

# Making Boulder stronger, wiser

When it comes to evaluating risks here in Boulder, we don't have to look very far back in time. Recent events include wildfires and floods – natural disasters that have resulted in significant destruction.

Forecasters tell us these continue to be real threats, especially as the impacts of climate change become more evident.

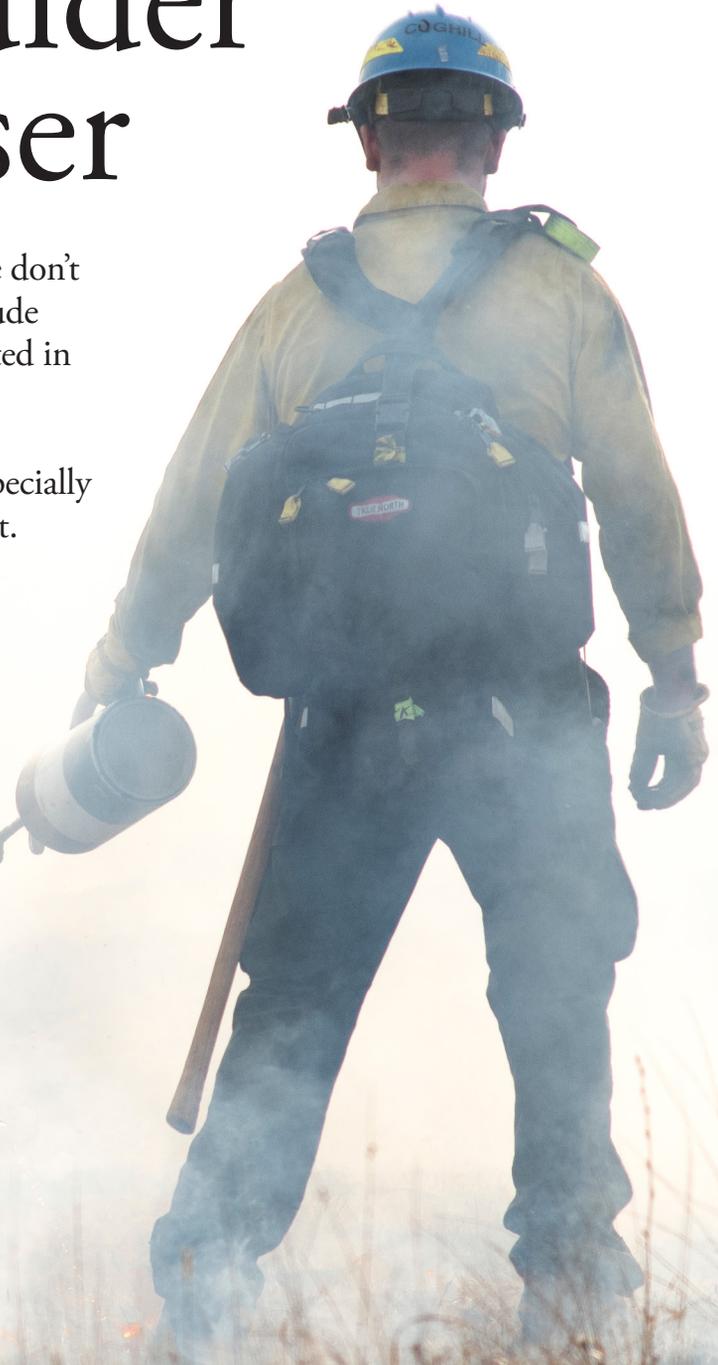
But sudden events like these are not the only dangers we face. Chronic stresses, like the city's affordable housing issues, social inequity and the possibility of economic downturns, could also affect us.

While avoiding risks may not be possible, we can control how we prepare for them. That is the focus of the City of Boulder's newly drafted resilience strategy.

The document is the result of an 18-month effort that began when the city was chosen as one of the inaugural participants in 100 Resilient Cities, a global initiative pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation. 100 Resilient Cities provided funding for a chief resilience officer, as well as a unique network and learning opportunity involving other city participants and a variety of technical partners.

The draft strategy, available at [ResilientBoulder.com](http://ResilientBoulder.com), was informed both by the city's participation in this valuable program and by local stakeholder engagement. It identifies three strategic areas of focus: connect and prepare; partner and innovate; and transform and integrate.

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# Exciting summer plans for Civic Area

The Boulder Civic Area will be buzzing with activity as the City of Boulder announces its busiest summer event schedule ever.

Offerings produced or permitted by the city include art events, concerts, opera, ballet performances and more. The Civic Area will also host a full slate of larger events this season, including the Boulder Creek Festival, Summerfest and the popular Ironman. And there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the highly successful Boulder Farmers' Market on Saturdays and Wednesdays throughout the season.

"This busy schedule capitalizes on all the other great happenings downtown, engaging the public in new ways and testing the interests of our community," said Parks and Recreation Director Yvette Bowden. "We hope that the family-friendly lineup has something for everyone."

Bowden is part of the newly formed Civic Area Management, Operations and Funding team, which has been working to enliven the area, study maintenance and sustainability options, and explore potential public-private partnerships to achieve the Civic Area vision.

The voter-approved Community, Culture and Safety tax will invest an estimated \$8.7 million for the Phase 1 "park



at the core" construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in late September. "This activity builds momentum for and awareness of the Civic Area," said Bowden. "We will continue to schedule

activities throughout Phase 1 and hope people follow both the project and the planned fun."

"We are all excited," said Library and Art Director David Farnan, a member of the team. "It's all part of a coordinated effort to answer the call from community members who want to see the entire area and offered activities enhanced."

Farnan pointed out that increased park activities will complement happenings in the library, such as the popular BLDG 61: Boulder Library Makerspace. "I'm looking forward to the growth of The Jaipur Literature Festival – more evidence of the Civic Area's indoor and outdoor vibrancy."

Groundbreaking and park construction will begin after Labor Day and include a natural play area, enhanced event areas, a new 11th Street bridge over Boulder Creek and improved access to the creek.

## EVENTS

**June 18:** Summer Sounds Family Concert Series

**June 19:** Ballet in the Park 2016

**June 25:** Community Energy Fair

**July 2 to July 4:** Boulder Art and Jazz Festival

**July 9 to July 10:** Figment Festival

**July 10:** Boulder Market

**July 22:** Nerf Battle Zone: Summer Dart Tag

**July 23:** Summer Sounds Family Concert Series

**July 30:** Summerfest

**Aug. 7:** Ironman

**Aug. 20:** Opera in the Park

**Aug. 27:** Summer Sounds Family Concert Series

# The power of partnerships



**JANE BRAUTIGAM**  
CITY MANAGER

One of the things I like best about working in local government is that there are so many different opportunities to impact our community for the better. Libraries, recreation centers, roads, water treatment, safety and emergency preparedness, supporting local

businesses, human services: these are just a few areas our employees focus on every day.

These core functions are critically important – as are the many additional programs the city offers – and we could not do it alone. While we benefit from generous voters, our resources are not endless, and difficult decisions often need to be made about priorities. We know that it can be difficult for residents to attend public meetings, and that our opportunity to engage is magnified when we pair with non-governmental groups. And then, there's the issue of creativity. More minds in a room – and more perspectives at the table – lead to fresh solutions to challenges.

That is why I see so much value in partnerships. In this newsletter alone, you'll see many examples of Boulder working with others. We are leveraging funding and expertise, collaborating on new approaches, exerting coordinated and strategic influence and creating a collective vision for our future.

The city's draft resilience strategy is a perfect example.

By joining forces with 100 Resilient Cities, a global effort pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation, the city was able to leverage dedicated funding and tap into an invaluable shared learning network. By partnering with technical experts and understanding best practices that other cities are using, we have developed a draft strategy that takes into account a wide variety of stresses and the inter-relationships between them.

On page 9, you'll read about the exciting Knight Cities Challenge award. This is an initiative that draws upon community resources and relationships to address the environmental and logistical issues associated with Emerald Ash Borer-infested wood, while also providing vocational and life-changing opportunities to community members who need a hand up.

The Heads Up Boulder crosswalk safety effort is another initiative that draws its success from a meaningful partnership. In its case, City of Boulder police and officers with the CU Police Department team up to help keep pedestrians, cyclists and motorists safe. By making this a priority of both departments, we are able to increase the number of crosswalk ambassadors on our streets.

And lastly, I want to recognize the importance of partnering with our own community – with those we serve. As we prepare to launch a vigorous planning process around the newly obtained Alpine-Balsam site, for example, we'll be seeking input, ideas and concerns from the many stakeholders and partners who will make this project a success.

Please join us in recognizing and participating in the many partnership opportunities we offer – and bring new ones to our attention. We can do so much more together!

## 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](http://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](mailto:communitynewsletter@bouldercolorado.gov). We will re-evaluate the community interest in this as we near the completion of the two-year pilot program.

*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:*

## HOLLACE WESTFELDT

### Victim Advocate



If she had her way, Hollace Westfeldt would have her daily schedule charted out for the foreseeable future, with no alarms and no surprises along the way. There is one very notable exception, which involves her role as a volunteer for the Victim Advocate program with the City of Boulder Police Department.

“I’d be happy if the rest of my life could be planned out on a calendar, but I am able to go with the flow when that pager goes off. I don’t know why that is,” Westfeldt said. “You never know what’s going to happen, and everybody has a different reaction, but I am always ready when they call.”

Victim advocates such as Westfeldt act as an informational resource and provide short-term support for those suffering through the initial stages of a traumatic event, everything from domestic violence and stalking to burglary and homicide. The work is very serious, and very necessary, and Westfeldt feels blessed to be a part of the program.

“It just really speaks to me,” she said. “I want to give back to all the people who have given to me. Along the way I’ve learned a great deal about helping people through very difficult times.”

Westfeldt, who worked at the Boulder Public Library for 24 years before retiring, has spent a lifetime volunteering and first started as a victim advocate in 2006. She didn’t get a single call for the first eight months before her pager went off five times in a single week. Nobody knows what is going to happen at any given moment, but Westfeldt and the other 50 or so volunteers are prepared for anything.

“Although we do only short-term crisis intervention, we help people figure out who to contact and how, and we work as liaisons between the victims and witnesses and law

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Victim Advocate program started in 1986 after a group of community members realized there was a need to support victims and their loved ones after a serious incident where police are called. Volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and respond when they are paged by police officers, firefighters, the coroner’s office or hospital staff. Victim advocates make a one-year commitment and are required to complete 40 hours of intensive training, which covers crisis intervention, community resources, active listening and emotional responses to grief and trauma.

enforcement officers,” said Susan Townley, victim services coordinator for the Boulder Police Department. “We will respond to any crime or critical incident if officers think we are needed. I think the impact is huge.”

Westfeldt credited the entire Boulder Police Department for their hard work and Townley in particular for her dedication to the Victim Advocate program. “I have a tremendous amount of respect for the Boulder Police Department, from top to bottom. And Susan is always available around the clock to support the team and offers on-going training opportunities.”

To volunteer or learn more about the program, visit [bouldercolorado.gov/police/victim-services](http://bouldercolorado.gov/police/victim-services) or contact Susan Townley at [townleys@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:townleys@bouldercolorado.gov).

**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](mailto:communitynewsletter@bouldercolorado.gov).

# A new vision for hospital site

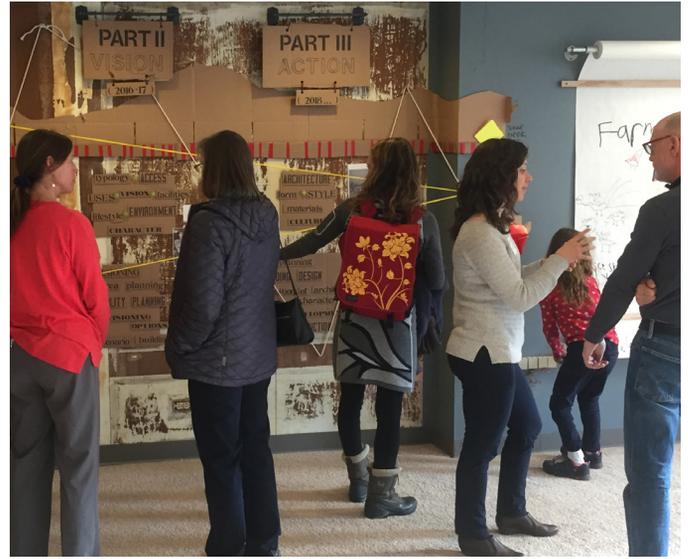
The stories of generations of Boulderites began at Boulder Community Hospital. Now that its campus on Broadway has been acquired by the city, a new story has begun, with the city and community partnering to give birth to an exciting project that will be a legacy for generations to come.

Boulder purchased the site in 2015 after Boulder Community Health relocated its acute care services to its new Foothills hospital in East Boulder. The nonprofit put the 8.8-acre campus on Broadway between Alpine and Balsam avenues up for sale, creating one of the biggest redevelopment opportunities in Boulder. Planning for this opportunity is part of a project now called “a Boulder Community Project: Alpine-Balsam,” or Alpine-Balsam for short.

This is an opportunity that might not come again – which is why City Council voted to acquire the site to ensure the property remains a community asset and that the future redevelopment fits the community’s vision and goals. Furthermore, the BCH-Broadway campus and the Boulder Civic Area provide options for accomplishing a number of city priorities, including ways to consolidate and make more efficient the delivery of city services.

The planning phase of the Alpine-Balsam project is just getting started and will involve extensive public participation over the next few years that will inform changes to the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and that result in design guidelines and goals that will shape discussions of future uses for the property.

The city has launched a “storytelling” project to capture the history and character of the site. Members of the community are sharing their memories of the hospital, in the form of written notes, photos, artwork and audio/visual recordings. The home base for this phase is an interactive engagement space within the Brenton Building, 1136 Alpine St. (2nd



**Community members discuss the Alpine-Balsam project at an April 18 kick-off event at the engagement space at the Brenton Building, 1136 Alpine Ave.**

floor). Staff is working with the Carnegie Branch Library for Local History and Boulder Community Health to help ensure memories of the site and surrounding neighborhood are captured and honored, both at the Brenton space and online, as Boulder looks to the future.

Currently, the majority of the BCH-Broadway site is still being used by BCH and other tenants per the terms of the sale, but by the end of 2017, all tenants are scheduled to transfer out of the site. One building will be available to the city in September of this year for renovations.

There are a number of ways you can follow the Alpine-Balsam project and get involved. Visit the project website at [bouldercolorado.gov/Planning/AlpineBalsam](http://bouldercolorado.gov/Planning/AlpineBalsam) for the latest events and project status information. Email any questions to [AlpineBalsam@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:AlpineBalsam@bouldercolorado.gov).



## Get caught for all the right reasons

The Boulder Police Department has teamed up with Parks and Recreation to recognize Boulder’s shooting stars.

Officers are issuing “stars” to young people caught in the act of being great community members, entitling them to a free day-

pass to any of the city’s recreation centers.

Appropriate offenses include, but are not limited to, being neighborly, wearing a bicycle helmet, observing crosswalk rules and participating in a positive activity in the community.

# How safe is your home?



**MICHAEL CALDERAZZO**  
BOULDER FIRE CHIEF

Every day, Boulder Fire-Rescue's (BFR) Community Risk Reduction team delivers critical life safety education and prevention-related activities. Our goal is to reduce the number of accidents and injuries in Boulder as much as possible. With

that in mind, we deliver a number of services that many in Boulder may be unaware of.

For instance, BFR offers fire safety materials and programming to school-age children as a way of educating both them and their families. Our business inspection program and our extinguisher training sessions help many Boulder businesses operate more safely.

Wildland safety, residential smoke alarm installations, car seat inspections, compression CPR training and our biannual citizens' police and fire academies are all designed to teach critical life safety skills to volunteers and familiarize those living in Boulder with the broad array of response and prevention services we provide.

These efforts are tremendous, but we know we can make Boulder an even safer place for all residents and visitors.

After Boulder experienced a tragic fire-related death in October 2014, we made it a priority to redouble our community risk reduction efforts in 2015 and beyond. In one neighborhood, for instance, we helped install smoke alarms in more than 50 homes.

Moreover, last year City Council approved adding an additional life safety educator to our workforce so we can broaden the reach of our existing programs and focus effort

on the community's areas of higher risk.

One such area, believe it or not, involves our own homes. You may be surprised to know that accidents in the home are among the leading causes of death and injury in the United States. Unfortunately, in many cases a simple fix could have prevented the accidents from occurring at all.

Smoke alarms, for example, are easy to test and relatively easy to replace; yet many recent home fires in Boulder revealed the lack of this simple and inexpensive safety device. In some cases, the alarms were present but no longer in working order. Many are surprised to learn that smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced entirely.

So, this is where I need your help as your fire chief. Together, we can reduce the potential for accidents and injuries in our homes, and there are things you can do now to greatly reduce those risks. We've designed a home safety checklist to help you walk through your home, locate safety-related issues and take corrective action if necessary. The walkthrough and checklist should take an hour or less and would be time well spent in home accident prevention.

We are available if you'd like our help with the survey or would like an assisted walkthrough. Just call 303-441-4355 and we can answer questions or set up an appointment. Home Safety Checklists are available on our website at [bouldercolorado.gov/fire-rescue/home-safety-check](http://bouldercolorado.gov/fire-rescue/home-safety-check).

While it is my sincere hope that neither you nor your family ever experiences a life-threatening emergency in your home or elsewhere, please know that our dedicated Boulder Fire-Rescue professionals are always available and will work quickly and diligently to help you in your time of need.

However, let's take action now to reduce the threat of residential accidents and injuries and help make Boulder the safest community in the country.

Every year, bears venture into Boulder looking for food. Bears that find food lose their fear of people and can become a public safety concern. Help save a bear's life by taking some simple steps to ensure they can't find food in town.

### IF YOU SEE A BEAR IN BOULDER



#### Leave it alone and stay away!

Bears are generally cautious and nonaggressive and usually shy away from people when given the chance.

**Don't hang out taking pictures!** That can habituate bears to people.



If you're a safe distance away, **yell or bang pots and pans.** Teach the bear urban areas aren't safe or comfortable places.



### PROTECT BEARS & YOUR WALLET -- SECURE WASTE!

Boulder's bear protection ordinance requires all residents and businesses west of Broadway and south of Sumac to secure waste from bears at all times.

#### Fines for Failing to Secure Waste

*There will be no warnings!*

First offense ..... \$250

Second offense ..... \$500

Third offense ..... \$1,000

**321** SUMMONSES ISSUED in 2015 for not securing waste from bears

### IF THE BEAR IS AGGRESSIVE

Call it in! If you see a bear entering or attempting to enter a building or displaying aggressive behavior toward people such as gnashing teeth or bluff charging, call the Police Department's non-emergency line at 303-441-3333.



**If it's an immediate threat to a person, call 911.**

### TO MAKE A REPORT

**If the bear is still around,** call the police non-emergency line and tell us the location and what it's doing. **If the bear has left,** go to [bouldercolorado.gov/wildlife](http://bouldercolorado.gov/wildlife) for instructions. Police or Colorado Parks and Wildlife might not respond unless the bear is aggressive.

Bears in town might be relocated or killed to protect the public. Boulder relies on wildlife experts with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to make those tough decisions, which they don't make lightly.

More than **500 reports** of a bear in town in 2015

**6 bears relocated.**

**1 bear killed** due to safety concerns. **1 bear died** during relocation attempt.

*Help reduce the number of bears relocated or killed!*

### BE BEAR SMART

Follow these tips and help protect bears:

**DO** use bear-resistant trash and compost bins. Shut the latch, and don't overstuff it.

**DO** pick ripe fruit from trees and don't let it rot on the ground.

**DO** remove bird feeders and clean up spilled seeds.

**DON'T** leave animal food or dishes outdoors.

**DON'T** put meat or sweet stuff in compost piles.



For information about co-existing with bears and securing waste, go to [bouldercolorado.gov/wildlife](http://bouldercolorado.gov/wildlife)

# Fact-finding mission to Oregon

## A council member's experience

The recent trip to Portland and Eugene by a diverse mix of city representatives was a great learning experience. The first benefit was getting to know each other: homeless advocates, neighborhood representatives, city board members, staff,



Council Member  
**Jan Burton**

non-profit and business leaders and five members of the Boulder City Council. We heard presentations, visited homeless shelters, ate at food trucks, took biking tours and got up at 5:30 a.m. for our bus to Eugene. No, this wasn't a leisure trip!

I was impressed that Portland has declared a housing emergency, and they've taken very real steps to address it: cutting funding in other departments and moving money to fund housing initiatives, streamlining codes and planning processes, opening up zoning for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and other housing types, and integrating affordable housing.

Transit is key to Portland's planning, and their goal is to provide enough density and economic development to ensure success of multi-modal transit.

Twenty-four out of 96 Portland neighborhoods are deemed "complete walkable," meaning schools, parks, shopping and local amenities are within a 15-minute walking distance of homes. A "Neighborhood Greenway" system supports safe and leisurely biking, and a ride through neighborhoods shows unique and tasteful diversity of housing types.

In Eugene, we met with a larger group of city staff and council members, and we toured some compelling "tiny home" communities developed for homeless. These were

unique partnerships between the city, non-profit homeless advocacy organizations and the homeless themselves. They were not temporary tent camps, but were longer term, inexpensive facilities for people who desired services and assistance to improve their situation and take the next step.

Portland is a much larger city than Boulder, and their growth goals differ from ours. But we learned valuable lessons from the visits to both cities, and I believe we can apply some ideas. Takeaways for me include:

- The conversation changed between the city officials and homeless advocates. We saw ways we can make a difference if we'll work together.
- We should encourage neighborhoods to have proactive discussions around planning and zoning to develop "15-minute" neighborhoods.
- We should take steps to streamline our planning processes and lessen restrictions on certain types of housing like ADUs, small homes, row houses, etc., and work with urgency to solve the housing issue for the "missing middle."

These actions can improve our neighborhoods and make Boulder more diverse, more affordable and more compassionate. Lastly, it will help us achieve Boulder's Climate Action Plan.

Was the trip worth the money invested by the city, organizations and individuals? Absolutely. My brain was exploding with information and ideas I could never have gotten by surfing the net. If we can collaborate and execute one idea, it will be worth it.

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## TAKEAWAYS FROM OTHERS

### **Robin Bohannan**

*Director, Boulder County Community Services*

Many of the programs Boulder has to support homeless residents move into housing are provided much more inexpensively in Eugene and Portland due to the differences in land, existing building/housing stock and the ability to provide transitional housing in areas away from neighborhoods and schools.

### **Greg Harms**

*Executive Director, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless*

Portland seems to have more tools in the tool box for affordable housing and density, approaches such as ADUs, a higher number of unrelated people who could live in one property and other methods to boost density without just going up.

### **Patty Malesh**

*Neighborhood representative*

Portland and Eugene illustrate that compassion for the homeless can and should be a community value that can and should be backed by a fiscal and articulated commitment to city-based resource development and support for non-profit organizations who are positioned to do this work.

### **Darren O'Connor**

*Boulder Rights Watch*

Eugene works with a group called White Bird to bring in a person trained to address a person's needs rather than a police officer. Someone from White Bird shows up and engages the folks, deescalates the situation and works to find services that may help.

# Turning tree debris into opportunity

When Boulder's Tree Debris to Opportunity pilot is completed in 2018 and all the sawdust is swept up, there will be plenty of physical results. Items such as bread boards, wooden doormats and decorative boxes will have been crafted from just a few of the downed ash trees killed by the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle.

If all goes according to plan, there will be other, less tangible signs of accomplishment too. "What would mean success to me is that Bridge House apprentices who take part in this program leave with a sense of pride as well as a new or reinforced skillset for using shop equipment and specialized tools like the laser cutter and CNC machine," said Janet Hollingsworth, creative technologist at Boulder Public Library and the project's lead woodworker.

Thanks to a \$200,000 grant from Knight Cities Challenge, the City of Boulder, along with partner Bridge House, is launching a pilot designed to train members of the city's homeless population in a variety of woodworking skills while engaging the full community in solving the anticipated challenges related to the invasive beetle. Thirty-seven cities out of a pool of 4,500 applicants were awarded grants for projects ranging from \$4,400 to \$385,000.

The project addresses more than one challenge: what to do with beetle-infested wood, which cannot be exported out of Boulder County, and how to provide career and life skills to a vulnerable segment of our population.

"The Knight Foundation gift will go a long way in helping us spread the word about the Emerald Ash Borer's impact on our tree canopy," said Boulder Parks and Recreation Director Yvette Bowden, who submitted the challenge concept and whose department includes the city's forestry group. "Community members can take advantage of this pilot during open woodworking shops at the Library Maker Space, which we hope to launch in early 2017. Working together to craft usable materials from the tree trunks not only helps us reduce the debris yard, it further binds us together in addressing community-wide challenges."

The woodworking apprentices' final products are expected to be relatively inexpensive (most under \$50) and will be



**Community members learn more about the Tree Debris to Opportunity program and the Emerald Ash Borer beetle.**

available for sale later this year with proceeds contributing to the program's continuation after the pilot is concluded.

"This is a very cool project all around, and from our point of view the training and skill-building potential for our clients is just phenomenal," said Isabel McDevitt, executive director of Bridge House.

For information on the Emerald Ash Borer or the Tree Debris to Opportunity pilot, visit [bouldercolorado.gov/pages/emerald-ash-borer](http://bouldercolorado.gov/pages/emerald-ash-borer).

## Don't miss the fireworks!

Ralphie's Independence Day Blast is a great way to celebrate the July 4 festivities. Doors open at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 4, at Folsom Field for the annual fireworks extravaganza and other entertainment.

Certain items are not allowed into the stadium, including alcohol, hard-sided containers or any bags larger than 12 inches on any one side.

Visit [boulder4thofJuly.com](http://boulder4thofJuly.com) for a full list of prohibited items and other information.

## HOW TO: RECYCLE IN BOULDER

# I can recycle that?!? Tips and tricks

Boulder is home to a number of unique reuse and recycling facilities, and many of the items you might otherwise throw away can be recycled. Then again, some of the items we might think are recyclable really aren't. Let's do a quick review of some common items and where they should go.

**Anything with a plug.** Think electronics, cell phones and small appliances such as hair dryers, coffee makers and microwaves. Recycle things with plugs at Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) at 6400 Arapahoe Ave.

**Mattresses.** Including memory foam and mechanical, box springs and futons. Recycle your mattress at Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) at 6400 Arapahoe Ave.



**Milk and juice cartons.** Including so-called "tetra pak" containers, such as coconut water and kids' milk containers, which are made of a mixture of aluminum, plastic and paper. Conveniently recycle whole cartons (do not flatten them, just leave as is) in your curbside recycling bin.

**Paint.** Recycle paint at the Boulder County Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HMMF) at 1901c 63rd St.

PaintCare also offers more than 150 drop-off sites throughout Colorado. Visit [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org) to find a drop-off site near you.

**Rechargeable batteries.** Except alkaline batteries, which should go to the landfill. Recycle your rechargeable batteries at the Boulder County Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HMMF) at 1901c 63rd St.

## Special events in Boulder are now zero waste

From parades to concerts, festivals to athletic events, Boulder permits more than 200 special events each year with more than 250,000 attendees. Think Boulder Creek Festival, the Boulder Boulder and Ironman.

That's a lot of people, and often a lot of waste. This year, special events in Boulder are getting even more exciting. Thanks to new requirements, all city-permitted special events must be zero waste.

### What makes an event zero waste?

Zero waste doesn't actually mean that no waste is generated. Rather, it means that everything provided to attendees at the event can be recycled or composted, including food containers, cups, utensils, etc. Wherever there is a trash bin, there will also be bins for recyclable and compostable materials.

These zero waste stations will feature clear signage and will be staffed by volunteers to help people place items in the appropriate bin. Items discarded in the trash bin are those

that people bring with them to the event.

### Want to host your own zero waste event?

Everyone likes a party, but no one likes to see plates, cups and wrapping paper go from store to trash in a few hours. Make a statement by hosting a zero waste birthday, shower, picnic or party! Here's what you'll need to get started:

- Reusable or compostable service ware (plates, cups, utensils)
- Products with no or minimal packaging, or compostable and recyclable packaging
- Bins and bags for compost, recycling and landfill
- Good signage that shows what materials can be composted, recycled and landfilled.

More information? Go to [ZeroWasteBoulder.com](http://ZeroWasteBoulder.com) and click on "Special Events," or contact the city at 303-441-1931. Eco-Cycle also offers great information, planning support and zero waste party supplies for rental/purchase at [EcoCycle.org](http://EcoCycle.org) or 303-444-6634.

## RECICLAJE EN BOULDER: UNA GUÍA PRÁCTICA

# ¿Puedo reciclar eso? Consejos y trucos

Boulder es la sede de una cantidad de centros de reutilización y reciclaje singulares y muchas de las cosas que usted podría de otro modo botar pueden ser recicladas. Sin embargo, algunas de las cosas que creemos son reciclables en realidad no lo son. Hagamos una revisión rápida de algunas cosas comunes y dónde deben ir.

**Cualquier cosa con un enchufe.** Piense en electrónicos, celulares y pequeños aparatos como secadores de pelo, máquinas de café y microondas. Recicle las cosas con enchufe en Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) en 6400 Arapahoe Ave.

**Colchones.** Incluyendo de espuma con memoria y mecánicos, de resortes y futones. Recicle su colchón en Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) en 6400 Arapahoe Ave.



**Cartones de leche y jugo.** Incluyendo los contenedores llamados “tetra pak”, como los de agua de coco y leche para niños, que están hechos de una combinación de aluminio, plástico y papel. Recicle convenientemente los cartones enteros (no los aplaste) en su contenedor para reciclaje en la acera.

**Pintura.** Recicle la pintura en Boulder County Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HMMF) en 1901c 63rd St. PaintCare también ofrece más de 150 sitios de recolección en todo Colorado. Visite [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org) para encontrar un sitio de recolección cerca de usted.

**Baterías recargables.** Excepto las baterías alcalinas que deben ir al basurero. Recicle sus baterías recargables en Boulder County Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HMMF) en 1901c 63rd St.

## Los eventos especiales en Boulder ahora son de desperdicios cero

Desde desfiles a conciertos, festivales a eventos de atletismo, Boulder permite más de 200 eventos especiales cada año con más de 250,000 participantes. Piense en el Boulder Creek Festival, el Boulder Boulder y el Ironman.

Eso significa muchas personas y a menudo una gran cantidad de desperdicios. Este año, los eventos especiales en Boulder se vuelven incluso más emocionantes. Gracias a los nuevos requisitos, todos los eventos especiales permitidos por la ciudad deben ser de desperdicios cero.

### ¿Qué hace que un evento sea de desperdicios cero?

Desperdicios cero no significa que no se generen desperdicios. En vez de eso, significa que todo lo que se provee a los participantes de un evento puede ser reciclado o transformado en abono, incluyendo los contenedores de alimentos, las tazas, los utensilios, etc. Siempre que haya un contenedor de basura, también habrá contenedores para los materiales reciclables y para preparar abono.

Estas estaciones de desperdicios cero tendrán letreros claros y estarán acompañadas de voluntarios para ayudar a las per-

sonas a colocar los elementos en el contenedor apropiado. Lo que se desecha en la basura son las cosas que las personas traen consigo al evento.

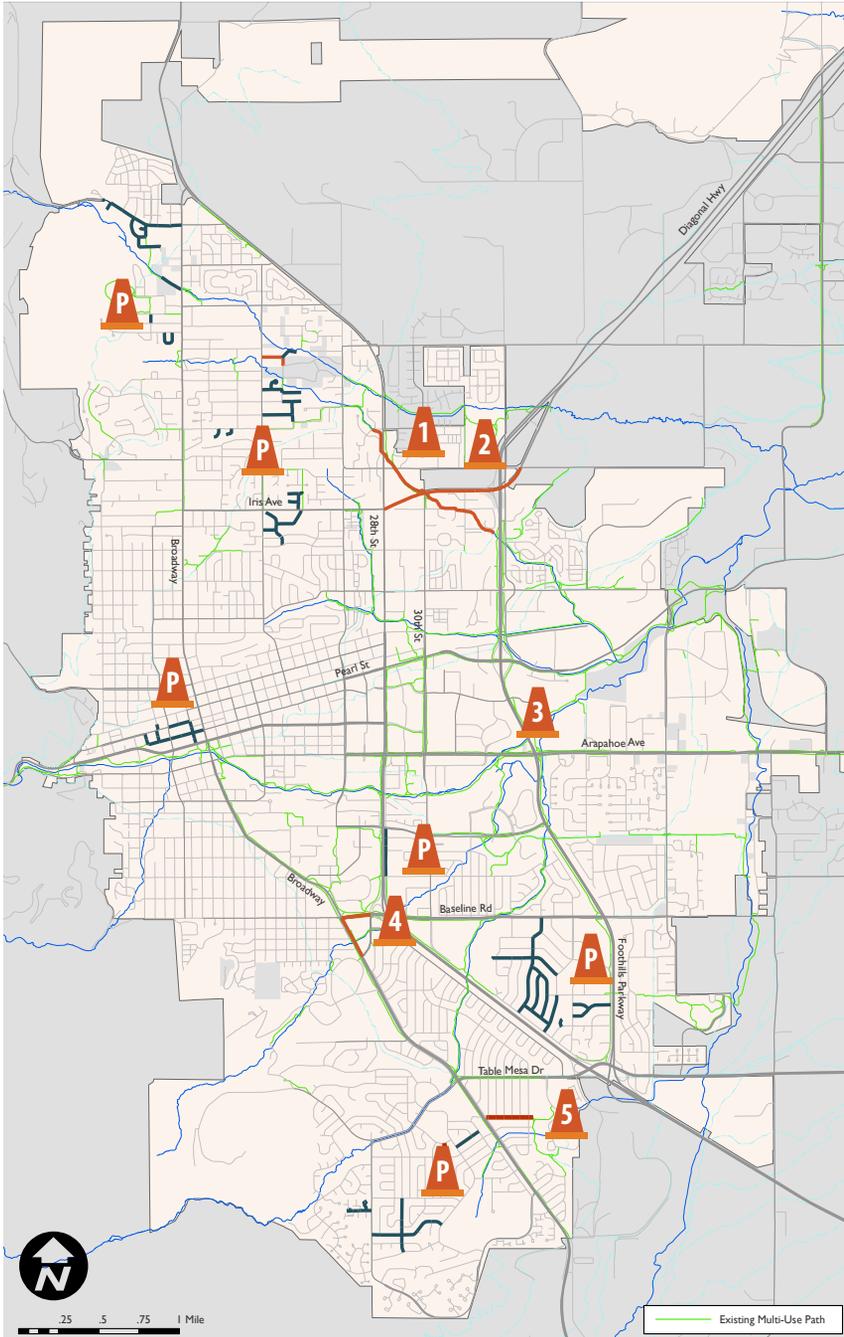
### ¿Quiere tener su propio evento de desperdicios cero?

A todo el mundo le gustan las fiestas, pero nadie quiere ver platos, vasos y papel de envoltorio ir de la tienda a la basura en unas pocas horas. ¡Marque la diferencia organizando un cumpleaños, una fiesta de regalos, un picnic o una reunión de desperdicios cero! Esto es lo que necesita para comenzar:

- Servicios para comer reutilizables o listos para preparar abono (platos, vasos, utensilios)
- Productos con nada o muy poco envoltorio o envoltorios que se puedan convertir en abono o reciclar
- Contenedores y bolsas para los productos que se pueden preparar en abono, reciclar y para la basura
- Buenos letreros que muestren qué materiales pueden usarse para abono, reciclarse y botarse a la basura.

¿Desea más información? Visite [ZeroWasteBoulder.com](http://ZeroWasteBoulder.com) y haga clic en “Special Events.”

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](http://bouldercolorado.gov/transportation) for more information about these and more upcoming projects in and around Boulder and check [BoulderConeZones.net](http://BoulderConeZones.net) for the latest construction updates.



**P Street resurfacing**  
*Multiple locations*

- **Duration:** Throughout the summer
- **Description:** This summer, 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](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/transportation/street-maintenance)). Concrete curb and gutter repair and curb access ramp upgrades have begun. Work to come includes removing the existing deteriorated asphalt surface, re-paving and striping replacement.
- **Impact:** Lane closures, parking restrictions.

**1 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.

**2 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.

**3 Boulder Creek at Arapahoe Avenue pedestrian bridge replacement.**  
*Boulder Creek at Arapahoe Avenue*

- **Duration:** Summer
- **Description:** Builds new pedestrian and bike bridge.
- **Impact:** Minimal, with no detours necessary.

**4 Baseline Underpass**  
*Baseline Road between Broadway and 27th Way*

- **Duration:** Spring 2016 through spring 2017
- **Description:** Builds underpass to replace current street-level pedestrian and bike crossing to improve safety.
- **Impact:** Lane closures in each direction, occasional full closures. Crosswalk will be closed. Bus stop and business access will remain open.

**5 Hanover Avenue multi-use path**  
*Hanover Avenue between Broadway and 46th Street*

- **Duration:** Spring to summer
- **Description:** Builds multi-use path along roadway, adds curb extensions and marked crosswalks.
- **Impact:** Lane narrowing, occasional closures. Pedestrian detours.

Visit [CoTrip.org](http://CoTrip.org) for information about Colorado Department of Transportation projects or [bouldercounty.org/roads/construction/pages/default.aspx](http://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.



# Baseline project aims for safer passage

There's soon to be a new addition to Boulder's transportation system, one that will benefit pedestrians, cyclists and drivers by improving safety, traffic flow and connections between streets and trails.

The city is building a pedestrian and bicycle underpass beneath Baseline Road between Broadway and 27th Way. The Baseline Underpass will give pedestrians and bicyclists a safer way to cross the busy stretch of Baseline Road near the U.S. 36 interchange and south of the University of Colorado-Boulder campus.

Separating cars, bicycles and pedestrians and removing the mid-block crossing will help improve safety and traffic flow for drivers, whether they're making a crosstown trip, leaving Boulder or coming home.

The Baseline Underpass project also will improve the links between several well-used multi-use paths, on-street bicycle lanes and sidewalks that connect many neighborhoods and join the improved multi-use path along Broadway to the Skunk Creek Greenway. The B-Cycle station has been relocated to a central location between transit stops on Broadway and Baseline.

The underpass will be a valuable addition to Boulder's transportation system, and it should be finished and open this year. On Baseline, the final vehicle lane configuration will be in place, and next spring crews will finish up paving and lane striping and add landscaping and public art.

Until everything wraps up in late spring, the construction might affect your drive, ride or walk. Crews will have to work below ground and on the road, which means drivers will have to shift lanes – and slow down. Occasionally there will be lane closures, but the street will remain open during the project.

Pedestrians, transit riders and cyclists will see detours. The shopping center will remain open and accessible with signed detours as construction requires. Signs will help everyone navigate the construction zone, and there are several ways you can get updates before you travel.

- Visit [BaselineRoad.net](http://BaselineRoad.net) for updates, information about the project and its benefits, and renderings of what it will look like when everything's complete in mid-2017.
- Go to [BoulderConeZones.net](http://BoulderConeZones.net) to find out the latest construction and traffic information.
- Sign up for the project email list for regular updates sent to your inbox. Visit [BaselineRoad.net](http://BaselineRoad.net) to subscribe.
- Watch the city's Twitter feed and Nextdoor page for postings.

The project will cost about \$5.4 million, with \$500,000 of the budget coming from city transportation funds. Boulder won a grant of more than \$4 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation following a highly competitive vetting process, and the state is contributing \$800,000 to the project. For more information, please go to [BaselineRoad.net](http://BaselineRoad.net).

# Make your block party even better

Are you looking to throw a party in your neighborhood this summer? The City of Boulder just made it easier!

Boulder Neighborhood Services is delighted to introduce a new resource: the neighborhood block party trailer. The trailer is available on a weekend reservation basis, free of charge, for neighborhood events. It is stocked with tables, chairs, picnic tables, coolers and games – including hula hoops, jump ropes, balls, washers, ladder ball and more.

One of the best perks of the trailer, for those neighborhoods that have longstanding experience with closing streets, the required Type III barricades are included in the trailer, also at no charge! City staff will deliver the trailer to the requested site on Friday and come retrieve it Monday morning. For more information and to reserve the trailer for your neighborhood block party, please go to [boulder.colorado.gov/neighborhoods](http://boulder.colorado.gov/neighborhoods). It will be made available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Even though barricades are provided in the trailer, you must still gain permission to close a street, so take notice of the permit information provided on the site. Also, please take



**The new neighborhood block party trailer is ready and available to make your summer event just that much better.**

advantage of the \$1,000 Spark Grant opportunities and let the city support your next neighborhood event or project.

Any questions or ideas should be sent to Amanda Nagl, Boulder's neighborhood liaison, [nagla@boulder.colorado.gov](mailto:nagla@boulder.colorado.gov).

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## RESILIENCE from Page 1

Under each of these is a series of initiatives, 15 total, that will make our community stronger – no matter the pressures we face.

“As we worked to develop a strategy for Boulder, we did not want a static plan that would sit on a shelf. We wanted to build systems that will serve us long into the future and allow us to adapt to a variety of challenges,” said Boulder’s Chief Resilience Officer Greg Guibert. “This strategy calls for action – and integration across the city organization and with community partners.”

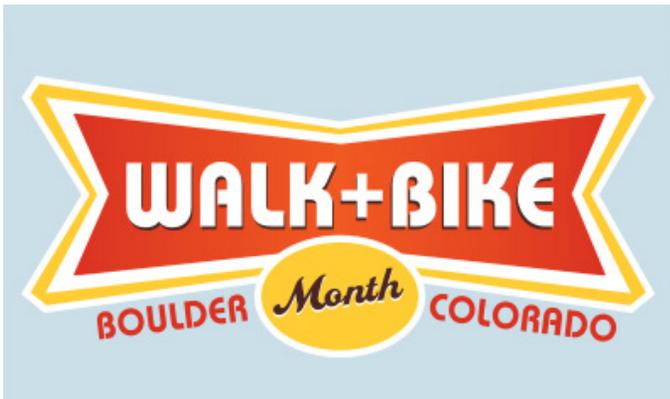
Among the most exciting are three areas that are considered frontiers. These include two efforts that already are underway: prioritizing city investments in capital projects that promote resilience and envisioning an energy future that draws on more renewable sources of energy and reduces our dependence on fossil fuels and the electrical grid.

The third area – the first of its kind in the 100 Resilient Cities network – will be to create an adaptive social service network that helps identify, and pro-actively address, “tipping points” that can lead to homelessness.

There is not enough space here to describe every initiative, but here are a few more: engaging businesses in post-disaster planning; conducting a local food security assessment; promoting open and crowd-sourced data; creating community resilience centers; and preparing an integrated urban ecosystem management plan.

There is strength in numbers, in community and in preparation. If you are interested in learning more about resilience-building efforts or have ideas about other partnership opportunities, please email us at [resilientboulder@boulder.colorado.gov](mailto:resilientboulder@boulder.colorado.gov). For more information about 100 Resilient Cities, please visit [100ResilientCities.org](http://100ResilientCities.org).

Challenges are a part of today’s reality, but together, we’re finding solutions!



## Walk and Bike in June

Among the largest event of its kind in the nation, Boulder's annual Walk and Bike Month honors the community's unique and nationally recognized bicycling and pedestrian culture. Walk and Bike Month offers a diverse list of more than 60 free community events for adults and children alike, including mountain bike rides, running activities, scavenger hunts, historical walking tours, hikes and more.

Key events during this year's Boulder Walk and Bike Month include:

- **June 5:** Circle Boulder by Bicycle (B360 & 180 rides), featuring Boulder's extensive bikeway system
- **June 5 to June 11:** Love to Ride Challenge through [lovetoride.net/boulder](http://lovetoride.net/boulder)
- **June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** Walking Wednesdays
- **June 18:** U.S. 36 Bikeway grand opening
- **June 22:** Bike to Work Day, including 50 breakfast stations
- **July 8:** New Belgium Clips Beer and Film Tour

Now in its 40th year, Bike to Work Day on June 22 will include almost 50 breakfast stations around Boulder, serving free food and drink to an estimated 7,000 participants expected to ride or walk to work that day.

Walk and Bike Month is presented by GO Boulder, a team within the city's Transportation Division, which is focused on enhancing the city's multi-modal transportation system and reducing single-occupancy automobile usage. Community Cycles, which coordinates the month-long program of biking and pedestrian activities, is a local nonprofit organization that educates and advocates for safe bicycle use. Walk and Bike Month is also supported by many generous corporate sponsors.

View the full list of events and get involved today by visiting [WalkandBikeMonth.org](http://WalkandBikeMonth.org).

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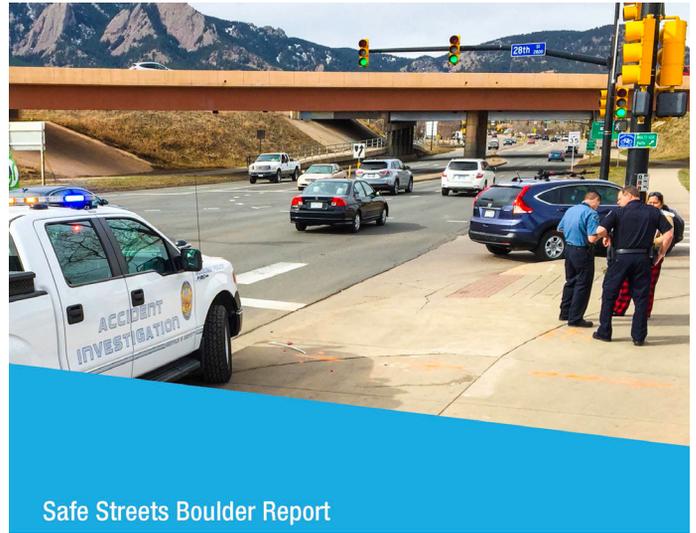


# Stay safe out there

The community's vision to eliminate fatal and serious-injury collisions is part of the 2014 Transportation Master Plan's "Toward Vision Zero" objective. It reflects a national and worldwide movement to innovate and use a data-driven, interdisciplinary approach to improving safety across the city's transportation systems

The safety of Boulder's streets and multi-use paths is a top priority. That's why the city continuously collects and evaluates traffic collision data as part of its ongoing work to make sure Boulder's roads and multi-use paths are safe for everyone, whether they walk, bike, bus or drive. The results of that work can be seen in the 2016 Safe Streets Boulder report, which is now online at [SafeStreetsBoulder.com](http://SafeStreetsBoulder.com).

The report examines data for traffic collisions occurring between 2009 and 2014. The findings are being used to help



advance education, engineering, education and enforcement strategies the city will use to reduce collisions. You can read more about Toward Vision Zero at [SafeStreetsBoulder.com](http://SafeStreetsBoulder.com) and in the 2014 Transportation Report on Progress, online at [BoulderColorado.gov/transportation](http://BoulderColorado.gov/transportation).

## TRANSIT TIP



### HEADS UP BOULDER MIND THE CROSSWALK

Have a great summer and please remember that there are three new city traffic ordinances to help keep you safe at crosswalks.



#### STOP & WAIT

Stop when another car has yielded at a crosswalk



#### 8 IS GREAT

8 mph speed limit or less in crosswalks



#### ACTIVATE

Activate the lights at flashing crosswalks

[safestreeetsboulder.com](http://safestreeetsboulder.com)

BOULDER  
**SAFE  
STREETS**

## Heads Up Boulder!

Thousands of people use Boulder's sidewalks, multi-use paths, streets and trails to exercise, shop or travel to school or work every day. The City of Boulder encourages all participants in the community's transportation system – pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers – to be safe.

You can help improve pedestrian safety in the community by following the city's three crosswalk-safety ordinances:

- **Stop and Wait** stipulates that when one vehicle yields to a person in a crosswalk, another vehicle traveling the same direction in an adjacent lane must also stop.
- **8 Is Great** establishes a speed limit of 8 mph for bicyclists when approaching, entering and while in any crosswalk that spans a roadway.
- **Activate** requires a pedestrian to activate a flashing yellow crosswalk signs (where available) before entering a crosswalk.

Be aware that there are fines for violating any of the three crosswalk ordinances, ranging from \$50 to \$125. Drivers may also receive points against their license.

For information about the city's education and outreach programs that support crosswalk safety or to read the Safe Streets Boulder report, visit [BoulderTransportation.net](http://BoulderTransportation.net).

# Finding space

## Neighborhood Parking Permit program strives for balance

Did you know the city has a permit program for public street parking in some neighborhoods?

The Neighborhood Parking Permit (NPP) program was adopted by council in May 1997 and is designed to balance preserving neighborhood character and providing public access to the community. In certain parts of the city, such as near downtown Boulder, high schools and the University of Colorado, public street parking is in high demand and at certain times blocks may be completely parked with cars from outside the neighborhood. This can impact the ability of neighborhood residents and visitors to park on the public streets near homes. The NPP program seeks to balance these uses of public street parking through permits and time restrictions.

NPP parking restrictions limit on-street parking for vehicles without a parking permit. Vehicles without a permit may park in a zone one time only per day for up to the posted time limit and may not re-park in that zone again on the same day. Vehicles with a valid permit are exempt from these posted parking restrictions. Currently there are 11 zones in the City of Boulder: Whittier, Mapleton, University Hill, East Ridge, Columbine, Fairview, Goss Grove, Sunset, University Heights, West Pearl and Aurora. In

2015, 2,469 resident permits, 32 business permits and 349 commuter permits were sold across these 11 zones.

There are two ways to initiate the creation or expansion of an NPP zone: By a neighborhood resident petition or by the city manager. All existing NPPs, including recent new and expanded zones, have been initiated by resident request.

Once we receive a petition, staff conducts studies to determine whether an NPP zone will be established or expanded and what its boundaries should be. This determination is based on gathering and reviewing parking data and referring to the code and regulations regarding the establishment of NPPs. We also send out a mailing requesting feedback to all addresses within the proposed area and those within a block of the proposed area.

A public hearing at the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is also required. TAB can recommend to the city manager that the zone be established, that it be established with certain modifications, or that it not be established. The city manager communicates to council the manager's final plan; if council does not call up this plan within 30 days, the manager may establish the zone.

In recent months, staff has received requests for NPP zones from residents whose neighborhoods do not neatly fit within the existing NPP program. City staff will begin a review of the existing NPP program and possible changes in the third quarter of 2016, and we hope the public will get involved in this process. To learn more about our NPP program and zones, visit [bouldercolorado.gov/parking-services/neighborhood-parking-program](http://bouldercolorado.gov/parking-services/neighborhood-parking-program).

## Let your imagination take flight at Airport Day

The community is invited to enjoy our region's rich aviation history and climb inside dozens of aircraft at Boulder's biannual Airport Day and Open House, hosted by the Boulder Municipal Airport. The family-friendly event will include activities for children, food vendors, gift shops and the opportunity to purchase rides in a helicopter, glider and WWII B-25 bomber.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Boulder Municipal Airport and is open to the public. Admission and parking are free.

Aside from showcasing airport amenities, numerous types of aircraft will be on display, including a medevac helicopter, fire-fighting aircraft, World War II aircraft and more.



**The Model 75 'Stearman' Kaydet, shown soaring over Airport Day, was a military trainer aircraft in the 1930s and 1940s.**

For information about the upcoming event, please visit [bouldercolorado.gov/airport](http://bouldercolorado.gov/airport) or call 303-441-3108.

# Guidebook opens door to open space

Cattails swayed in the wind under a bright blue sky. Great blue herons waded into the water. And three young sisters giggled as they enjoyed a summer evening stroll around Wonderland Lake in north Boulder.

For Topher Downham, an outreach coordinator for the City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department, it was one of his most heartwarming moments on city open space.

"They were having so much fun being outside in nature," said Downham, recalling that all three were in wheelchairs. "You could see how much it meant to them. It was the first time the youngest girl could enjoy open space with her sisters. And for the older ones, it was an opportunity to experience the outdoors the way their youngest sister does – with a wheelchair."

Connecting all people to nature through an inclusive approach is a focus for Downham. More than 20 years ago, he broke his neck during a diving accident in Boulder. Today, disability is part of his every day natural experience.

He wants to ensure visitors experiencing disability can enjoy Boulder's public land the way he does. That's why he helped create a guidebook that highlights areas where visitors of all abilities can enjoy Boulder's accessible trails. It's available at [bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/visitors-with-disabilities](http://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/visitors-with-disabilities).

"Being in nature helped me so much after my injury. It made me stronger and helped with my rehabilitation," Downham said. "But it also gave me peace by helping me to escape and connect with nature. Our guidebook, which was created with the help of our community, will help anyone who wants to get outside and enjoy some of Boulder's open space."

"Boulder OSMP Accessible Trails and Sites" is a 39-page guidebook that provides details on 30 accessible city trails along with information on the vegetation and animals that visitors may see on their hikes. Maps of accessible areas and historical information on OSMP areas are also featured.

Downham said his new guidebook is based on the 15-year-old Boulder Area Accessible Trail Guide, which became outdated as the accessibility of old trails changed and



**Topher Downham travels along the South Boulder Creek Trail during a recent open space educational program. He helped create a new guidebook that highlights areas where visitors of all abilities can enjoy Boulder's accessible trails.**

OSMP made more of its trails accessible to visitors who use wheelchairs or have other mobility challenges. So Downham and other OSMP staff members decided it was time to update the guidebook.

"We wanted to create the guide in a more appealing, readable and informative format where desired information could be found quickly and easily," said Downham, offering thanks to other staff members, specifically Dave Sutherland, an OSMP education and outreach specialist.

The guidebook isn't Downham's only work to help community members experiencing disabilities learn about how to enjoy city open space. For the past several years, he also has been creating videos documenting OSMP's accessible trails.

"While the guidebook offers information about OSMP's accessible trails, each video highlights one trail, offering visitors a chance to see the trail before they get on it and know what they are going to experience in advance," he said.

Jim Reeder, OSMP's trails and facilities manager, said the department recognizes the need for all people to inclusively experience open space.

"Today, we have more than 22 miles of accessible trails," Reeder said. "We know we have more work to do. In the coming years, we will be working to create more opportunities for everyone to come and have a good time."



Photo: Bryan Bullock

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## GET OUTSIDE

# Hike Sawhill Ponds

Connect with nature and enjoy sweeping views of the Flatirons at the Sawhill Ponds Wildlife Preserve east of Boulder. This beautiful area provides numerous outdoor and recreational opportunities along a trail that winds around the ponds. The area is highly accessible for people of all mobility abilities, including residents who use wheelchairs.

While you are out in the area, watch for fluffy yellow Canada Goose goslings, several kinds of ducks, including mallards and gadwalls, and, with luck, you might catch a glimpse of the elusive American bittern. These small brownish herons lurk among wetland plants and cattails, and are very well camouflaged. You may also hear bullfrogs droning and striped chorus frogs cheeping.



Photo: Ann G. Duncan

For more information about Sawhill Ponds Wildlife Preserve, along with state and local regulations for the area, visit [bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/sawhill-ponds-trailhead](http://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/sawhill-ponds-trailhead).

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