited to two. Additional information

will be available at bouldercolorado.gov/water/water-conservation as the legislation is implemented.

To help educate the community about the proper use of rain barrels and to celebrate the passage of the legislation, the City of Boulder Water Conservation Program is planning a kick-off event this fall.

The Boulder Barrel Project will work with local artists and businesses to design and showcase professionally painted rain barrels from Aug. 10 through Sept. 10, culminating with an auction and evening event to be held on Sept. 15.

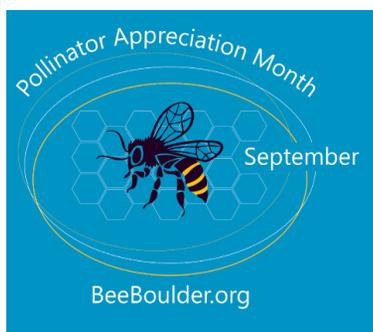
The project and event will be managed through a partnership with Open Studios, with additional support from the Center for ReSource Conservation and Boulder Housing Partners.

Collectively, these non-profits support arts, water conservation and low-income housing in the Boulder community. Proceeds will go back to these local non-profits and artists.

For more information about the Boulder Barrel Project, visit www.boulderbarrelproject.com.

Boulder becomes abuzz about bees and butterflies

You probably know honey bees, bumblebees, butterflies and hummingbirds are essential for the health of the wildflowers around Boulder and the plants in your garden. But did you know these pollinators also help keep ecosystems, such as meadows and forests, healthy and diverse? Or that they play an important role in agriculture and ensuring a sustainable food supply?



Those are some of the reasons Boulder will celebrate Pollinator Appreciation Month in September. The month will be filled with fun and informative events, like a special concert for kids on Sunday, Sept. 18, as part of Downtown Boulder's Fall Fest, or the Bee Boulder Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24, in Central Park.

Nature lovers also will get the chance to take garden tours, get up-close looks at hives and collect seeds from native wildflowers growing in Boulder's open spaces. There even will be honey-themed drinks and food at local restaurants.

Learn more about pollinators and check the schedule of events online at BeeBoulder.org.



Coalition amplifies Boulder's voice

When it comes to climate action in Boulder, we sometimes hear that “Boulder is too small to make a difference.”

While we're proud of the work we've done in our community, including building successful energy efficiency, transportation and zero waste programs aimed at reducing harmful emissions, we also recognize that when we work with others, our impact is multiplied.

That's why Boulder is committed to building relationships and partnerships with communities in our region and across the country. One recent example of this climate collaboration is the newly formed Colorado Communities for Climate Action, or CC4CA.

In May, the City of Boulder became a founding member of CC4CA, an organization that gives local governments an opportunity to collaborate on climate policy. Members of CC4CA include large and small communities and counties from across Colorado: Aspen, Boulder, Fort Collins, Golden, Eagle, Vail and Telluride, along with Boulder, San Miguel and Pitkin counties. The coalition works to influence state and federal climate actions and support measures that complement what's already happening at the local level.

“Alone, our communities can make small gains to com-

bat climate change, but real progress will come when we all work together,” said Boulder's Regional Sustainability Coordinator Jonathan Koehn. “State and federal policy makers have a huge role to play, but it's important that cities have a seat at that table, and CC4CA is working to protect that seat.”

Though just starting to establish its influence, the young coalition has its sights set on big policy wins. The group plans to make its first major push in the 2017 Colorado State Legislative session. Its initial priorities include advocating for an effective state plan to comply with the federal Clean Power Plan, encouraging the state to pursue more aggressive state climate actions and engaging regulatory agencies to represent local interests in climate protection, energy efficiency and clean energy. Each of these goals is a top priority for Boulder and other members of CC4CA.

“This coalition can demonstrate leadership by implementing strategies to confront climate change and laying the groundwork for broader action at the state and national levels,” Koehn said.

More information is available at www.CC4CA.org. For a list of Boulder's climate collaboration efforts, visit www.BoulderColorado.gov/Climate/Collaboration.

TRANSIT TIP

Real-time transit info at your fingertips

Whether you JUMP, SKIP, DASH or ride other Regional Transportation District (RTD) local transit routes to travel in and around Boulder, catching your bus is now easier than ever. Real-time and scheduled transit information is available at the touch of a button with a number of mobile apps – including Google Maps.

Apps enabled with real-time information allow you to know where your bus is and when it will arrive at your stop. To learn more about RTD's real-time information, visit www.rtd-denver.com/mobile.shtml.

In late 2015, RTD released real-time transit information to the public, including arrival predictions for all RTD local buses. RTD also published vehicle location information on all fixed bus routes and made the data available to third-party developers to support the creation of mobile applications. Additionally, City of Boulder staff is currently working



with RTD to integrate the HOP transit route real-time information into RTD's information system. Until then, HOP real-time information is available at www.boulder-bustracker.com or by downloading the CU Bus Tracker application for iOS or Android smart phone systems.



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GET OUTSIDE

Discover Marshall Mesa

Marshall Mesa is located south of Boulder and is the site of some of the oldest coal mines in Colorado. Today, hikers can still see several mine entrances and the old railroad grade that passed through town. Besides a wealth of history, Marshall Mesa is a great place to enjoy birds and wildflowers.

For more information about recreational opportunities from the Marshall Mesa Trailhead, visit bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/marshall-mesa-trailhead. Visit naturehikes.org for OSMP staff and volunteer guided hikes of the area.



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